

Scouts

24th Hastings

Annual Report 2023/24



Group Scout Leader's update

What a busy year it has been for our group. In May we celebrated the coronation of HRH King Charles III and then in September, our 90th Anniversary. The weekend of the 6th, 7th and 8th October the group ran a leader training weekend where leaders learnt new skills and took part in workshops allowing them to take ideas back to their sections for evening programmes. We also opened up our third new section in a year with a new Scout troop on Wednesday nights from 7.15—9.15pm



I am pleased to say that both Martin and I were presented with the Commendation Award and Acorn was presented with the Award for Merit so huge congratulations for all your hard work.



As we move further into 2024 the future of the group looks in great shape with a hugely dedicated group of leaders and support from the Board of Trustees. Our plans to fully refurbish the male and female toilets and showers upstairs along with a new disabled toilet and redecoration of the hall way downstairs have now taken place, thank you to the generous donations received from the Isabel Blackman Foundation and the Magdalen & Lasher Charity. We have also purchased a climbing wall for our hall which is

currently awaiting the relevant inspection check and then the group will fundraise to buy ropes, helmets and other equipment to get it running by autumn.

The group was proud to be invited to lay crosses on the war graves at the cemetery, despite the rain it was a great turn out to remember the war heroes who fought for us today.



We have a large waiting list of younger members wishing to join us but with our leaders stretched to full capacity, more help is needed. Our group development plan is working well, a copy is available upon request and our next aim is to open a 2nd Beaver colony. If you would like to volunteer your time, please speak to a leader. Any amount of time you are able to give will be precious to us, perhaps help cooking the BBQ, organising fundraising events or helping with maintenance of our HQ.

The hall is available to hire in holidays and weekends. The current rate is £60 half day (4hrs) or £130 (8hrs) whole day, this allows use of all facilities at the hall. A discounted rate is available to all members of the group. 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.

Finally without your support we wouldn't be the group we are today so I want to thank you all, and also thank my amazing team of Leaders who make the group so special and continue to offer the young members life skills and memories they will treasure forever.

Graeme

Squirrels

The Squirrels celebrated their 1st birthday in January with six children achieving their Chief Scout Acorn Award (the highest award they can achieve). We are currently at full capacity with 24 Squirrels. Since last July we have presented 330 badges and 17 children have achieved their Chief Scout Acorn Award.



Last summer, five Squirrels had their first sleepover at the hall where they enjoyed a hike in the woods, some dancing, a campfire with smores (of course) and making their very own nightlight.



In the Autumn term Squirrels were very busy; they visited Mallydams Wood, the beach to collect natural materials and make collages and they made armpit fudge (which they thoroughly enjoyed). They also enjoyed a trip to the theatre to watch The Gang Show and finished the term with an evening visit to Herstmonceux Science Observatory Centre learning all about the planets and universe.





In the Spring Term the Squirrels made their very own telescopes to stargaze, had campfires and learnt about different celebrations such as Burns Night (where Irn Bru was a very popular drink to try), Chinese new year and St David's Day. Ed Boxall, a local storyteller, came and read the Squirrels his new book 'Where the Wild Things Are' and the Squirrels took home a signed copy to read. We also said goodbye to another six Squirrels who climbed up to Beavers and all achieved their Chief Scout Acorn Award.

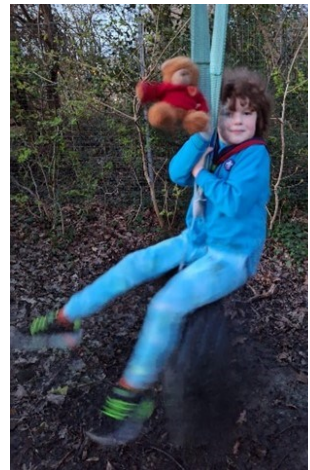
We have lots of exciting sessions planned in our programme which include international tea days, football, fossil hunting, old school sports day, a trip to Alexandra Park and our first ever camp away from the hall.

Kyrsty & Leah

BEAVERS

The Beaver colony continues to be strong, led by six adult volunteers with three young leaders – with a slightly changing line-up as some adults moved sections, Grace graduated from Young Leader to adult status, and our two Explorer young leaders have been joined by Duke of Edinburgh young leaders. We have been full with a waiting list all year. 26 new Beavers, now including many who have come from Squirrels, joined over the year. Almost all Beavers swim up to Cubs within the group – and now have a choice of Thursday or Friday packs.

Ten Beavers earned the highest badge for their age section, Chief Scout Award Bronze. One Beaver, Kacey, earned every possible badge, including her five Nights Away, the highest we have had in Beavers. 355 Badges were awarded in total between April 2023 and April 2024!



In summer 2023 the Beavers learned to care for our beautiful world through a farm visit where we met some hens and lambs. We found out where food comes from and what keeps us healthy. We also took part in a beach clean at Bulverhythe and 19 Beavers enjoyed a summer camp at Guestwell.



There was more to celebrate with the Group's 90th anniversary in the Autumn. We went out on a visit to Hastings Library and a "rocket" trip to outer space!

We also learned about Guy Fawkes traditions and Diwali. Two Beavers starred in the Hastings Gang Show and we all cheered them when we went along to watch. In December, 14 Beavers attended the Christmas sleepover at the hall, and 19 came to the District Christmas craft day.



The Beavers practised sewing skills making Remembrance poppies, which they wore proudly when they took part in the District service at Hastings Cemetery.

We started 2024 with a series of teamwork challenges, including our old favourite train tracks evening. We tasted new foods and made games for Chinese New Year led by our Young Leaders.

The Beavers put on a parents' café for Mothers' Day which included impressive displays of hobbies and collections, alongside gifts and refreshments for the parents. We welcomed a visitor from RSPCA Mallydams who taught us how to care for animals and we are looking forward to visiting Mallydams wood in the summer term. The Beavers also created bivouacs for their cuddly friends at Teddy Camp, and we finished the spring term with an Easter egg hunt and campfire.



St George's Day was another opportunity to be creative. Sophie helped the Beavers make an impressive cardboard dragon which was displayed at the District Fun Day, much admired and won by a Cub from Rye as a prize!



We started off the summer term with an evening of road safety where the Cubs went out in groups and learnt the Green Cross Code and how to cross the road safely. This was followed by a visit from the Mayor where the Cubs tried on the Mayor's robe and hat.



During half term the Cubs went to Adamswell near Groombridge and took part in a three day camp where they had lots of fun and tried new activities.

After half term we went to the fire station and learnt about fire safety and had a go at using the

hoses. The next week we went to Bexhill Museum where they put on a badge work activity based on Local Knowledge. We completed a litter pick down Bulverhythe, surprisingly not much litter to collect! And finished the term off with a water fight.

After the summer break we started off with part one of the chef badge where the Cubs learnt about different food groups and planned/discussed their menu ideas. We had a visit from Mallydams who talked about wild animals and their habitats and how to look after their own pets. We had a night hike in St Helens Wood in the rain and in part two of the chef badge, the Cubs cooked a curry, and made Eton mess.



After the October half term the Cubs made Guy Fawkes and had a bonfire where we burnt him. We went to lay poppies on the war graves for Remembrance Day and went to watch Akela and other members of the group in the Gang Show at the White Rock Theatre. Then the Cubs made cardboard forts, had hobbies and collection evening and collected food and toys for Surviving

the Streets, a local homeless charity. We finished off the term with a Christmas disco by DJ Dom!

After Christmas we started off the term with the biscuit challenge where the Cubs had to decide on the ultimate biscuit by judging on taste, smell, texture and look. Thursday Cubs chose hobnobs and Fridays chose custard creams. We had the sponsored DC hike which the cubs raised a whopping £2,250, this will be put towards an epic adventure for all their hard work. A sleepover followed the hike with a pizza and film night.

As the term drew to a close we had local music teacher come and teach the African drums, what a noisy night!! Finally, we held a bingo night and did some pioneering to round off the term.



During the February half term our Cubs joined up with Cubs from the 18th Hastings and had a trip to Legoland where they all had a fabulous day!

The sixers and seconders took part in a day of activities as part of the DC challenge at Claremont School and braved the mud whilst cooking their dinners on open fires in the dark!



We had a Silver Chief Scout Award presentation held at the Source Skate Park in April for 12 of our Cubs, we also awarded 880 activity badges across the Thursday and Friday packs. Huge congratulations to you all.

Emma



We began the term practicing knots in preparation for the Scouts' expedition challenge hike. We had an international night where Acorn taught Spanish and the Scouts tried tapas. The Scouts planned fundraising events which will be held later this year and include a cake sale, car wash and breakfast morning. After Easter the Scouts made cardboard pizza ovens by lining the boxes with tin foil and lighting tea lights underneath. It took a while so there is certainly room for improvement next time we do it! We finished off the spring term with some wide games in St Helens Woods.

In the summer term we visited the Fire Station where the Scouts got to try out the water hoses. We held a sports day on the cricket field and practised some archery and rifles ready for a competition later in the year. We also had a day at Chatham Dockyard and a sleepover on HMS Cavalier. We entered three teams into the Goldbitz challenge which they thoroughly enjoyed and one of the teams came 8th in our maiden year out of over 30 teams entering, huge well done Scouts! We finished the term off with a version of Old Town Monopoly based on streets and locations around Hastings Old Town.



For summer camp we went to Squirrel Wood, near Doncaster, Yorkshire. Unfortunately it didn't stop raining, however this didn't dampen their spirits. As usual, dinners were cooked on open fires and this year saw some new recipes such as Thai Green Curry and Irish Beef and Guinness stew. Their activities included go climbing and gorge walking, caving and canoeing plus for a bit of fun a visit to a local theme park called Flamingo Land and a trip to the York Dungeons.



In the autumn term, final preparations for the Expedition Challenge Hike began and a local group of astronomers come to teach the Scouts about the universe and planets. We also had a visit from Flip Table (based in Queens Road) who ran an evening on global gathering and a Dungeons and Dragons card game. The weekend of the 14th and 15th October, three groups of Scouts hiked from Brede Scout HQ to our HQ and camped in the copse for the night cooking their dinner on stoves and having a camp fire.

After half term the Scouts did some more work on survival skills badge and learnt how to correctly iron their shirt and scarf plus stitch on their badges. We attended the Gang Show and also laid crosses on the war graves at the cemetery and joined the 18th Hastings Scouts at the church service of remembrance at Guestling Church. We took part in a 12hr sponsored bounce, where the Scouts raised over £1,500 for their summer camp. Our term concluded with the usual wave rave visit to the Sovereign centre and our Christmas party where the Scouts played traditional party games and enjoyed a nice buffet. I also presented Isabelle with the shield for the most badges earned in 2023 with a whooping 15 badges, huge well done.



After Christmas we went to our first ever Fire & Ice camp in Hertfordshire. It was touch and go if we could make it because it had snowed the week before. It was a cold and frosty first night but by the second night the thaw had began and we had to pack up in sticky mud! Over the weekend the Scouts took part in lots of fun activities, for some it was their first Scout camp but they had an amazing time and it will become part of the calendar for 2025.



We made tin can pancakes and started the digital citizen badge, learning how to stay safe online and researching a chosen subject to then present to the rest of the group. The Scouts planted potatoes, carrots and courgettes plus some nasturtium flowers as part of the smallholder badge and then began the large task of designing and making soap box karts for a race after the Annual General Meeting.

This year we awarded 547 Activity badges and 4 Chief Scout Gold awards. This comprises of nine challenge badges; Adventure, Creative, Expedition, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Team Leader, Team Work and World. So very well done to those for all your hard work and have now moved on to Explorers.

Graeme

24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP

Summary of Annual Accounts for the year ended 29th February 2024

Receipts

Balances at 1st March 2023

OSM Cards	500.00	
Bank Account - Current	8632.15	
Bank Account - Reserve	<u>11160.25</u>	20292.40

Interest Received	<u>212.57</u>	212.57
-------------------	---------------	--------

Fund Raising

Sale of Donated Goods		
Sponsored events	2739.08	
Toner Recycling	56.95	
Tuck Shop Profits	85.00	
Online Fundraising	463.79	
Quiz Nights	<u>1130.40</u>	4475.22

Rent of HQ

Guides	675.00	
Explorers	900.00	
Brownies	675.00	
Others	<u>4295.00</u>	6545.00

Subscriptions

Beavers/Squirrels	5288.00	
Cubs	6207.00	
Scouts	<u>2784.00</u>	14279.00

Sundry Receipts

HMRC Gift Aid	3902.85	
Donations and Grants	34360.00	
Share of Container	1282.20	
Others	<u>538.00</u>	40083.05

Payments

H Q Insurance	1951.21	
Membership fees	-	
Bathroom and Showers	19761.82	
H Q Expenses	3909.19	
Rates	149.84	
Redecorating Hall	1690.00	
Gates	<u>2000.00</u>	29462.06

Activities (Net)

Scout/Cub Camps	7195.58	
Cub/Scout Activities	4528.72	
Beaver Activities	362.72	
Fundraising Expenses	639.72	
Badge/uniform Purchases	<u>3038.99</u>	15765.73

Other Expenses

Equipment	9987.79	
Insurance for Activities	531.97	
Sky	69.82	
OSM/ICO Membership	166.00	
Training/courses	1172.50	
AGM Expenses	128.99	
Gocardless Charges	<u>256.37</u>	

Balances at 29th February 2024

OSM Cards	351.29	
Bank Account - Current	11559.38	
Bank Account - Reserve	<u>16435.34</u>	28346.01

85887.24

85887.24

Membership Fees of £6233.50 are due but not paid by the year end.

The net figure for camps includes deposits and prepaid expenses for future camps.

Full copies of the Annual Accounts will be available from the Treasurer at the AGM.

Leadership Team	
Squirrels	
Leah Bowen & Kyrsty Wynch	Squirrel Leaders
Chris Hohenkerk	Section Assistant
Cain Morris	Assistant Squirrel Leader
Beavers	
Acorn Clayton	Beaver Leader
Martin Howard	Assistant Beaver & Cub Leader
Kim Hall & Grace Pepper	Assistant Beaver Leaders
Cally Atkinson	Section Assistant
Sophie Elliott	Parent Helper
Cubs	
Emma Millerick	Cub Leader (Pack 1)
Claire Owen	Cub Leader (Pack 2)
Liz Cockerton & Matt Aukett	Assistant Cub Leaders
Emmy Tyler & Dominic Cockerton	Section Assistants
Richard Wells-Furby	Section Leader
David Dixon	Section Support
Matthew Owen & Cougar Devlin	Section Assistants
Scouts	
Clare Knight, Neal Drinkwater & Richard Wells-Furby	Scout Leaders
Graham Foord	QM & Scout Leader
Stephen Dowley & Alex Braybrook	Assistant Scout Leaders
Barnaby Winch	Section Assistant
Young Leaders	
Milla Tyrell	Squirrels
Clement Clayton, Elizabeth Hayles, Isobel Howard & Josh Stevens	Beavers
Josh Egglington, Isaac Hall, Ewan Pelling & Tom Webb	Cubs
Emma Keene, Belle Redman & Niamh Vidler	Scouts

Group Directory			
District Commissioner	Andy Bishop		07811 339626 dlv@hastingsscouts.org.uk
Group Scout Lead Volunteer	Graeme Stoodley	13 Battle Crescent St Leonards On Sea TN37 7AW	07743 859877 gsl@24thhastingsscouts.co.uk
Assistant Group Lead Volunteer	Darren Hall	1 Park Avenue Hastings TN34 2PR	07808 265218 darrenhall@24thhastingsscouts.co.uk
Group President	Brian Pope	2a Ghyllside Avenue Hastings TN34 2QA	01424 441920
Group Chair	Jolene Millen	45 Parker Road Hastings	07976 559065 chair@24thhastingsscouts.co.uk
Group Treasurer	Donata Isozu	1 Holmhurst Lane St Leonards on Sea TN37 7LN	treasurer@24thhastingsscouts.co.uk
Group Secretary	Suzanne Gooch	430a The Ridge Hastings TN34 2RY	01424 755869 secretary@24thhastingsscouts.co.uk
Booking Secretary	Graeme Stoodley	As above	bookings@24thhastingsscouts.co.uk
Website Host	Chris Rogers	N/A	07962 878569
Other Group Trustees			
Dave Thompson			01424 430730
Acorn Clayton			07957 590227
Liz Cockerton			07791 381639
Martin Howard			07936 187632
Neal Drinkwater			07850 433779
Anna McCollin-Moore			07840 856782
Andrea Spencer			07792 053811
Jo Vaughan			07931 807257
Jodanna Bartholomew			07817 145890
Zoe Boyd			-
U25 Representatives —Grace Pepper & Barnaby Winch			

24th Hastings Scout Group

William Parker School

Annual Accounts

2023 - 2024

24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio and elective

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

TRUSTEES: Elected

D Thompson
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 29th February 2024

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see Page 4)	81423.90	81423.90	42076.34
Total payments for the year (see Page 5)	73370.29	73370.29	42122.60
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>8053.61</u>	<u>8053.61</u>	<u>(46.26)</u>
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	20292.40	20292.40	20338.66
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	<u><u>28346.01</u></u>	<u><u>28346.01</u></u>	<u><u>20292.40</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 29th February 2024

	<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	14279.00	14279.00	11665.00
Less Paid	<u>14279.00</u>	<u>14279.00</u>	<u>(7861.00)</u>
			3804.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED			
General Fund Interest	<u>212.57</u>	<u>212.57</u>	<u>34.24</u>
	212.57	212.57	34.24
DONATIONS AND GRANTS			
Legacy	-	-	10000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>34360.00</u>	<u>34360.00</u>	<u>6106.55</u>
	34360.00	34360.00	16106.55
ACTIVITIES			
Scout/Cub Camps	7910.00	7910.00	9829.00
Jubilee Day and Sale of Memorabilia	-	-	1485.92
Fun Day	-	-	852.03
Badges and Uniforms	334.91	334.91	138.00
Other Activities	<u>7584.15</u>	<u>7584.15</u>	<u>4407.50</u>
	15829.06	15829.06	16712.45
FUND RAISING			
Sale of Donated Goods	-	-	186.00
Sale of Trek Carts	-	-	690.00
Tuck Shop Profits	85.00	85.00	100.00
Sponsored Events	2739.08	2739.08	-
Quiz Nights	1130.40	1130.40	380.00
Toner Recycling	56.95	56.95	-
Online Fundraising	<u>463.79</u>	<u>463.79</u>	<u>154.20</u>
	4475.22	4475.22	1510.20
OTHER INCOME			
Property rents	6545.00	6545.00	3310.00
Hire of Scaffold Tower	-	-	375.00
Others	538.00	538.00	223.90
Gift Aid	3902.85	3902.85	-
Share of Container	<u>1282.20</u>	<u>1282.20</u>	<u>-</u>
	12268.05	12268.05	3908.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>81423.90</u>	<u>81423.90</u>	<u>42076.34</u>

24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP

Payments for the year ended 29th February 2024

	<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>
PREMISES			
Insurance	1951.21	1951.21	1959.70
Gates	2000.00	2000.00	-
Rates	149.84	149.84	112.79
Redecorating Hall	1690.00	1690.00	-
Security Cameras & Lights	-	-	165.28
Rifle Range and Archery	-	-	3079.89
Bathroom and Showers	19761.82	19761.82	-
Repairs and Renewals	3909.19	3909.19	3681.30
	<u>29462.06</u>	<u>29462.06</u>	<u>8998.96</u>
ACTIVITIES			
Scout /Cub Camps	15105.58	15105.58	14200.37
Fundraising activities	639.72	639.72	637.93
Beaver Activities	755.92	755.92	857.29
Jubilee Day	-	-	1786.38
Scout/Cub Activities	11719.67	11719.67	8013.19
Badge and Uniform Purchases	3373.90	3373.90	3101.11
	<u>31594.79</u>	<u>31594.79</u>	<u>28596.27</u>
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES			
OSM/ICO Membership	166.00	166.00	166.75
Insurance for Activities	531.97	531.97	533.50
Sky	69.82	69.82	-
Training/Courses	1172.50	1172.50	-
Gocardless Charges	256.37	256.37	-
AGM Expenses	128.99	128.99	-
Equipment	9987.79	9987.79	3827.12
	<u>12313.44</u>	<u>12313.44</u>	<u>4527.37</u>
 TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	 <u><u>73370.29</u></u>	 <u><u>73370.29</u></u>	 <u><u>42122.60</u></u>

24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP

Statement of Assets and Liabilities **As at 29th February 2024**

	<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	11559.38	11559.38	8632.15
Bank Deposit Account	16435.34	16435.34	11160.25
OSM Cards	351.29	351.29	500.00
	<u>28346.01</u>	<u>28346.01</u>	<u>20292.40</u>
LIABILITIES			
Membership Fees	6233.50	6233.50	-
	<u>6233.50</u>	<u>6233.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	<u>22112.51</u>	<u>22112.51</u>	<u>20292.40</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 29th February 2024, 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.

Name: (R Mileham)

Qualification: F.C.A.

Address: 19 Foxcote, St Leonards-on-Sea
East Sussex TN37 7HJ

24th Hastings Scout Group

William Parker School

Annual Accounts

2023 - 2024

24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio and elective

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

TRUSTEES: Elected

D Thompson
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 29th February 2024

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> <u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see Page 4)	81423.90	81423.90	42076.34
Total payments for the year (see Page 5)	73370.29	73370.29	42122.60
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	<u>8053.61</u>	<u>8053.61</u>	<u>(46.26)</u>
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	20292.40	20292.40	20338.66
Cash, Bank and similar funds carried forward	<u><u>28346.01</u></u>	<u><u>28346.01</u></u>	<u><u>20292.40</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 29th February 2024

	<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	14279.00	14279.00	11665.00
Less Paid	<u>14279.00</u>	<u>14279.00</u>	<u>(7861.00)</u>
			3804.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED			
General Fund Interest	<u>212.57</u>	<u>212.57</u>	<u>34.24</u>
	212.57	212.57	34.24
DONATIONS AND GRANTS			
Legacy	-	-	10000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>34360.00</u>	<u>34360.00</u>	<u>6106.55</u>
	34360.00	34360.00	16106.55
ACTIVITIES			
Scout/Cub Camps	7910.00	7910.00	9829.00
Jubilee Day and Sale of Memorabilia	-	-	1485.92
Fun Day	-	-	852.03
Badges and Uniforms	334.91	334.91	138.00
Other Activities	<u>7584.15</u>	<u>7584.15</u>	<u>4407.50</u>
	15829.06	15829.06	16712.45
FUND RAISING			
Sale of Donated Goods	-	-	186.00
Sale of Trek Carts	-	-	690.00
Tuck Shop Profits	85.00	85.00	100.00
Sponsored Events	2739.08	2739.08	-
Quiz Nights	1130.40	1130.40	380.00
Toner Recycling	56.95	56.95	-
Online Fundraising	<u>463.79</u>	<u>463.79</u>	<u>154.20</u>
	4475.22	4475.22	1510.20
OTHER INCOME			
Property rents	6545.00	6545.00	3310.00
Hire of Scaffold Tower	-	-	375.00
Others	538.00	538.00	223.90
Gift Aid	3902.85	3902.85	-
Share of Container	<u>1282.20</u>	<u>1282.20</u>	<u>-</u>
	12268.05	12268.05	3908.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	<u>81423.90</u>	<u>81423.90</u>	<u>42076.34</u>

24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP

Payments for the year ended 29th February 2024

	<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>
PREMISES			
Insurance	1951.21	1951.21	1959.70
Gates	2000.00	2000.00	-
Rates	149.84	149.84	112.79
Redecorating Hall	1690.00	1690.00	-
Security Cameras & Lights	-	-	165.28
Rifle Range and Archery	-	-	3079.89
Bathroom and Showers	19761.82	19761.82	-
Repairs and Renewals	3909.19	3909.19	3681.30
	<u>29462.06</u>	<u>29462.06</u>	<u>8998.96</u>
ACTIVITIES			
Scout /Cub Camps	15105.58	15105.58	14200.37
Fundraising activities	639.72	639.72	637.93
Beaver Activities	755.92	755.92	857.29
Jubilee Day	-	-	1786.38
Scout/Cub Activities	11719.67	11719.67	8013.19
Badge and Uniform Purchases	3373.90	3373.90	3101.11
	<u>31594.79</u>	<u>31594.79</u>	<u>28596.27</u>
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES			
OSM/ICO Membership	166.00	166.00	166.75
Insurance for Activities	531.97	531.97	533.50
Sky	69.82	69.82	-
Training/Courses	1172.50	1172.50	-
Gocardless Charges	256.37	256.37	-
AGM Expenses	128.99	128.99	-
Equipment	9987.79	9987.79	3827.12
	<u>12313.44</u>	<u>12313.44</u>	<u>4527.37</u>
 TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	 <u><u>73370.29</u></u>	 <u><u>73370.29</u></u>	 <u><u>42122.60</u></u>

24TH HASTINGS SCOUT GROUP

Statement of Assets and Liabilities **As at 29th February 2024**

	<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	11559.38	11559.38	8632.15
Bank Deposit Account	16435.34	16435.34	11160.25
OSM Cards	351.29	351.29	500.00
	<u>28346.01</u>	<u>28346.01</u>	<u>20292.40</u>
LIABILITIES			
Membership Fees	6233.50	6233.50	-
	<u>6233.50</u>	<u>6233.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	<u>22112.51</u>	<u>22112.51</u>	<u>20292.40</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 29th February 2024, 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.

Name: (R Mileham)

Qualification: F.C.A.

Address: 19 Foxcote, St Leonards-on-Sea
East Sussex TN37 7HJ