

8TH SQUIRRELS HEATH (HAROLD WOOD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 268279

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1974-10-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: We are a Scout group which includes Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We fundraise to pay for the upkeep of our Scout group headquarters and to give our young people as many opportunities to attend various scouting activities i.e. camping

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HAROLD WOOD
- Havering

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£55,613	£57,669	-	-
2024-03-31	£46,019	£43,524	-	-
2023-03-31	£19,361	£25,338	-	-
2022-03-31	£18,131	£14,360	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,918	£8,869	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sonia Lynch	Chair	2014-06-20
Craig Cassidy		2019-09-01
Elliot Archer		2022-07-26
Luci Hudson		2016-09-01
Nina Kandola		2022-09-01

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8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9th November 2025

Treasurer's Report

8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group										
Statement of Accounts as of 31 March 2025										
Calculation for Amalgamation - 2024/25										
	Detail	Group	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Sub-Total (Sections)	Total		
Income	As per Balance Sheet	£24,459.41	-	-	-	-	-	£24,459.41		
	Add Sections	-	£1,537.50	£3,277.00	£8,329.60	£22,049.00	£35,193.10	£35,193.10		
	Less M'ship from Sections to Group	-	-£480.00	-£960.00	-£1,280.00	-£1,320.00	-£4,040.00	-£4,040.00		
	Less Other Income from Sections	-	-	-	-	-	£0.00	£0.00		
	Total	£24,459.41	£1,057.50	£2,317.00	£7,049.60	£20,729.00	£31,153.10	£55,612.51		
Expenditure	As per Balance Sheet	£27,094.10	-	-	-	-	-	£27,094.10		
	Add Sections	-	£1,207.18	£3,245.05	£8,747.10	£21,415.87	£34,615.20	£34,615.20		
	Less M'ship from Sections to Group	-	-£480.00	-£960.00	-£1,280.00	-£1,320.00	-£4,040.00	-£4,040.00		
	Less Other Spend to Group	-	-	-	-	-	£0.00	£0.00		
	Total	£27,094.10	£727.18	£2,285.05	£7,467.10	£20,095.87	£30,575.20	£57,669.30		
Balance	1 April 2024	£42,750.86	£61.59	£53.85	£5,196.93	£4,604.69	£9,917.06	£62,584.98		
	Add Net Income	£24,459.41	£1,057.50	£2,317.00	£7,049.60	£20,729.00	£31,153.10	£66,765.61		
	Less Net Expenditure	£27,094.10	£727.18	£2,285.05	£7,467.10	£20,095.87	£30,575.20	£68,244.50		
	31 March 2025	£40,116.17	£391.91	£85.80	£4,779.43	£5,237.82	£10,494.96	£61,106.09		

8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group

Statement of Accounts as of 31 March 2025

Income and Expenditure					
Income			Expenditure		
Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category	Subcategory	Amount
Membership	Squirrels	£400.00	Headquarters	Security	£102.00
	Beavers	£840.00		Water	£387.95
	Cubs	£800.00		Gas	£1,878.20
	Scouts	£1,800.00		Electricity	£662.35
Capitation		£5,184.00		Cleaning	£1,960.00
Incorrect Account		£507.00		Insurance	£2,593.50
				Wifi	£252.99
Dance Group		£8,160.00		Maintenance	£6,246.77
Hall Hire		£1,840.00		Equipment	£2,671.41
				Activities	£75.00
AGM Donations		£65.00			
Christmas Fayre		£1,701.16	Capitation Fees	£5,096.00	
Misc Donations		£285.25	Training	£265.00	
Jack Petchey		£1,000.00	IT	£68.89	
			Incorrect Account Refunds	£507.00	
T-Shirt Sales		£258.00			
District Refunds		£109.00	Uniform	£26.00	
Group Camp		£1,510.00	Van Hire	£505.01	
			T-Shirts	£604.08	
			Badges	£291.95	
			Christmas Fayre	£951.15	
			AGM Expenses	£109.03	
			Group Camp	£1,839.82	
Subtotal		£24,459.41	Subtotal		£27,094.10
			Excess Income Over Expenditure		-£2,634.69
Total		£24,459.41	Total		£24,459.41
Balance Sheet					
Balance Brought Forward		Santander Current Account		£1,000.00	£52,667.92
		Lloyds Current Account		£41,750.86	
		Section Funds		£9,917.06	
Income		Group		£24,459.41	£55,612.51
		Sections		£31,153.10	
Expenditure		Group		£27,094.10	£57,669.30
		Sections		£30,575.20	
Balance Carried Forward		Santander Current Account		£0.00	£50,611.13
		Lloyds Current Account		£40,116.17	
		Section Funds		£10,494.96	
Treasurer				GSL	
<p>I have examined the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31/03/2025 and I am of the opinion that they show a true and fair view from the books and vouchers presented to me.</p>					
Auditor				Date	

Section Report - Squirrels

This past year has been an eventful period for our Squirrels group. We have enjoyed a variety of meetings and events, where our young members engaged in numerous activities that fostered their development and made valuable memories. Our meetings included fun themes such as Diwali, Super Heroes, and Easter Night, where the Squirrels explored topics through crafts and games. The children also participated in practical activities like making Christmas decorations, cooking, and even learning about the environment through litter picks and animal studies.

We held several outdoor sessions, which included sports day and the excitement of putting up tents, encouraging teamwork and outdoor skills among the children. These gatherings provided fantastic opportunities for everyone to learn and grow together.

In addition to our regular meetings, we participated in notable district events including the Remembrance Parade, the District Sports Competition, and St George's Parade. These occasions allowed our group to come together with others in the scouting community, enhancing the sense of camaraderie and shared purpose.

I would like to extend particular thanks to Jacob Owsley and Megan Cassidy, who have transitioned to adult leaders. Their dedication has greatly benefited our group, and we look forward to their continued involvement in this new capacity. We appreciate all our leaders for their hard work and commitment over the past year.

As we look ahead, we hope that camping will be on the agenda for the coming year, which promises to be an exciting adventure for our Squirrels. It will provide the children with a chance to explore nature and develop new skills while forming lasting friendships.

We also want to acknowledge the children who have moved on to Beavers. Their contributions to our group have been significant, and they will be missed as they embark on new adventures.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for making each meeting enjoyable and rewarding for our leaders. A heartfelt thank you is also due to the parents and volunteers who tirelessly support us, helping to create a nurturing environment for our Squirrels.

Looking forward to another year of scouting, filled with adventure and growth!

Section Report - Beavers

It's been an active year for our Beaver group, with both engaging meetings and memorable events. This year, we focused on district events and camping, which allowed our Beavers to interact with other groups and participate in various activities.

Among the significant gatherings, we took part in the Remembrance Parade, which was a respectful occasion to honour those who have served. Our Sleep Over provided Beavers with an adventurous night, fostering friendships and teamwork. Highlights included the St George's Day Parade, where our Beavers proudly showcased their spirit, and the District Beaver Sports Day, a day filled with competition and fun. May Camp marked a wonderful opportunity for outdoor learning and bonding. Collectively, these experiences contributed to the personal development and confidence of our Beavers.

Throughout the year, the weekly meetings covered a range of engaging topics such as crafts, map reading, cooking, and health awareness. Special sessions included the introduction of the Beaver Promise during Chinese New Year and sports activities at Harold Wood Park. Notably, we held farewell activities for our older Beavers, helping them transition smoothly while welcoming new members into the group. Each meeting was an opportunity for learning and growth, and they were well-attended with the Beavers demonstrating enthusiasm for various challenges.

I would like to extend our gratitude to all leaders for their unwavering dedication, particularly Rob Pottinger, who played an essential role as a Young Leader. His contributions and support ensured that our Beavers had a fulfilling experience this year.

Looking forward, there is much to anticipate in the coming year. Our Beavers can look forward to more camping adventures and increased involvement in district events, which will enrich their experiences further.

To conclude, I want to thank the children for their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, which makes our time together truly enjoyable. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the parents for their support and the volunteers whose hard work behind the scenes has been invaluable in running our group. We look forward to another year filled with discovery and fun in scouting.

Section Report - Cubs

We have taken part in many District events - Maureen Preston and St George's joint Competitions, Target Competition, Scooter Rally, Sleepover at Ninja Warrior, Tuff Mudder at Nuclear Races.

We won 2025's Scooter Rally - congratulations to Frazer, Dylan, Jamal, Josiah, Jin, Liam, Ethan, Min and Oskar. A special well done to Reuben who joined another Group's team, and still competed to win!

We had three joint camps with 21st Romford. Easter Camp at Thriftwood, Winter Camp at Belchamps and then at Tolmers in February where we covered the DIY badge by making go karts which we then raced

In June we had a Linking Camp for the older Cubs and younger Scouts to get to know each other better. There was sleeping in hammocks, sleeping under tarps, cooking on fires, chopping wood and so much more! Well done to one of our Young Leaders, George, who planned and led this camp under the supervision of leaders.

We held a Group Summer Camp in August where many badges were earned and more importantly the Cubs had great experiences, some for the first time! We discovered we have some sharp shooters on the rifle range!

We offered a sleepover in the hall for all the Cubs who had yet to experience a camp with us and were joined by some of our more experienced Cubs to share their knowledge. They slept in tents, had a quiz, helped prepare dinner along with a host of other fun activities.

We were privileged to be able to join the County Water Activities Day at Docklands Scout Project. We also visited several interesting places through the year. Including Upminster Windmill's lovely volunteers and Chadwell Heath Traffic Police Station. We've been to Thriftwood and Crow Camp numerous times.

We had visits from a member of local Muslim community and a Fairtrade representative. We celebrated Diwali, Brazilian culture and Australia Day. We learned about money, amateur radio and so much more.

Emily, one of leaders joined us to talk about her approaching trip to The Gambia with her Explorers, and then came back to tell us about it. Thank you!!

From April 2024 to March 2025 we have awarded almost 400 badges, including 12 Silver Chief Scout Awards, the highest accolade which can be achieved in Cubs. Several other Cubs are very close to also completing this. We are very proud of them all.

Arinka bade us farewell to spend time on other challenges. Thank you for all your contributions. We thank all the parents who volunteer to help at our meetings and our fabulous Young Leaders (George and Samuel), without whom we would struggle to provide such a fun and varied programme for our Cubs.

Section Report - Scouts

It has been another eventful year for our Scouts group, marked by memorable meetings, engaging events, and the valuable contributions of our leaders and volunteers. Notably, our group achieved an impressive milestone by winning the district cooking competition for the third consecutive time in October 2024. This success reflects the hard work and dedication of our Scouts and leaders. In addition, we participated in various camps, including the district survival camp in April 2024 and the group camp in August 2024, which provided our members with opportunities to develop skills and foster friendships. We also enjoyed a fantastic outing to RockUp at the end of March 2025, where the Scouts tested their climbing abilities.

Throughout the year, our meetings featured a diverse range of activities aimed at building essential skills. From the welcome back evenings to outdoor skills sessions at Thriftwood, children gained exposure to cooking, pioneering, and various team-building exercises. Special events such as our participation in Fireworks Night, Children in Need, and the celebrations for Diwali were particularly well-received and allowed our young Scouts to engage with the wider community meaningfully.

As we reflect on the contributions of our leaders, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Bonnie, Meyrick, Emily, Elliot, and Jacob, our Young Leader, for their unwavering support. A special mention must be made of Sue, who has recently retired after over 40 years of service. Her dedication and warmth have made a lasting impression on the group, and she remains a cherished presence, giving us the opportunity to celebrate her legacy together.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating NorJam in August 2025, where we will send 45 children away for an unforgettable week filled with activities and new experiences. This promise of adventure is something we are all looking forward to as a highlight for the coming year.

Finally, I would like to thank all our Scouts for their enthusiasm and energy, which makes our time together enjoyable. Our gratitude also goes to the parents for their ongoing support and the volunteers behind the scenes who contribute so much to the group's success. We look forward to another exciting year of Scouting ahead.

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

It's been another fantastic year for our Group, and I'm incredibly proud of everything our young people and volunteers have achieved together. So much has happened over the past twelve months that it's hard to know where to start, but it's certainly been a busy and rewarding year.

We continue to maintain strong numbers, with over 100 young people across the sections — and nearly the same number again on our waiting list. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm for Scouting locally, which reflects the great work of our leaders and the reputation the Group has built within the community. Increasing capacity further simply isn't possible without more adult volunteers, so if anyone can spare some time, please do get involved — even a little help makes a big difference.

Our Christmas Fayre was a real highlight, raising an impressive £750 for Group funds. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success — from stallholders to bakers and tidy-uppers! The hall continues to be well used and a valuable source of income, with our regular dance group and the new knitting group (displaced from the library) adding to the community feel of the space.

This year we said a fond farewell to Sue, who retired from her leader role after many years of dedicated service. We're so grateful for her kindness, patience, and commitment — she'll always hold a special place in our hearts and it's lovely that she still visits occasionally.

As always, we are in need of more adult support. A new Beaver leader to work alongside Elaine would help enormously, and Cubs would also benefit from an extra pair of hands. Please do encourage anyone who might be interested to get in touch — it's a hugely rewarding experience.

A huge thank you goes to all our leaders and helpers for their energy, creativity, and dedication. Week after week, they deliver brilliant programmes that keep our young people inspired and learning new skills. We're also continuing to strengthen links within the local community and look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Finally, thank you to everyone — leaders, parents, committee members, and supporters — for all you do to keep the Group thriving. Wishing you all a fabulous 2025/26 and another great year of Scouting adventures!

Elliot Archer - Group Lead Volunteer
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Link to Proposed Constitution

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5c-constitutions-of-groups-districts-and-counties-except-scotland/>

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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	8th Squirrels Heath (Harold Wood) Scout Group								
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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	Sonia Lynch		
2	Elliot Archer		
3	Jodie Marchant		
4	Elaine Owsley		
5	Jane Campbell		Resigned February 2024
6	Luci Hudson		
7	Susan Hamilton		
8	Robert Adlington		
9	Sarah Prior		
10	Natalie Gibbons		
11	Nina Kandola		
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Names and addresses of adviser
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Scrutineer	Danielle Milton	12 Colchester Road, Harold Wood, RM3 0XP

Section B Structure, governance and management

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:

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees (including 5 Ex Officio Trustees, and 4 elected trustees) and meets every 4 months.

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

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.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Trustee Board 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 Board 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 4 to 14. 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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Aside from bills to ensure that our purpose-built hall is maintained to a suitable standard for weekly meetings to occur safely, the majority of all expenses go towards running a varied programme (including camps, and weekly meetings). This also includes funding our annual fundraising fayre, providing training for leaders, funding sections for activities, and paying relevant amounts to our district (Capitation fees).

Funds are brought in through membership fees paid by parents/ carers, as well as through hall hire through the year (some regular, and some ad hoc), and also our annual fayre

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

In this financial year, donations of £300 were made in support of fundraising efforts by former Scouts, now Young Leaders in the group, who were attending international Scouting events. These two donations were made by agreement of all trustees, and the two beneficiaries have since ran programmes about their experiences.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The governance of the group has moved substantially away from paper records and to online systems, including opening individual sections' bank accounts. In addition to this, the group has worked to plan for a restructuring project brought about by the UK Scout Association, which will involve changes in titles

and how volunteers and trustees are organised.

The group has opened a Squirrel Drey, expanding our offering to young people aged between 4 and 6 years, as well as continuing to run a varied programme for the existing Beaver, Cub, and Scout sections.

The hall has been upgraded with better heating, and work to fix a leak in the roof, as well as beginning the planning for an accessible toilet to better facilitate groups using our hall

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £30,000.

Quantify and explain any designations

The Group held reserves of approximately £52,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by some funds from Covid-19 grants that are still being spent to improve the facilities of the hall (installation of an accessible toilet, and new kitchen facilities are in discussion), as well as sections holding amounts sufficient to subsidise activities and camps, as well as replace broken/damaged equipment when required

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

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.

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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F**Other Optional Information**

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

In the next year, work will begin on the accessible toilet, and the continued maintenance of the hall will be a priority. Alongside this, we will be looking to expand our offering at Scout age in an attempt to alleviate our ever-growing waiting list.

We will also be looking to continue supporting the growth of adult leadership teams in the group, with recruitment events, and further training

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Mr Elliot Archer

Mrs Sonia Lynch

Full name(s)

Elliot Archer

Sonia Lynch

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Trustee - Group Lead Volunteer

Chair

Date

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8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group

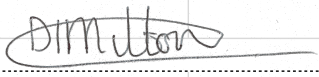
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	Add Sections	-	£1,361.91	£4,014.59	£9,058.10	£7,191.38	£21,625.98	£21,625.98
	Less M'ship from Sections to Group	-	-£480.00	-£960.00	-£1,280.00	-£1,320.00	-£4,040.00	-£4,040.00
	Less Other Spend to Group	-	-	-	-	-	£0.00	£0.00
	Total	£25,937.99	£881.91	£3,054.59	£7,778.10	£5,871.38	£17,585.98	£43,523.97
Balance	1 April 2023	£43,532.66	£0.00	£404.57	£4,026.73	£2,208.57	£6,639.87	£50,172.53
	Add Net Income	£25,156.19	£943.50	£2,703.87	£8,948.30	£8,267.50	£20,863.17	£46,019.36
	Less Net Expenditure	£25,937.99	£881.91	£3,054.59	£7,778.10	£5,871.38	£17,585.98	£43,523.97
	31 March 2024	£42,750.86	£61.59	£53.85	£5,196.93	£4,604.69	£9,917.06	£52,667.92

8th Squirrels Heath Scout Group

Statement of Accounts as of 31 March 2024

Income and Expenditure						
Income			Expenditure			
Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category	Subcategory	Amount	
Membership	Squirrels	£480.00	Headquarters	Security	£131.04	
	Beavers	£960.00		Rent	£0.00	
	Cubs	£1,280.00		Water	£215.37	
	Scouts	£1,320.00		Gas	£1,794.09	
Capitation		£4,999.50		Electricity	£558.76	
Gift Aid		£2,497.24		Cleaning	£960.00	
Dance Group		£8,760.00		Insurance	£2,812.37	
Yoga Group		£625.00		Maintenance	£5,945.91	
Messy Monday		£80.00		Equipment	£3,934.79	
Hall Hire		£1,360.00		Wifi	£237.35	
AGM Donation		£168.00	Capitation Fees		£4,048.00	
Christmas Fayre		£1,635.45	Training		£225.00	
Axe Throwing Donations		£20.00	IT		£55.53	
Group Activities (Cinema, Campfire, etc.)		£410.00	Recruitment		£36.73	
T-Shirt Sales		£276.00	Group Activities		£602.01	
Miscellaneous Donations		£285.00	Equipment Repairs		£152.40	
			Van Hire		£1,030.00	
			Section Funding		£820.00	
			Christmas Fayre		£463.79	
			AGM Expenses		£380.23	
			Donations		£300.00	
			Gifts		£97.34	
			Squirrels Setup		£1,041.78	
			T-Shirts		£45.00	
			Membership Fee Refund		£50.50	
Subtotal		£25,156.19	Subtotal		£25,937.99	
			Excess Income Over Expenditure		-£781.80	
Total		£25,156.19	Total		£25,156.19	
Balance Sheet						
Balance Brought Forward		Santander Current Account		£41,458.58	£61,118.64	
		Lloyds Current Account		£0.00		
		Cash in Hand		£2,074.08		
		Section Funds		£17,585.98		
Income		Group		£25,156.19	£46,019.36	
		Sections		£20,863.17		
Expenditure		Group		£25,937.99	£43,523.97	
		Sections		£17,585.98		
Balance Carried Forward		Santander Current Account		£1,000.00	£52,667.92	
		Lloyds Current Account		£41,750.86		
		Cash in Hand		£0.00		
		Section Funds		£9,917.06		
<p>I have examined the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31/03/2024 and I am of the opinion that they show a true and fair view from the books and vouchers presented to me.</p>						
Examiner			Date	21st July 2024		

8TH SQUIRRELS HEATH (HAROLD WOOD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 268279

Accounts



8th SQUIRRELS HEATH SCOUT GROUP

Registered Charity No: 268279

Trustee's Annual Report

From 01 04 2020 to 2021

Charity name 8th Squirrels Heath Scouts

Charity's principle address : Kingsland Hall
82/84 Gubbins Lane
Romford
RM30BL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for the whole year
Sonia Lynch	Chair	
Cheryl Burden	Secretary	
Stuart Weston	Treasurer	
Gary Ward	GSL	
Jane Cambell	BSL	
Bonnie Gibson		
Lucie Hudson		
Cat Trinder		
Craig Cassidy		
Sarah Prior		
Natalie Gibbons		

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charities trusts

Type of governing document

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

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 the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Trustee selection methods

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every # months. Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

Additional governance issues

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments 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

Controlling personal information in line with GDPR

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 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 16. 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.

Risk and Internal Control

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.

Section C Objectives and Activities

Summary of the charity set out in the governing document

The Purpose of 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 cooperate 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

During the Covid pandemic activities have been restricted. When able to, the sections have met at the scout hall with extra cleaning and precautions in place. Where possible, according to government directives, the groups have met in outdoor spaces, using local parks, countryside etc.

When unable to meet face to face weekly online activities have been on line zoom meetings.

As much as possible a wide range of activities have been organised to include activities that are adventurous and exciting as well as badge work and community service

Additional details of objectives and activities

All leaders, helpers and executive members are volunteers, giving their time and expertise free of charge.

The GLS and executive committee always encourage people to volunteer to help with the group

Public benefit Statement

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.

Section D Achievements and Performance

During the year we have kept in contact with all members and have continued to promote the goals for scouting, despite the restrictions during the Lockdown and covid pandemic. With the use of zoom etc. the section leaders have delivered all aspects of scouting in a different and imaginative way

Section E The charities policy on reserves

The groups policy on reserves is to hold enough resources to continue the charitable activities of the group and to maintain the scout hall in a safe condition and to pay all the utility bills.

The Group held reserves of approximately £35.000 at the years end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the grants we were given by the local Authority during Covid. The executive committee have used these extra funds to future proof the scout hall and carry out the maintenance work needed for a safe and secure environment for the scout group

Details of funds in deficit

None

Investment policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

Future plans

To use the grant money to update the Groups scout hut to ensure that it will be more cost effective to maintain and enhance the facilities available to the young people who belong to the scout group.

Declaration **The trustees declare that they have accepted the report above**

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

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Full Names

Sonia Lynch Chair	Stuart Weston Treasurer
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Date

14 06 2021

**8th Squirrels Meath Scout Group
Statement of Account as at 31/03/2021**

Income and Expenditure					
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Membership Fees	Beavers	0.00	Headquarters	Rates	0.00
	Cubs	0.00		Rent	12.00
	Scouts	0.00		Water Rates	476.55
Capitation Fees		2,470.00	Gas	925.51	
Gift Aid		1,439.69	Electricity	536.58	
Fund Raising			Cleaning	250.41	
Use of Hall			Equipment/Repairs	495.50	
Yoga Group	100.00		Maintenance	349.50	
Madrasah Group	800.00		Yr. Comm. 01/04/20	2,700.00	
LBH Grants	20,241.00		Capitation Fees	0.00	
Community Award	500.00		AGM Expenses	0.00	
Scout Jamboree 2020 Repayment	1,000.00		Insurance	1,884.00	
Martial Arts Group	355.00		Camp	0.00	
Donation	12.00		Scout Jamboree 2020 Refunds	850.00	
			Group Equipment	128.00	
			Thriftwood Family Day	0.00	
			Training	0.00	
			Section Activities	0.00	
			Uniforms	59.20	
			Miscellaneous	41.97	
			Cub Event Refunds	160.00	
Sub Total		26,917.69	Sub Total	8,869.22	
Total		26,917.69	Excess Income over Expenditure	18,048.47	
			Total	26,917.69	

Balance Sheet				
Balance B/Fwd	Current Account	25,868.34		
	Cash In Hand	822.20		
	Section Funds	4,429.61		32,120.15
Income	Group	26,917.69		
	Sections	3,584.40		30,502.09
Expenditure	Group	8,869.22		
	Sections	2,865.75		11,734.97
Balance C/Fwd	Current Account	45,286.73		
	Cash in Hand	452.28		
	Section Funds	5,148.26		50,887.27

Treasurer.....

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I have examined the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31/03/2021 and I am of the opinion that they show a true and fair view from the books and vouchers presented to me

V Brome Auditor

Date 15/5/21