



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 st April 2022	To	31 st March 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

84TH READING SCOUT GROUP

Other names charity is known by

84th Reading (1st Earley St Peter's) Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

268450

Charity's principal address

Finch Road

Earley

Reading

Postcode

RG6 7JX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mathew Simpson	Group Chair		Group Scout Leader
2	Malcolm Paine	Group Secretary		84th Reading Scout Group Council
3	Jason Sutton	Group Treasurer		84th Reading Scout Group Council
4	Richard Taylor	Scout Leader		Group Scout Leader
5	Vicki Randall	Membership Secretary		84th Reading Scout Group Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	ROYAL CHARTER 4TH JANUARY 1912
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Scout Group
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Some appointed, some elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Scout Group is a member of The Scout Association and is supported by Loddon Scout District and Berkshire Scout County. The Policies and procedures are those of The Scout Association (charity no. 306101).

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We deliver inspiring activities and programmes for young people consistent with our vision of Scouting being shaped by young people in partnership with adults. We deliver the nationally directed programme of development for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts, including Skills for Life.

The Group's Trustees have a duty to report on the Group's public benefit in the Annual Report. We have assessed our aims, objectives and activities and believe we have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria for both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Activities are run by volunteer Leaders and helpers.

The Group is reviewing its policy on Grant Making in order to review support offered to Members in attending Scouting events.

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Year 22/23 saw a return to a normal timetable of activities with the exception of the Sea Scout section which in previous years has performed sailing activities at 2 centres; for the year 22/23 alternate provision of water-based activities was undertaken.

Normal fundraising and social activities were difficult to plan throughout the period; however, the group was successful in running fund raising events during both the winter and summer months.

The group AGM which normally allows all members and helpers to gather was delayed until later in the year; In past years the AGM has been held during Family Camp, unfortunately due to a reduction in activities during Covid and a lower number of qualified helpers than in previous year it was not possible to run this event. The group continues to build momentum in attracting new volunteers and hopes for a return of the event in the future.

Some Highlights of the year from each section in addition to regular scouting activities:

Beavers

- The Fire and Light Show at the Look-Out Centre / Wokingham nine-hole Foot Golf
- Community litter pick / a Judo session with an instructor from Reading Judo Club
- Fun in the Dark evening / meeting a police officer
- Three Christmas parties / a Sleepover Camp
- Clip n Climb in Arborfield / a visit from Reptile man

Cubs

- Four-day camp in the New Forest, four day camp in Winchester and a weekend Camp at Compton
- Night hikes in Knowle Hill and Mortimer
- Climbing at Reading Climbing Centre / making fires at Paddicks Patch
- Evening with Berkshire birds of prey /Christmas party
- Bike rides/ Bowling

Scouts

- Survival Camp and skills evenings including fire lighting, shelter building, knife, axe and saw work and first aid
- The Great Breakfast Chase District Competition where of the 26 teams we came 5th, 10th and 12th
- Map skills and Camps
- Raft building /Rifle shooting
- Cooking nights /Teambuilding tasks

Sea Scouts

- Activities at Wokingham Waterside Centre, including raft building, kayaking and paddle boarding

- Wokingham Treasure Trail /Graveyard Scavenger Challenge
- Night hike at Silchester/Cooking evening
- 5-day Summer Camp near Winchester

Jamboree

In August this year, one of our current Scouts, and two of our former Scouts (now Explorers) attended the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. More than 40,000 Scouts/Explorers attend from all over the world, providing an unforgettable experience.

Remembrance Day

The Group was proud to have the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts representing the Group at this special Remembrance Day Service as they do each year at St. Peters Church.

Family Activity Day

We had a fantastic family activity day. Many families from the Group came together for a day of fun at Walton Firs Woodland Camp. There was archery, boulding, air rifle shooting, caving, crate stacking, high rope climbing, rock painting, nature walks and so on as well as a lovely lunch.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to have a quarter of a year's outgoings held in reserve. In addition, we make specific reserves for larger items, e.g. minibus, 5 yearly international WINGS camp, property repairs and equipment.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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 including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We levy a membership subscription for each child member of the Group and we charge for adventurous activities such as camps.

The Scout Group aims to run two fundraising activities during the year, during the year 22/23 the group was successful running it's Christmas Tree fund raising event giving section members the opportunity to raise funds for the group, and its Reading Regatta events in which the Scouts perform start line stake boat activity and Parents run the food catering.

Gift Aid was reclaimed during the year on Subscriptions paid by the membership.

Our expenditure is on maintaining the assets of the charity (buildings, minibus, and camping equipment); our fees due to the Scout Association, Berkshire Scout County and Loddon Scout District; and on activities and hall hire.

Section F

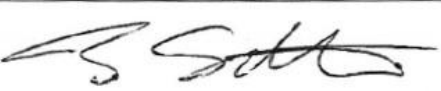
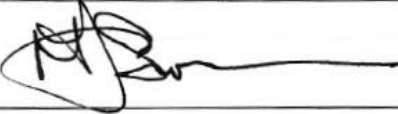
Other optional information

None

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jason Sutton	Mathew Simpson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Group Treasurer	Group Chair
Date	12/09/2023	

84th Reading (1st Earley St Peter's) Scout Group


INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Income			Expenditure	
Beavers	Subs	£2,403.14	Beavers Hall Hire	£770.25
	Other	£420.88	Beavers Expenses	£3,030.20
Cubs	Subs	£3,683.45	Cubs Hall Hire	£1,525.50
	Other	£3,795.83	Cubs Expenses	£4,342.19
Scouts	Subs	£1,690.06	Scouts Expenses	£2,435.15
	Other	£1,147.46	Sea Scout Expenses	£3,422.32
Sea Scouts	Subs	£4,440.16	Badges	£769.30
	Other	£330.94	HQ Subscription	£5,123.30
			Activity Training	£0.00
WINGS		£0.00	WINGS	£0.00
Gift Aid		£2,869.70	Admin expenses (stationery, printing, accounting, etc)	£171.30
Bank Interest		£109.82	Bank and GoCardless Charges	£72.00
Unrestricted Grants		£2,168.44	Restricted Grants	£701.98
Restricted Grants		£644.20	Fund Raising	£576.48
Other Fund Raising		£7,507.34	Group Events	£849.98
Group Events		£1,190.00	Family Camp 2022	£0.00
Family Camp 2022		£0.00	Family Camp 2023	£0.00
Family Camp 2023		£0.00	Mini Bus	£489.71
Mini Bus		£0.00	Quartermaster	£1,426.16
Hall usage		£580.00	Property	£97.30
Garage Rental		£660.00	Utilities	£1,055.27
			Insurance	£2,935.15
Total Income		£33,641.42	Total Expenditure	£29,793.53
Surplus/Deficit Income vs expenditure		£3,847.89		

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023

Group Capital at 31st March 22	£74,777.98	CAF Account made up of:	£78,589.87
Plus/Minus Net Income	£3,847.89	Minibus replacement accrual fund	£18,000.00
		Property repairs reserve	£2,000.00
		WINGS (2025+) accrual fund	£3,000.00
		Property development fund	£44,000.00
		General reserve	£10,000.00
		Sea Scouts equipment Reserve	£435.81
		Restricted funds (Grant)	£657.52
		Total Allocated Funds	£78,093.33
		Unallocated Operating Funds	£496.54
		Petty Cash	£36.00
Total	£78,625.87	Total	£78,625.87

Chair 
Matthew Simpson

Treasurer 
Jason Sutton

We confirm that from the Information supplied to us that these accounts show a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
84th Reading Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)** 268450

Set out on pages

Accounts are on 1 page within the Annual Treasurers & GSL report

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

25/06/2024

Name:

MICHAEL WALLACE

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

BOOKKEEPER

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