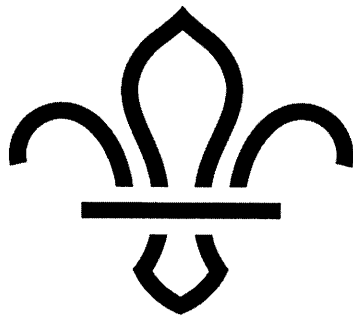


1st Camelsdale Scout Group

Registered charity number 268462

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023



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A. Reference and administration details

1st Camelsdale Scout Group

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Scout HQ, Marley Lane, Camelsdale, Haslemere GU27 3RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:-

Trustee Name period above	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole
Rebecca Jones	Chairperson	
Stevan Rose	Group Scout Leader	
Zoe White	Treasurer	

B. Structure, governance and management

The Group's governing documents are those of 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 the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group Executive Committee consists of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual Section leaders (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and other independent representatives and meets approximately 5 times per year.

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

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

C. Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of The Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

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.

D. Achievements and performance

With 83 uniformed members and 18 leaders at the annual census (January 2023), we have the membership base and leader teams to put the Group in a strong position with plans to continue to expand each of the youth sections and to upgrade the Scout Hut in the next decade.

During the past year a new Cubs leadership team has been formed and is in place (2 x section leaders & 3 x section assistants.)

The team created to drive forward the rebuild or refurbishment of our hut last year, have made a start on the refurbishment of the current hut, as the current view is that to replace the hut with a new one would be too costly in the current financial climate. This year they have built a retaining wall to stop the embankment falling on to the hut, demolished the "lean to" between garage and hut then demolished the old garage.

This year the sections have been able to take part in the following:

Beavers – Beavers Go-Wild (County held activities attended by 12 Beavers), Hut Sleepover in March and a camp in July.

Cubs – Held a weekend camp in April, 24 Cubs attended SCRAM (county activity day) and a trip to Aldershot for Donutting at end of term.

Scouts – 3 camps held through the year (Expedition Challenge, Hut Camp and further afield at Alfriston). Also a trip to Aldershot for Donutting.

All sections – Group Camp run at Biblins Ross-On-Wye for 50 young folk and 15 adults. Activities included climbing and canoeing.

Also, the group held two fundraising events during the year.

Bonfire Night which raised £1,300.

Downs In A Day (walking the length of the South Downs in relay on 10th June) raised £5,715 via donations. This involved a large amount of planning ahead by all, both before and during the event. The proceeds have been added to the hut refurb fund.

All the above was on top of weekly meetings and activities.

E. Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to running costs for 6 months, circa £5,000. The Committee also requires the Group to hold circa £10,000 to cover unplanned expenditure that could arise from maintaining an aging HQ building and surrounding woodland and campsite. Therefore, a total of £15,000 is required.

In addition to this amount the Group has designated the following expenditure for the coming financial year from previous years' receipts:

£3,000	Log Cabin
£6,221	Hut Repairs
£1,150	Replacement barrier fence
£1,027	Fire Pit Shelter
£1,274	Leader Training
£898	Camping Equipment (New & Repairs)
£500	Tree Bog Completion
£100	Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers.
£14,170	Total Designated Funds

The Group held unrestricted funds totalling £35,625 against this requirement at period end. This is slightly above the level required as explained above, however we are facing ongoing costs in the hut refurbishment and need to have some contingency in case of unexpected but necessary costs.

NB There has been some movement in using the designated funds as above this year and expect to complete further projects this coming year, e.g. Hut Repairs which are becoming urgent, and the completion of the Fire Pit Shelter.

Any surplus funds from the activities listed above once complete will be moved to the hut rebuild fund, as agreed by the Trustees at the time.

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 or building societies.

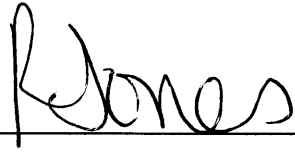
N.B. 284 Barclay Shares are held in trust on our behalf which resulted from de-mutualisation of a previously held Building Society Account. On 31st^h August 2023, these shares were valued at 147.36p per share.

F. Other optional information

The Trustees have no additional information to include in this report.

G. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Jones', written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Jones – Chairperson

Date: 16.11.23

**Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of 1st Camelsdale Scout Group
Registered charity number 268462**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Group 1st Camelsdale Scouts for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Accounts and related notes set out on pages 8-10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of 1st Camelsdale Scouts you are responsible for the preparation of the account in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Camelsdale Scouts accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Camelsdale Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

AMANDA SUSAN HODSON

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 5 HERONDALE, HASLEMERE, GU27 1RQ

Date: 6/11/2023

1st CAMELSDALE SCOUT GROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY 268462
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

SECTION A - Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2022/23	TOTAL 2021/22
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	12,325	-	12,325	10,032
GiftAid	4,777	3,695	8,472	-
Grants received due to Covid	-	-	-	2,667
Rents from hire of Scout HQ	2,868	-	2,868	2,765
Fundraising & Donations income	2,384	7,704	10,088	7,859
Camp contributions received	10,290	-	10,290	12,949
Trip contributions received	963	-	963	707
Sundry income/Bank Interest	252	227	480	181
Total receipts	33,859	11,626	45,485	37,159
Payments				
Membership Subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,669	-	4,669	4,500
MyScout, GoCardless fees & SumUp fees	649	-	649	604
Scout hut standing costs	4,414	-	4,414	4,108
Scout hut running costs	4,844	2,077	6,921	3,867
Scout hut woodland maintenance costs	-	-	-	4,250
Fundraising events costs	1,654	-	1,654	-
Donations paid	-	-	-	113
Camp costs paid	11,898	-	11,898	8,935
Trip costs paid	1,258	-	1,258	1,140
Other activity costs paid	1,031	-	1,031	1,761
Scouting equipment purchased	3,344	-	3,344	2,655
Badges, scarves & handbooks purchased	931	-	931	1,074
Leader training & support	902	-	902	452
Legal & professional fees	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs & Movements from Hardship Fund	797	250	1,047	1,081
Total payments	36,391	2,327	38,718	34,540
Net of receipts	(2,532)	9,299	6,767	2,619
Cash funds last year end	38,158	38,105	76,263	73,644
Cash funds this year end	35,625	47,404	83,030	76,263

SECTION B - Statement of assets and liabilities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2022/23	TOTAL 2021/22
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	35,474	100	35,574	38,053
Bank deposit account	-	47,304	47,304	38,058
Cash in hand	151	-	151	151
Total cash funds	35,625	47,404	83,030	76,263

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

16.11.23

Rebecca Jones - Chair

R Jones

Zoe White - Group Treasurer

Zoe White

1st Camelsdale Scout Group
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Notes to the Accounts

1. The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost. There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
2. The Scout Group manages and maintains the land and buildings located on Marley Lane, GU27 3RF. The campsite and hut are used for Scouting activities and are hired out to generate income for the Group to reinvest into maintaining the facilities and equipment for scouting.
The Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC) to hold the title to the freehold of the land and building located on Marley Lane, GU27 3RF, as Trustees.
The property was originally purchased for a nominal amount in 1964 and as such has not been valued in the accounts.
3. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal b/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/fwd
Hardship fund (General)	47	303	(250)	100
Rebuilding fund	38,058	11,323	(2,077)	47,304
	<u>38,105</u>	<u>11,626</u>	<u>(2,327)</u>	<u>47,404</u>

The Hardship fund represents a donation made to pay for membership fees, camp fees and related equipment for youth members whose families are unable to pay.

During this year we have supported hardship cases to the limit of the annual hardship fund (£250). The remaining £100 is set aside for the coming financial year (2023/24).

The Rebuilding fund held in the bank deposit account represents accumulated donations and fundraising for the refurbishment/rebuilding of the Scout Hut, which can only be spent for that purpose.

This year the payments from the fund cover the removal of the garage and lean to and the associated skip hire.

4. We had to take the difficult decision and increase the member subs from Autumn 2022, after holding the cost for over 5 years. We also increased our hut hire rates to help cover the increased electricity costs as we moved to a new tariff in Oct/Nov.
5. This year we applied for a backlog of Gift Aid claiming years 18/19, 19/20, 20/21 a third of which was agreed to be put towards the hut refurb fund. During the coming year we will be able to apply for years 21/22 & 22/23. We also received Gift Aid on the donations collected for Downs in A Day which has also been added to the hut refurb fund.
6. All Trustees and Leaders give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration.