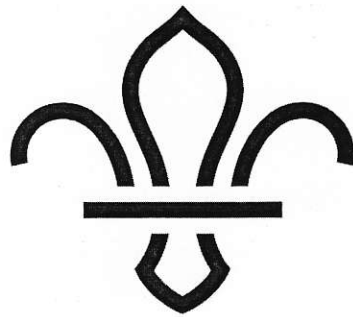


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Registered charity number 268462

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024



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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	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole period above
Rebecca Jones	Chairperson	01/09/2023 – 30/11/2023
Hazel Elliott	Chairperson	01/12/2023 onwards
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 81 uniformed members and 18 leaders at the annual census (January 2024), 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.

All youth sections are well staffed by adult and young leaders.

The team created to drive forward the rebuild or refurbishment of our hut have continued with the refurbishment and repair of the current hut (it was decided that due to the current financial climate that rebuild would be too costly). This year they sourced and put in place a shipping container in place of the leaky garage that was demolished last year. This has provided a safer and drier place to store outdoor equipment. Also there have been repairs to the rotting woodwork of the hut and the exterior has been repainted to waterproof for winter.

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

Beavers – 3 sleepovers were held in 4 weeks to give the children enough experience to feel confident enough to go away for 2 nights on summer camp. And the 2 night summer camp was the first time 1st Camelsdale Beavers has ever gone away from home on camp by ourselves, enabled by the team gaining experience and confidence by doing group camps over the previous 2 summers. A real achievement for us and the 17 children we took away.

Cubs – Held a Sleepover in March, 21 Cubs attended District Camp in May and a combined camp in July with the Scouts. They also had a trip to the climbing wall and had a kayaking session at Godalming.

Scouts – 4 camps held through the year (Scoutabout 24, Frost Camp, Alfriston Camp and further the combined camp with the Cubs). Also trips to Aldershot for Donutting, Ice Skating and West Wittering Water Sports.

As a Group we did not have any fundraising activities this year after such a busy year previously.

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
£10,000	Hut Repairs
£1,150	Replacement barrier fence
£1,027	Fire Pit Shelter
£1,800	Leader Training
£1,500	Camping Equipment (New & Repairs)
£500	Tree Bog Completion
£100	Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for Sport Equipment.
£19,077	Total Designated Funds

The Group held unrestricted funds totalling £39,680 (this includes £6,252 received in Gift Aid for years 2021-2023) 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 continue with further projects this coming year, e.g. Hut Repairs 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 30th August 2024, these shares were valued at 228.40p 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 cursive script, appearing to read 'H Elliott', is written above a horizontal line.

Hazel Elliott – Chairperson

Date: 8-11-24

**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 2024 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: 28/10/2024

1st CAMELSDALE SCOUT GROUP
REGISTERED CHARITY 268462
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

SECTION A - Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2023/24	TOTAL 2022/23
Receipts				
Membership Subscriptions	13,286	-	13,286	12,325
GiftAid	6,252	-	6,252	8,472
Grants received due to Covid	-	-	-	-
Rents from hire of Scout HQ	2,855	-	2,855	2,868
Fundraising & Donations income	134	2,786	2,920	10,088
Camp contributions received	8,112	-	8,112	10,290
Trip contributions received	785	-	785	963
Sundry income/Bank Interest	113	597	710	480
Total receipts	31,538	3,383	34,921	45,485
Payments				
Membership Subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,556	-	4,556	4,669
MyScout, GoCardless fees & SumUp fees	806	-	806	649
Scout hut standing costs	4,709	-	4,709	4,414
Scout hut running costs	4,397	4,017	8,414	6,921
Scout hut woodland maintenance costs	565	-	565	-
Fundraising events costs	-	-	-	1,654
Donations paid	-	-	-	-
Camp costs paid	7,598	-	7,598	11,898
Trip costs paid	1,083	-	1,083	1,258
Other activity costs paid	1,326	-	1,326	1,031
Scouting equipment purchased	809	-	809	3,344
Badges, scarves & handbooks purchased	682	-	682	931
Leader training & support	578	-	578	902
Legal & professional fees	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs & Movements from Hardship Fund	374	504	878	1,047
Total payments	27,483	4,521	32,004	38,718
Net of receipts	4,055	(1,138)	2,917	6,767
Cash funds last year end	35,625	47,404	83,030	76,263
Cash funds this year end	39,680	46,266	85,946	83,030

SECTION B - Statement of assets and liabilities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2023/24	TOTAL 2022/23
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts	39,529	96	39,625	35,574
Bank deposit account	-	46,170	46,170	47,304
Cash in hand	151	-	151	151
Total cash funds	39,680	46,266	85,946	83,030

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on

Hazel Elliott - Chair

H Elliott
8-11-24

Zoe White - Group Treasurer

Z White
8/11/24

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)	100	500	(504)	96
Rebuilding fund	47,304	2,883	(4,017)	46,170
	<u>47,404</u>	<u>3,383</u>	<u>(4,521)</u>	<u>46,266</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 3 hardship cases to the value of £504.

The Rebuilding fund held in the bank deposit account represents bank account interest, 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 purchase of a shipping container (including its delivery and fitting out) to replace the demolished garage.

4. This year we applied for a backlog of Gift Aid claiming years 21/22 & 22/23. This resulted in £6,252 which is being held in the unrestricted funds, against possible further expenses for the hut repairs and any other running costs.
5. All Trustees and Leaders give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration.