

6th Whitstable Scout Group



We prepare
young
people with
skills for life.

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

PRESIDENT

Mr. Bernard Smith (Deceased 21/04/2023)

VICE PRESIDENT

(None Appointed)

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio - Appointment

Group Scout Leader

Mrs. Tessa Dale

Group Chairperson

Mr. Mike Poole

Group Vice Chairperson

Vacant

Group Treasurer

Mrs. Bethany Collier

Group Secretary

Mrs. Sue Reid

Grey Beaver Scout Leader

Mrs. Lorraine Biggs

Silver Beaver Scout Leader

Mrs. Helen Bennett

Freestylers Cub Scout Leader

Mr. Steve. Popplewell

Highfliers Cub Scout Leader

Mr. Jack Dale

Sponsoring Authority

St. John's Church Swalecliffe

TRUSTEES: Nominated

Grey Beavers parent rep.

Mrs. Natalie Jack

Silver Beavers parent rep.

Dr. Lesley Woods (Resigned 23/04/2023)

Mrs. Jacqui Gibson (Appointed 20/05/2023)

Freestylers parent rep.

Mrs. Sarah Bogard

Highfliers parent rep.

Mr. Ben Spratling (Appointed 20/05/2023)

Scout parent rep.

Mr. James Coleman (Resigned 03/10/2023)

TRUSTEES: Elected

Mr. Melvin Austin

Mr. Adam Reid

Mr. Richard Brennan

Mrs. Pam Fisk

Mr. Matt Hicks

Fund Raising Support Group

Mr. Jack Dale

Syndicate Co-ordinator

Mr. Adam Reid

SECTION LEADERS (not on Executive Committee)

Scout Leader

Mr. Matthew Drinkwater

Grey Beaver Leader

Mrs Lorraine Biggs

BANKERS

Lloyds Bank

NatWest

HSBC UK

Nationwide B/S

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association

31699

Charity Registration Number

271107

Contact Name and Address

Mr. M Poole,

90 Maydowns Road, Chestfield, Whitstable CT5 3LW

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

STRUCTURE 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, and the Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

OBJECTS OF CHARITY: - The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The purpose of Scouting 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. We operate under the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when carrying out activities to which it's relevant.

REVIEW OF MAJOR RISKS: - We have internal controls that include, risk assessments on our hall and fittings and regular checks are put in place. Also, all our activities are risk assessed, two signatories for all payments and our assets are covered by appropriate insurance. 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 six months running costs plus a contingency for building repairs, circa £8,000.

SECTIONS: - The Group runs 2 Beaver Colonies (boys/girls aged 5½ - 8 years), 2 Cub Packs (8 -10½ years), 1 Scout Troop (10½ - 14 years). All meet in the Scout HQ Building. The census as at the end of January 2024 shows we have a membership in 6th Whitstable of 81 Young people who regularly attend our meetings.

CAMPS: - Both Beavers Colonies had "Sleep Overs" at the HQ. The Scouts took part in the National Shooting Competition at Bisley.

ACHIEVEMENTS: - The young people were able to undertake their Badge work and were successful in Cooking & Hygiene, and Home Help Badges as well as many other activities.

MEETINGS: All Sections meet at the HQ on Mondays the Silver Beavers and Freestyler Cubs, on Weds the Grey Beavers and the Highflyers Cubs and on Thursday the Scout Section.

VISITS/OUTINGS/GROUP EVENTS: - The Beavers are doing food safety, hygiene, and cooking, and the Highflyer Cubs had a trip to Hendon Flying RAF Museum. 30 young people are going to the Gilwell park with 15 Scouts, 9 Cubs and 6 Explorers. The Scouts took part in the "Monopoly Run" in London.

HELPING OTHERS: - The Scout HQ is used by the NHS during most days in the week, and we now are able to offer the building the Rainbows Brownies and Guides on two evening in the week.

SUPPORT: - We again have been very lucky having great supportive parents, carers and friends, as well as others outside of the Group who have helped us in fundraising and in other ways throughout the year.

CHURCH: - The Group has been supported by the St. Johns Church and we have had our usual Church Parade services throughout the year.

FINANCE: - Receipts for the year totalled £37,481 (2023: £30,733). Hall running expenses, equipment and Scout Headquarters membership fees continue to be our major outgoings. Payments for the year totalled £22,721 (2023: £23,553).

We also take advantage of Gift Aid which provides useful additional income at no cost.

Funds held at the year-end amount to £40,374.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with previous years.

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the 6th Whitstable Scout Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting 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 Eleanor Thompson

Name: Eleanor Thompson

Qualifications: ACA BA

Date: 16/05/2024

Receipts & Payments Account Summary
for the year ended
31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (page 5)	37,480.94	30,733.30
Total payments for the year (page 6-7)	(22,720.68)	(23,552.67)
Net receipts for the year	14,760.26	7,180.63
Cash, Bank and unrestricted funds brought forward	25,614.15	18,433.52
Cash, Bank and unrestricted funds carried forward (pages 8)	40,374.41	25,614.15

The above accounts and accompanying statements of assets and liabilities were approved
by the Trustees on 15th May 2024 and are signed on their behalf by Mike Poole.

Mike Poole

15/5/2024

**Receipts for the year ended
31 March 2024**

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
MEMBERSHIP		
Subscriptions	6,224.50	6,591.00
Capitation	(4,984.00)	(5,208.00)
	1,240.50	1,383.00
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
BS & Bank interest	-	0.32
Flexclusive Saver	219.06	32.32
Savings Account interest	159.24	
	378.30	32.64
DONATIONS (One Off)	1,379.68	505.00
ACTIVITIES		
Outings	1,709.00	1,349.50
Camps	3,016.00	2,979.02
	4,725.00	4,328.52
FUND RAISING		
Bazaar	3,026.19	2,601.28
Jumble Sales	541.23	786.45
Wine and Wisdom	827.00	543.00
Sponsored Walk	1,594.00	1,292.00
Coffee Morning	192.25	-
	6,180.67	5,222.73
OTHER RECEIPTS		
Gift Aid	2,654.97	-
Giving Machine	16.78	-
Hire of Hall	19,024.53	17,079.74
Syndicate	1,175.00	1,134.00
Miscellaneous	395.51	915.67
Platinum Jubilee	-	-
Uniforms	310.00	132.00
	23,576.79	19,261.41
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	37,480.94	30,733.30

**Payments for the year ended
31 March 2024**

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
PREMISES		
Boiler Insurance	228.24	215.97
Cleaning	4,167.08	4,294.75
Electricity	574.00	776.00
Fire/Smoke Alarms/Fire Extinguishers	89.58	233.98
Gas	1,250.00	784.00
Insurance	1,279.46	1,151.60
Miscellaneous	54.96	49.92
Miscellaneous Repairs (Re-Decoration, Garden & Roof - repairs)	383.99	662.00
Rent	1,819.20	1,819.20
Roof Maintenance/Repair	-	-
Water & Drainage	167.84	120.67
	10,014.35	10,108.09
 DONATIONS	 500.00	 873.80
 ACTIVITIES		
Outings	2,535.15	1,673.35
Camps	2,296.08	2,416.94
Meetings Materials	1,932.10	1,611.26
Equipment	752.39	595.58
	7,515.72	6,297.13
 FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Bazaar	657.15	284.95
Christmas Draw	150.00	220.00
Sponsored Walk	-	59.16
Wine & Wisdom	166.00	78.57
	973.15	642.68
 ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Internet	292.00	-
Secretarial	82.50	55.00
Domain renewal	-	115.67
Photocopier Rent	19.90	19.90
Photocopier Copies	25.88	26.57
Photocopier Paper	52.78	-
	473.06	217.14

**Payments for the year ended
31 March 2024**

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
TRANSPORT		
Fuel	-	80.00
Hire	509.01	1,038.02
	509.01	1,118.02
OTHER EXPENSES		
Syndicate	570.00	425.00
Miscellaneous	430.17	1,322.83
Badges	130.00	165.00
Trophies	51.00	95.50
AGM	151.07	110.89
Uniform	541.32	816.83
	1,873.56	2,936.05
NET STOCK PURCHASES		
Bazaar Asset - Father Christmas Presents	30.00	93.00
Draw Asset	20.00	20.00
	50.00	113.00
PURCHASE / SALE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT		
Purchase of equipment	811.83	1,246.76
Transfer to Asset Account	811.83	1,246.76
	811.83	1,246.76
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	22,720.68	23,552.67

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at
31 March 2024**

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
CASH FUNDS		
Bank Current Accounts	14,190.77	12,851.42
Flexclusive Saver Account	-	12,265.58
Savings Account	25,159.24	-
Cash in Hand	12.25	90.00
Syndicate Current Account	1,012.15	407.15
	<u>40,374.41</u>	<u>25,614.15</u>
 OTHER MONETARY ASSETS	 None	
 INVESTMENT ASSETS	 None	
 NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
Father Christmas Presents	102.00	64.50
Draw - Lottery fee	20.00	20.00
Land & Buildings	1.00	1.00
Tents & Equipment W.D.V.	2,033.57	1,730.14
	<u>2,156.57</u>	<u>1,815.64</u>
 LIABILITIES	 None	
 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES /FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	 None	

Capital Asset Workings
31 March 2024

	WDV b/f	Additions	Depn	WDV c/f
WDV	1,730.14	811.83	508.39	2,033.57
	1,730.14	811.83	508.39	2,033.57

Depreciated in 2024 and going forward on a 20% reducing balance basis

Christmas present stock

51 presents to rollover into 2024 @ £2.00 per present

Trustees' remuneration

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration during the year ending 31 March 2024.