

FURZE PLATT (3RD MAIDENHEAD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 271398

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1976-06-17

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

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Activities

Objects: TO CONTRIBUTE TO 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: Running of a Scout Group in Maidenhead, Berkshire

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Windsor And Maidenhead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£44,847	£64,018	-	-
2024-03-31	£46,398	£48,854	-	-
2023-03-31	£44,575	£51,593	-	-
2022-03-31	£42,423	£52,764	-	-
2021-03-31	£44,909	£32,615	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Malcolm Peter Burt		2016-02-05
Matthew Jesse Buy		2023-09-22
Neil Rasik Trivedi		2014-02-10
Simon James Barrett		2021-09-01
TONY DOOLAN		2011-12-06

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Trustees Annual Report

For the period

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Matt Buy	Jo Buy
Full name(s)	Matt Buy	Jo Buy
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)		
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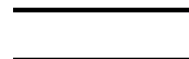
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Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2024		3/31/2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	13,242	14,695
Donations	2,489	3,512
Legacies		5,000
Gift Aid	6,326	-
Activities	3,082	3,284
Badges and Uniforms	85	90
Camps and Expeditions	9,480	17,595
Other similar income	9,119	-
Sub total	43,823	44,176
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Easy Fundraising	120	1,895
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
F3	-	-
Sub total	120	1,895
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	904	300
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	904	300
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income		27
Sub total	-	27
Total Gross Income	44,847	46,398
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	44,847	46,398

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	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2024		3/31/2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	15,982	9,149
Youth programme and activities	6,858	6,330
AGM and trustee expenses		-
Rent	697	1,553
Water and Sewerage	10	356
Electricity and Gas	3,241	1,586
Insurance	1,968	1,902
Repairs and Renewals	22,177	7,411
Cleaning	1,004	1,085
Printing and photocopying		
Contribution to camp costs	9,494	15,408
Uniforms	1,906	1,886
AGM and trustee expenses		
Equipment Expensed	408	558
OSM Costs		
Funds due to Dragons		
Finance Costs		
Sundry	155	585
Sub total	63,901	47,810
Fundraising expenses		
Event - Elephant racing	117	1,044
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	117	1,044
Total Gross Expenditure	64,018	48,854
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	64,018	48,854
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 19,171	- 2,457
Cash funds last year end	45,321	47,778
Cash funds this year end	26,150	45,321

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	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2024		3/31/2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	26,150	45,321
Bank deposit account		-
Building society account		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	26,150	45,321
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account)</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>ok</small>
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Scout Bond	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	763,120	724,920
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	37,520	37,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	800,640	761,920
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	826,790	807,241

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Print Name

	Chair
	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Furze Platt Scout Group ('the Scout Group').

I report to the charity trustees on examination of the accounts of the Scout Group for the year ending 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities & basis of the report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;

or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm there are no other matters to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Alan G Abrahamson*

Name: Alan G Abrahamson. FCCA (Retired)

Contact email: alan.abrahamson@maidenheadscouts.org.uk

Date: 15th June 2025

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Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

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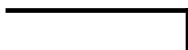
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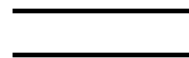
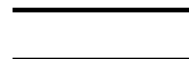
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Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024

Receipts and payments

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	14,695	19,939
Donations	3,512	3,921
Legacies	5,000	-
Gift Aid	-	3,304
Activities	3,284	8,757
Badges and Uniforms	90	30
Camps and Expeditions	17,595	8,457
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	44,176	44,408
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Easy Fundraising	1,895	21
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
F3	-	-
Sub total	1,895	21
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	300	140
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	300	140
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	27	6
Sub total	27	6
Total Gross Income	46,398	44,575
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	46,398	44,575

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024

Receipts and payments

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	9,149	11,410
Youth programme and activities	6,330	11,959
AGM and trustee expenses	-	186
Rent	1,553	-
Water and Sewerage	356	2,202
Electricity and Gas	1,586	4,638
Insurance	1,902	3,206
Repairs and Renewals	7,411	20
Cleaning	1,085	611
Printing and photocopying		24
Contribution to camp costs	15,408	11,852
Uniforms	1,886	1,851
AGM and trustee expenses		-
Equipment Expensed	558	1,272
OSM Costs		798
Funds due to Dragons		-
Finance Costs		1,331
Sundry	585	-
Sub total	47,810	51,360
Fundraising expenses		
Quiz	1,044	233
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	1,044	233
Total Gross Expenditure	48,854	51,593
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	48,854	51,593
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,457	- 7,018
Cash funds last year end	47,778	54,796
Cash funds this year end	45,321	47,778

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	45,321	45,850
Bank deposit account		-
Building society account		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		1,928
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	45,321	47,778
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account)</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>ok</small>
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Scout Bond	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	43
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	724,920	247,000
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	37,000	25,666
Other	-	-
Sub total	761,920	272,709
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	2,750
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	2,750
Total net assets	807,241	317,737

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Print Name

	Chair
	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Furze Platt Scout Group ('the Scout Group').

I report to the charity trustees on examination of the accounts of the Scout Group for the year ending 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities & basis of the report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;

or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I confirm there are no other matters to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **Alan G Abrahamson**

Name: Alan G Abrahamson. FCCA (Retired)

Contact email: mdscfinance@gmail.com

Date: 10th June 2024

FURZE PLATT (3RD MAIDENHEAD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 271398

Accounts

Furze Platt Scout Group Council AGM 2023 Minutes

19th July 2023 - HQ

Present	Apologies	Absent
Neil Trivedi	Louise Barrett	Sajid Khan
Tony Doolan	Joshua Reynolds	
Rob Harris	Selena Trivedi	
Jo Buy	Chloe Browitt	
Alan Abrahamson	Martin Bicknell	
Malcolm Burtt	Jon Macey	
Simon Barrett		
Matt Keen		

Attachments:

- Scouting Report
- Finance Report

Agenda Item	Description
1	Welcome and Introductions
2	Apologies for Absence
3	Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting of the Group Scout Council
4	Review of the Scouting Year – Group Scout Leaders Report
5	The Group Scout Council to receive and consider the annual report and Accounts – Treasurer
6	Approval of the Group Scout Leader’s nomination of the Group Chair
7	Election of the Group Treasurer
8	Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee
9	Approval of the Group Scout Leader’s nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee
10	Appointment of independent auditor, examiner or scrutineer
11	AOB
12	Close of meeting
13	Actions

1. Welcome and Introductions

Neil welcomed all to the AGM and stated that he will be chairing the meeting as there is no current Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence noted as per table above.

3. Approval of previous minutes

Proposer - Malcolm

Secunder - Tony

4. Review of the Scouting Year

Neil presented the group scout leader report attached to these minutes.

Neil specifically noted thanks to both Luke and Emma who are leaving as Cubs leaders this year and acknowledged their significant contributions.

Simon Smith will run Tuesday Cubs, and we have two parents who have volunteered to support Wednesday Cubs.

No questions received on the GSL's report.

5. Annual Report and Accounts - Neil

In absence of Martin (Treasurer), Neil presented the annual report and accounts. No questions were received on the accounts and the accounts were approved by those present at the AGM.

Proposer: Malcolm
Secunder: Tony

An elephant race fund raiser took place in March this year. The group discussed the planned fund raising at a quiz in December which will coincide with a match funding opportunity.

Easy Fundraising should be communicated out to all parents to raise awareness.

6. Approval of Group Scout Leader Nomination of the Group Chair

Neil nominated Jo, Jo accepted this nomination, and the attendees of the AGM approved the appointment.

7. Election of the Group Treasurer

The Group Treasurer position is vacant as Martin is stepping down from this role. Neil thanked Martin for his contribution.

8. Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee

Other members of the Group Scout Council will continue in their roles as follows:

Name	Role	Appointment
Neil Trivedi	GSL	statutory
Tony Doolan	Assistant GSL	nominated
Simon Barrett	Explorers	nominated
Matt Keen	Beavers	elected
Selena Trivedi	Special Projects	elected
Sajid Khan	Sunday Cubs	elected
Malcolm Burt	IT Director	elected

9. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee

The AGM approved the nominations as noted in section 8.

10. Appointment of independent examiner

The Group will appoint new independent examiner and thank Alan for his contribution as independent examiner.

11. AOB:

Rob asked who maintains our IT systems and emails to ensure there is the ability to manage the system if volunteers should move on. Malcolm responded that we use a service which provides a domain and is administered by a third party.

Neil raised that we need someone else as signatory on the Barclays account, Jo and Simon volunteered. Neil will confirm whether two volunteers are needed. Jo to be set up initially.

Additional note: Neil and Jo are working to clarify and correct the submission of 2021/2022 accounts.

12. Close

No other questions received. Meeting closed.

13. Actions

Ref	Owner	Action	Status
1	Neil	PayPal account - Neil to speak to Luke to ask whether there is still money in the PayPal account.	Open
2	TBC	Issue comms to parents re Easy Fundraising	Open
3	Neil/Jo	Get Jo set up on Barclays	Open

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	Year start date 01/04/2022	To	Year end date 31/03/2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	19,939	23,122
Donations	3,921	10,390
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	3,304	5,429
Activities	8,757	345
Badges and Uniforms	30	184
Camps and Expeditions	8,457	1,742
Other similar income	-	453
Sub total	44,408	41,665
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Easy Fundraising	21	18
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
F3	-	-
Sub total	21	18
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	140	310
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	140	310
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	6	1,762
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	6	1,762
Total Gross Income	44,575	43,755
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	44,575	43,755

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)
Receipts and payments account

Account period	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023

Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	11,410	9,683
Youth programme and activities	11,959	2,234
Adult support and training	186	-
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	2,202	1,813
Electricity and Gas	4,638	2,695
Insurance	3,206	2,939
Repairs and Renewals	20	4,347
Cleaning	611	348
Printing and photocopying	24	-
Contribution to camp costs	11,852	14,118
Uniforms	1,851	1,911
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Equipment Expensed	1,272	1,178
OSM Costs	798	24
Funds due to Dragons	-	11,636
Finance Costs	1,331	787
Sundry	-	20
Sub total	51,360	53,733
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	233	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	233	-
Total Gross Expenditure	51,593	53,733
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	78
Total payments	51,593	53,811
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,018	10,056
Cash funds last year end	54,796	64,852
Cash funds this year end	47,778	54,796

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)
Receipts and payments account

	<small>Year start date</small>		<small>Year end date</small>
For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	45,850	52,875
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	1,928	1,921
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	47,778	54,796
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account)</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>ok</small>
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Scout Bond	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	43	93
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	247,000	247,000
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	25,666	25,666
Other	-	160
Sub total	272,709	272,919
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	2,750	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	225
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	2,750	225
Total net assets	317,737	327,490

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Print Name

J. Bay	Chair
N. TRIVEDI	Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

FURZE PLATT (3rd) MAIDENEHEAD SCOUT GROUP

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st MARCH 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

271398

Set out on pages

1 - 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Alan G Abrahamson

Date:

7/11/2023

Name:

Alan G ABRAHAMSON

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

FCCA (retired)

Address:

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FURZE PLATT (3RD MAIDENHEAD) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 271398

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**FURZE PLATT SCOUT GROUP
TRUSTEES REPORT
For the YEAR to 31st MARCH 2022**

President:	Vacant
Vice Presidents:	Angela Fecher Maggie Kearney
Trustees Ex-Officio – Appointment:	Neil Trivedi
Trustees – Elected:	Jo Buy Martin Bicknell Malcolm Burt
Trustees – Nominated:	Tony Doolan Simon Barrett Matt Keen Sajid Khan
Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc 92, High Street Maidenhead Berks. SL6 1PX
Group Registration Number:	32726
Charity Registration Number:	271398
Contact:	Neil Trivedi 86, Braywick Road Maidenhead Berks. SL6 1DE n.trivedi@hotmail.co.uk

Group Scout Leaders report

2021-22

Squirrels

After starting in March 2022 Squirrels now has 20 children attending on a regular basis with a small number on the waiting list. 4 children have already moved up to Beavers.

For 2022 our top 3 activities have been –

Teddy Bears Picnic – our very first day camp during which the Squirrels learnt how to pop up a tent, build dens for their teddy bears. We had a picnic lunch and toasted marshmallows!

Science Experiments – we ran a carousel activity which saw the children making balloon rockets, trying to make bags explode, learning how to make giant bubbles as well as make and fly paper kites.

Creatures & Critters Camp – another day camp this time with a nature scavenger hunt, followed by making our own bug houses to populate the campsite's new bug hotel, make your own campfire pizzas for lunch and of course toasted marshmallows.

I am the only Leader at present and I do have the support of parent volunteers and a DofE student.

Almost every session we have run so far has had some highlights though another standout session would have to be the Bee Keeping followed by the Fashion Show, as this is a brand new group and we are learning as we go along. We have been having lots of fun, the children have been fully engaged and they are a wonderful group.

Our biggest challenge is recruitment of adult volunteers and interest in training as a Section Leader but I am hoping this will come in time. It would be great to have a Young Leader or two attached to the group in due course too.

Beavers – Monday

We have had a great year at Monday Beavers , At the beginning of the year we had around 19 Beavers attending and we are now up to 22 Beavers with two more Beavers joining us next month to take us up to full capacity of twenty four.

We have a good team, consisting of Carole Church Smith as BSL, Helen Lynes and Molly Curran as ABSL. We also have support from our two enthusiastic Young Leaders George Irvine -Fynn and Luka Wilson and a permanent Parent volunteer Kerry Neighbour. We also have a rota of weekly Parent help, which we couldn't do without.

We have run two sleep overs for our Beavers in the past year, a Harry Potter themed camp. and a Royal themed camp for the Queens Jubilee year, where our Beavers made their own butter for an afternoon tea of jam and scones. Both were well attended.

Our top three activities have been:

Visiting an Airfield where our Beavers got to explore the hangars and were able to sit in the cockpits of the planes and talk to the pilots.

Having a visit from birds of prey, where every Beaver got to hold a peregrine or a barn owl and watched the birds swoop around the Scout hut.

Kayaking on Taplow lake, where even the most nervous Beavers were brave enough to have a go and discovered that they really enjoyed kayaking

Other highlights:

Litter picking in the local park, a visit to a local gym to have a fitness session with Personal Trainers, a visit to a local chicken coop, archery, and a very hot Summer evening spent having water games, ice-lollies and cooling water melon slices.

With just one exception, all our Beavers that have been with us for more than a year and have had a good attendance, have earnt so many badges, that we have been able to award them with the much-coveted Chief Bronze Awards, the top badge available to Beavers.

We raised £140 pounds to support Ukraine by selling sunflower growing kits and having a sunflower growing competition. Our Beaver, Sam Golding ,grew the largest plant reaching a magnificent 3.4 metres!

We value our young people's opinions and encourage them to take part every term in feedback about what they have enjoyed most and what activities they would like to do in the future.

Beavers – Thursday

- Numbers for 2021-22 and current numbers
 - Sept 2021 – Sept 2022 we had around 24 to 26 Beavers on the books throughout
 - Currently at 27
- Top 3 activities 21-22
 - Canoeing at Taplow Lake
 - Witches & Wizards Sleepover
 - Fire Station Visit
- Leader numbers
 - 4 + 1 YL
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Sunday Cubs

- Numbers for 2021-22 and current numbers
- We had 24 cubs during this period and currently have 26 Cub scouts in our groups
- Top 3 activities 21-22 (April 21 – March 22)

This is a difficult one as there were many activities our Cubs enjoyed, I would say the top three activities are as follows: -

- Cubs really enjoyed the night Hike and Mosque Sleep over in October 21
- Cubs loved attending Jump In in Slough in December 2021
- Our Cubs loved the visit to Maidenhead United Football Club in March 2022, where they learned the history of the club and the current ground on the York road.
- Leader numbers
- We had four leaders during this period
- Any other highlights
- After the Lockdown, cub scouts were really pleased to start face to face sessions in April 21. We have had packed program which has really been enjoyed and appreciated by our cub scouts and parents!
- Any challenges
- Some challenges engaging parents to help with our sessions which sometimes left us thin on the ground however we now have some regular parent helpers which has made a big difference!.

Tuesday Cubs

Tuesdays numbers were 25 in 2021 and now we are running at 30 with a waiting list. Top three activities, during covid we had some amazing online sessions, one of which was mind reading and magic with Chris Cox. Kids really blown away. Other things they enjoyed were kayaking and of course Cub camp which signified a real 'getting back to normal'.

One leader and One helper Kaz. Soon to be three YL this term.

Huge highlight and something I'm very proud of is the covid sessions that we ran online throughout the whole of covid 21. We cooked, danced, learnt martial arts, wrote poetry to name but a few. Despite the kids being 'zoomed out' they joined in, had a great laugh and I was very proud of their

resilience. Another highlight was being able to do cub camp 22, they kids loved it and it was wonderful to hold a proper full camp.

Challenges: the main challenge for me was building some cubs confidence back up after covid, it has affected many children much more than people anticipated.

Cubs – Wednesday

- We have been consistent at around 28-32 for the past 12 months.
- Top 3 activities 21-22
 - Cub Camp 2022 – another great camp with 40 members joining us for the weekend
 - Visit to Maidenhead FC – very enjoyable session having a tour of the stadium
 - Stand Up Paddleboarding at Taplow Lake
- Leader numbers
 - Currently 5 (Luke, Caitlyn, Libuse, Berj and Julia). There will be a need to recruit additional leaders to start from September as a couple of leaders have confirmed their intention to step down after the summer term.

Scouts

Scouts received a large intake of Cubs last September raising the troop numbers to 52 Scouts, resulting in FPSG Scouts being the largest in District. It has been pleasing that the drop off between Cubs and Scouts has remained low and the troop is still numbering close to 50 Scouts and we have transitioned 14 Scouts to the new Explorer group over the last year.

We held a successful summer camp this year in the New Forest. Activities included Mountain Biking, a two day canoe trip to Brownsea Island and visits to the Beach. The Scouts really enjoyed cooking their own food during the week and one evening created their own three course banquet. The Scouts have taken part in a varied activity programme over the last year with two Gold Award Expedition Hikes, a Winter Camp for the older Scouts and a Thames canoe trip from Hambleton to Marlow. We are close to awarding 14 Gold Awards over this last year period, which is a record achievement for us. FP Scouts also won the District Night Hike Trophy this year.

We have a well supported leader team and have been able to draw on parent support when needed.

FPSG has supported Scouts this year with the purchase of new expedition quality hike tents and new gas stoves. These purchases have allowed us to increase the quality of Scouting activities we can provide.

Kaizen Explorers

From January 2022 onwards, a group of ten older scouts, having completed their Gold Award, have enjoyed a tailored programme, developing their scouting skills and providing further opportunities to access the great outdoors. A further three older scouts joined them at Easter. We then joined the scouts for the summer camp, although once more, doing separate activities. The programme focused on many traditional scouting skills, including pioneering, and we had a memorable night building and racing seder chairs as well as taking advantage of the invention of the wheel to build and race chariots. There has also been a focus upon fire-lighting, experimenting with different materials and methods to start fires depending on the environment, and thank you to Simon Smith generally and specifically for our first ever attempt at making charcloth. A third strand has been handling and using bushcraft knives with the ambition to have a no-metal camp at some point in the future. Thank you also to Shelley, and specifically her culinary expertise among her many other qualities and talents that have been foremost in delivering an excellent programme.

Summer camp with the scouts was a great experience, so thank you to Nick for all his support. A particular highlight this year for many of the older scouts was achieving their level 2 Paddle Sports badge and invaluable kayaking experienced at Engage Watersports – and thank you to Maidenhead District for continuing to so generously subsidising this - culminating in kayaking across to Brownsea Island on summer camp. The camp has also inspired us to do more water sports, mountain biking and consider other outdoor, coastal activities using alternative energy, such as kite sandsurfing.

Kaizen Explorers is now formally established with a partnership agreement in operation. Twelve scouts continue to make up the core of the new Unit, however, we have had interest from other young people, whom we warmly welcome. We will be looking forward to grow and develop our programme with an international dimension, but rooted in a constructive, positive relationship with Furze Platt Scout Group and working closely with Nick, his team and the scouts.

Summary

A very good year for FPSG, with 2 new sections opening, Squirrels and the associated Explorer group. I do have concerns around volunteers though with ongoing exec vacancies and future section leader vacancies.

Facilities report

Campsite

No major expenditure to camp site. Buildings are showing signs of wear, repair work needed on cabin and old kitchen. Cabin floor painted, climbing wall painted.

Grounds have suffered from drought and several more trees are likely to have died - they have shed their leaves early but may recover next year.

Prior to this years drought the grass was regularly cut, however, the Camp site still needs a good amount of work to keep the hedges and patrol areas from being further overgrown.

Neil Trivedi

Group Scout Leader

Furze Platt Scout Group

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022

Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	23,122	14,101
Donations	10,390	39,699
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	5,429	-
Activities	345	-
Badges and Uniforms	184	-
Camps and Expeditions	1,742	2,598
Other similar income	453	-
Sub total	41,665	56,398
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Easy Fundraising	18	38
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
F3	-	5,970
Sub total	18	6,008
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	310	105
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	420
Sub total	310	525
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	1,762	-
Sub total	1,762	-
Total Gross Income	43,755	62,931
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	43,755	62,931

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022

Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	9,683	8,606
Youth programme and activities	2,234	-
Adult support and training	-	-
Rent	-	420
Water and Sewerage	1,813	-
Electricity and Gas	2,695	4,559
Insurance	2,939	-
Repairs and Renewals	4,347	7,229
Cleaning	348	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	14,118	14,413
Uniforms	1,911	181
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Equipment Expensed	1,178	4,484
OSM Costs	24	412
Funds due to Dragons	11,636	-
Finance Costs	787	-
Sundry	20	11,199
Sub total	53,733	51,503
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	53,733	51,503
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	78	-
Total payments	53,811	51,503
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,056	11,428
Cash funds last year end	64,852	53,424
Cash funds this year end	54,796	64,852

Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2022 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2021 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	52,875	46,793
Bank deposit account	-	16,059
Building society account	-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	1,921	2,000
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	54,796	64,852
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account)</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>ok</small>
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Scout Bond	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	93	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	247,000	247,000
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	25,666	24,488
Other	160	-
Sub total	272,919	271,488
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	225	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	- 225	-
Total net assets	327,490	336,340

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

	Chair
Martin Bicknell	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Furze Platt Scout Group ('the Scout Group').

I report to the charity trustees on examination of the accounts of the Scout Group for the year ending 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities & basis of the report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

In carrying out my examination I noted one matter to which your attention should be drawn in this report. The Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31st March 2022 states the value of scouting equipment and furniture held at that date was valued at £25,666. No schedule of such equipment was made available to me to support this valuation, on the other hand I have no reason to believe this valuation is unreasonable.

I confirm there are no other matters to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Alan G Abrahamson. FCCA (Retired)

Contact email: mdsfinance@gmail.com

Date: 24th April 2023