

Trustees Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Furze Platt Scouts Group (3rd Maidenhead)

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

194 Cookham Road

Maidenhead

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Neil Trivedi	Group Scout Leader & Lead Volunteer	
2	Tony Doolan	Assistant Group Scout Leader	
3	Jo Buy	Chair	
4	Matt Buy	Treasurer	
5	Simon Barrett	Leaders representative and Property	
6	Malcolm Burt	IT Director	

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Alan Abrahamson	

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are compliant with the Scout Association's rules.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustees (1 Ex Officio Trustee, and 3 appointed Trustees) and meets every month.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers deliver high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills and experiences.

a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)</p> <p>The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern have been identified are:</p> <p>Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has two sites. HQ on Cookham Rd and Marion's Meadow campsite. In the unlikely case of the total loss of one of these sites, the group would be able to continue to operate from the other site. In the very unlikely case of both sites being lost simultaneously, the Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from other Scout groups, neighbouring organisations such as the Methodist church and community centre. The Group has sufficient building and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group has a public liability insurance policy. The Group's capitation fees contribute to the Scout Association's national insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. First aid training is mandatory and monitored - this includes health and safety training.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant on income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does have a contingency fund to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board has plans to raise the value of subscription income to the group on an ongoing basis. The group is active in encouraging a Trustee member to join with the sole function of fundraising.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. Providing sufficient volunteers are given and there are sufficient adult volunteers within a particular section, the continuity of the section will not be an issue. If there was a sudden reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section, the group as a whole then there may be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of a section would be followed by a closure of the group.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the closure of a section would be followed by a closure of the Group.</p> <p>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)</p> <p>The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement. These include two signatories for all payments and a comprehensive system of insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. There is a limit of £500 per transaction. Sums greater than this have to be authorised separately by the Trustee board.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Meetings at HQ, at our campsite and at other off site locations provide a wide range of experiences and activities to the Young People and members of FPSG.
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p> <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under the advancement of education and the advancement of citizen and community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

See attached report

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to ensure that the charitable activities of the group should not be interrupted in the short term. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold reserves equivalent to 3 months running costs, circa £20,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £26,000 against this policy at the year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this is explained by the income received from subs and donations as detailed in the accounts.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a result does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk approach to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may require an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy for the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only banks or building societies.

There are no significant activities planned for the coming year outside the

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

See accompanying Word document

Section G

Declaration

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)

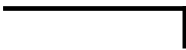
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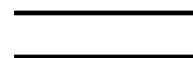
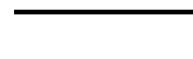
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Furze Platt (3rd Maidenhead) Scout Group (Charity no. 271398)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2024	To	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		Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2024	To	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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Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	4/1/2024	To	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
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
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