

Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31st December 2024

I am delighted to present our audited 2024 accounts and I thank our auditor for his voluntary work with this. Prior to commenting on the finances, I would personally like to thank our previous District Commissioner, Mike McHugh for his help and wise counsel both personally and to 3rd Portchester Scouts. His character and actions have been the epitome of Scouting and his will be very big shoes to fill. I hope he will return to fill more district and possibly county roles in the future as he has so much to offer.

The Group remains in great shape financially largely due to our continued focus on carefully managing the receipt of both monthly subscription payments and joining fees – we have a 100% receipt rate for membership fees compared to less than 70% only a couple of years ago. This is thanks to our parents paying promptly but I would also like to thank our Membership Secretary for all her hard work in overseeing our receipts. Only she and I know how much work is involved with this.

As per last year, we have had to deal with further inflationary pressures with almost all costs escalating including, regrettably the money demanded of us to various parts of The Scout Association. Our District has been supportive, and I thank our representative on the District Trustee Board, our Secretary, Carolyn Colwell, for ensuring their costs are kept to a minimum. However, both The Scout Association and Hampshire County Scout Council have felt the need to continue to increase their membership fees taking more and more money away from front line scouting.

Despite these increasing costs, we are delighted to have successfully retained our subscription costs at £14 per month. This has achieved a breakeven performance albeit we have used £1380 from our reserves as another energy saving upgrade this time to our lighting.

Despite this expenditure we retain sufficient reserves (100% of our normalised annual overheads) to cover potential economic shocks and allow us to continue to upgrade equipment.

Having spoken with Treasurers from other groups, I realise just how much money many make by renting out their HQs when not being used by Scouts. Unfortunately, under the terms of our lease with the Trustees of Portchester Parish Hall this is forbidden and I can not see this changing when the lease is renewed.

The financial shape of the group does depend on continuing to attract new members and retain our membership at its current levels. It is by keeping the group at its current size that we can continue to enjoy economies of scale allowing us to continue to keep membership fees as low as they are.

As a parent myself, I would like to thank all the volunteers without whose continued support all those activities and camps the children enjoy would not be possible. It continues to delight me that volunteers give so freely of their own time and annual leave to look after other people's children.

David Noyce, Group Treasurer, 3rd Portchester Scouts

Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2024

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

3rd Portchester Scout Group

No (if any)

271605

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st Jan 24		31st Dec 24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	25,350		-	25,350	28,015
Payments received for Camps	11,636		-	11,636	13,493
Payments received for Activities	1,545		-	1,545	4,181
Gift Aid	5,929		-	5,929	6,305
Donations/Grants/Fundraising	4,571		-	4,571	2,060
Sale of equipment/Uniform			-	-	1,075
Interest	310		-	310	274
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,341	-	-	49,341	55,403
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,341	-	-	49,341	55,403

A3 Payments

Camping Expenses	12,076		-	12,076	13,498
Activity Expenses	7,438		-	7,438	10,020
Capitation	10,089		-	10,089	9,641
Insurance	2,788		-	2,788	2,598
HQ Maintenance, Capex and Repair	3,824		-	3,824	24,223
Boat and Camping Maintenance and Capex	5,556		-	5,556	2,733
Rent and Subscriptions	323		-	323	1,010
Utilities	4,418		-	4,418	6,787
Badges	1,739		-	1,739	2,594
Sub total	48,251	-	-	48,251	73,104

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	48,251	-	-	48,251	73,104
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,090	-	-	1,090	- 17,701
A5 Transfers between funds	#	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,542	-	-	41,542	59,144
Cash funds this year end	42,632	-	-	42,632	41,443

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank	42,632		-
		-		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	42,632	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

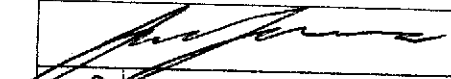
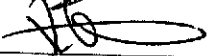
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Boats and Marine Equipment	Unrestricted	-	150,000
	Camping Equipment	Unrestricted	-	100,000
	Solar Panels	Unrestricted	-	16,000
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LEE MASON	10/5/25
	RICHARD CURTIS	10/5/25

England & Wales

Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Porchester Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 3rd Porchester Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Porchester Scout Group 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 3rd Porchester Scout Group 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 3rd Porchester Scout Group 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: Neil Holloway

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

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Date: 3rd March 2025