

For the year ending 31st March 2024

Type of Advisor	Name	Address
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Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document

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 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 5 Trustees, who meet monthly during term times.

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

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- **Damage to the building, property, and equipment.** The Group would request the use of buildings, property, and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members.** The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.
- **Reduced income from fund raising.** The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
- **Reduction or loss of leaders.** The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.
- **Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation, or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

Section C Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting as Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy, and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs, and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scouting Method takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting;

- 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.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

The trustee Board has fully supported the group in running a full schedule of activities across all the sections (Beavers/Cubs & Scouts) including a joint summer camp.

It has been noted by the Board that the number of leaders across the group has declined which has resulted in an increased load onto the remaining leaders who in some cases they have had to cover more than one section to allow the activities to take place. The Board would like to recognise the commitment and flexibility of the section leaders over the year and acknowledge that without their time and effort this group would not be able to run the full programme of activities throughout the past year.

In addition, support has been given with group fundraising activities including the annual firework display, Ickenham Festival BBQ's and working parties to help maintain the building and grounds. Our thanks goes to the parents and supporters who have helped with these activities.

Section E Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Statement of Accounts has been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis that is consistent with the previous year.

Over the past year income has exceeded expenditure. Group funds stand at a healthy £95,968 at 31 March 2024, an increase of £5,568 on the previous year. This is largely due to the fireworks show along with matching charitable contributions.

This income more than covered expenditure for the year including Membership fees of £3,956 Insurance £2,521 Lighting and heating £2,755 and building works of £1,790.

Activities for the young people were held during the year and were funded by the group. This totalled £700. No Trustees received remuneration in respect of service given through the year (2023: Nil). Trustees are entitled to reimbursement of expenses in the performance of their duties total expenses reimbursed to trustees was £4,118 (2023: £3,626) fees incurred by trustees on behalf of the Charity.

The Group held a high reserve at year end which is above the level required for operating expenses. However, it should be noted that this reserve is large to cover high-cost maintenance and improvements planned for buildings and the surrounding grounds and some higher value equipment replacements that may be required due to the age of the group's current assets.

The Group Accounts exclude accounts administered by the Sections under rule 3.49 of the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules. The balances of these accounts as at 31st March 2024 were:

Beaver Colony	£193.17
Cub Pack	£1,487.06
Scout Troop	£1,565.16

Investment Policy

The group has taken a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds, All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	This Year General Fund	Previous Year General Fund
Total Receipts for the Year	27,688.26	26,094.32
Total Payments for the Year	<u>22,120.00</u>	<u>15,617.71</u>
	<u>5,568.26</u>	<u>10,476.61</u>
Cash, Bank balances brought forward	90,399.81	79,923.20
Cash, Bank balances carried forward	<u>95,968.07</u>	<u>90,399.81</u>

RECEIPTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	This Year	Previous Year
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Collected	3,177.00	3,234.50
ACTIVITIES		
Hire Of Premises	9,112.00	7,254.50
Firework Display	7,054.40	7,482.00
Social Events	0.00	269.00
Ickenham Festival	0.00	0.00
Jumble Sales	0.00	0.00
	<u>16,166.40</u>	<u>15,005.50</u>
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Grants	0.00	0.00
Donations	6,889.00	7,407.53
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	1,455.86	446.79
	<u>8,344.86</u>	<u>7,854.32</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>27,688.26</u>	<u>26,094.32</u>

PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	This Year	Previous Year
PREMISES		
Rent	150.00	150.00
Water Rates	197.78	190.70
Light & Heat	2,754.86	1,425.16
Insurances	2,521.36	2,143.60
Repairs & Renewals	555.85	158.70
Telephone	0.00	0.00
Cleaning	1,224.00	960.00
Building Works	1,790.00	652.57
	<u>9,193.85</u>	<u>5,680.73</u>
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Paid	3,956.25	3,880.00
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Leader's Uniforms	0.00	225.00
Camping & Other Activities	0.00	0.00
Transport	120.00	700.00
Training (See Note)	0.00	0.00
Jumble Sales	0.00	0.00
Fireworks	4,354.40	2,813.19
Social Events	2,288.66	1,282.83
Ickenham Festival	0.00	0.00
	<u>6,763.06</u>	<u>5,021.02</u>
ADMINISTRATION/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Annual General Meeting	20.48	0.00
Health & Safety	0.00	21.80
Stationery & Newsletters	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	82.03	72.00
Other Expenses	904.38	942.16
	<u>1,006.89</u>	<u>1,035.96</u>
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT		
Tentage	1,199.95	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
	<u>1,199.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>22,120.00</u>	<u>15,617.71</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

ASSETS

MONETARY ASSETS

Bank Current Account	13,925.52	29,761.30
Bank Deposit Account	81,972.29	60,571.25
Cash in Hand	67.26	67.26
	<u>95,965.07</u>	<u>90,399.81</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Premises	358,522.00	330,740.00
Equipment, Furniture etc	54,978.00	49,889.00
	<u>413,500.00</u>	<u>380,629.00</u>

Notes:

No Trustees received remuneration in respect of service given through the year (2023:Nil). Trustees are entitled to reimbursement of expenses in the performance of their duties total expenses reimbursed to trustees was £4,118 (2023: £3,626) fees incurred by trustees on behalf of the Charity.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of 1st Ickenham Scout Group (Charity number 274112)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Ickenham Scout Group.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Ickenham Scout Group** for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **1st Ickenham 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 **1st Ickenham 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 **1st Ickenham 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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Charities Act 2011. My independent examinations work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examinations report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body for this report, or for the findings.

Signed:



Date: 19/05/2024

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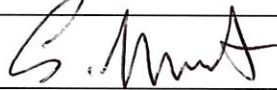
Section F Other Optional Information

As well as ongoing maintenance to the hall and grounds the Board is looking to improve the structural stability of the land alongside the hall by building a retaining wall and reviewing an upgrade to the kitchen facilities.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees :

Signature	
Full name	STEPHEN WILLIAM HULST
Position	CHAIR
Date	30/06/2024