

# **Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Stokenchurch Scout Group**

### **SCOUT GROUP MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP:**

Chairman, Executive Committee: Roger Hagon      Treasurer: vacant      Secretary: Sam Pullen

Group Scout Leader: Jim Casper

Scout Leaders: Sarah Herd, Mike Russell      Cub Leader: Natalie Dell      Beaver Leaders: Kim Tucker

Executive Committee Members: Andrew Palmer, Peter Dell, plus Section Leaders

Bankers:      Lloyds TSB, High Wycombe Branch

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 24534

Charity Registration Number:      277154

Contact Name/Address: Mr J Casper (GSL), 24 Parris Rd, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3QF

## **MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR**

2022/23 financial year saw the final lifting of all Covid restrictions, enabling us to offer the full range of scouting activities – always with safety at the forefront of our minds (including Risk Assessment for all activities, especially away from our usual meeting place).

Our Census number in January 2023 stood at 80 youth members, well up from the figure of 71 in January 2022, and comparing well to Scouting nationally, which has seen a steady increase since covid.

Our year has again been jam-packed. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all enjoyed an exciting programme of activities, none of which would have been possible without the efforts of our volunteer leaders, who enable us to offer scouting of high quality in Stokenchurch. Kim Tucker continues running of an excellent Beaver Colony, Natalie Dell coordinates a very effective team running Cub Scouts, and Mike Russell provides a very full and active programme for the Scouts.

The scouts held their troop summer camp in Ireland, taking advantage of a full range of activities available close to their campsite at Larch Hill, just outside Dublin. There were also local weekend camps/day activities and a night spent on HMS Belfast. Summer 2023 will see the scouts attending an international jamboree in Sweden, with a short stopover in Copenhagen on the way home. Cubs held a camp at Paccar, and Beavers had sleepovers at our HQ.

We must express our thanks to the Trustees of Stokenchurch Scout & Guide HQ, for providing such an excellent building for our activities. Jim Casper and Roger Hagon continue as an elected Trustees, representing the Scout Group in the management of the building and associated charity.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of our Treasurer, Guy Prince, in November 2023. Our thoughts continue to be with his family. Thanks to Jim Casper, who is managing the accounts in the interim until a new Treasurer is appointed.

Finances have withstood the impact of the pandemic well. At the end of the year total unrestricted funds held by the Group amounted to £25,641, up slightly from £21,304 prior year. In addition, £13,212 is held in designated funds allocated towards international trips, transport costs and Hardship, and a further £1,533 in Restricted Funds for Young Carers camp. Overall reserves, equal to 1 year of regular expenditure, are in line with the Reserve Policy agreed by the Executive Committee, .

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups.

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

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

Approved by the Executive Committee as trustees on 14 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by J Casper.





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### 01 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2023

#### Receipts

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Subscription income</b>					
Membership subscriptions	8,298	-		8,298	7,355
Less Merchant fees	( 514)			- 514	( 599)
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	( 4,793)	-		- 4,793	( 3,936)
<b>Sub total</b>	2,990	-		2,990	2,820
<b>Investment income</b>					
Bank interest	237	-		237	54
<b>Sub total</b>	237	-	-	237	54
<b>Donations, legacies and Gift Aid</b>					
Donations	509		850	1,359	40
Gift Aid subscriptions	1,508			1,508	892
Hardship fund income (GASDS)		1,070		1,070	
<b>Sub total</b>	2,017	1,070	850	3,938	933
<b>Other income</b>					
T-Shirts Income	40	-		40	35
<b>Sub total</b>	40	-	-	40	35
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>					
Fundraising Income - Scout Opera	-	7,444		7,444	5,777
Fundraising Expenses - Opera Explorers	-	( 1,303)		- 1,303	( 916)
Fundraising Income - Scouts - Various	222	896		1,118	-
<b>Sub total</b>	222	7,036		7,258	4,861
<b>Activites income</b>					

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Scout Carers Camp Income	540	-	540	530
Scout Summer Camp Income		-	-	8,476
Scout Water Activity Income	2,102	-	2,102	523
Scout Weekend Camp Income	2,055	-	2,055	1,340
Scout Outing Income	1,825	-	1,825	718
International Camp (Dublin) Income	7,154	-	7,154	5,700
Cub Camp Income	903	-	903	750
Beaver Camp Income	1,078	-	1,078	362
Sweden Camp 2023 Income		2,288	2,288	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,657</b>	<b>2,288</b>	<b>17,945</b>	<b>18,398</b>
<b>Total Income for the year</b>	<b>21,164</b>	<b>10,394</b>	<b>32,407</b>	<b>27,101</b>



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#### Payments

	2022/23			2021/22	
	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Premises &amp; Insurance</b>					
Premises Rent & Utilities	2,853			2,853	1,160
Insurance	272			272	235
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>3,125</b>	<b>1,395</b>
<b>Activities</b>					
General Equipment	327			327	196
Scout Carers Camp Expenses	540		726	1,266	991
Scout Summer Camp (2021) Expense					8,657
Sweden Camp 2023 Expense		1,014		1,014	
Scout Water Activity Expense	1,554			1,554	1,078
Scout Weekend Camp Expense	1,911	68		1,979	1,357
Scout Outing Expenses	2,665			2,665	814
International Trip (Dublin 2022) Expense	11,721	490		12,211	2,102
Cub Camp Expenses	1,621	32		1,653	805
Beaver Camp Expenses	971			971	551
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>21,310</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>23,640</b>	<b>16,551</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>					
Fundraising Expenses - Opera		36		36	65
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Group costs</b>					

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Scout Weekly Activities Expenses	905			905	400
Cub Weekly Activities Expenses	314	70		384	305
Beaver Weekly Activities Expenses	410	35		445	326
Group Transport Costs		234		234	350
Badges	1,058			1,058	1,166
Uniforms				-	147
Camp Equipment	946			946	566
Administrative Costs	30			30	111
Miscellaneous Expenses	30			30	30
<b>Sub total</b>	3,691	339	-	4,030	3,401
<b>Sundry costs</b>					
Hardship Fund				-	700
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	700
<b>Total Payments for year</b>	28,126	1,979	726	30,831	22,112
<b>Net income (payments)</b>	( 6,962)	8,415	124	1,577	4,989
Transfers between funds	11,299	( 11,299)		-	-
Cash funds from previous year	21,304	16,096	1,409	38,809	33,820
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	25,641	13,212	1,533	40,386	38,809



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#### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2022/23				2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank Current Accounts	3,143			3,143	1,524
Bank Deposit Accounts	4,022	13,212	1,533	18,767	18,311
Building Society Accounts	17,253			17,253	17,052
Balance on prepaid debit cards	1,222			1,222	1,922
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>25,640</b>	<b>13,212</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>40,386</b>	<b>38,809</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>25,640</b>	<b>13,212</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>40,386</b>	<b>38,809</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14th March 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Chair  
Treasurer  
(Acting)

Signature

#### Notes

2022-23

#### Designated and Restricted Funds

##### Designated funds represented by:

Transport funds	2,245.00
Hardship	375.22
Opera 2022 (for Sweden)	6,140.07
Sweden Income (parent + fundraise)	3,183.50
Sweden expenses	(1,049.75)
Troop Funds	2,318.11
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>13,212.15</b>

##### Restricted fund represented by

Young Carers	1,533.15
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>1,533.15</b>

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Stokenchurch Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Stokenchurch Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Stokenchurch 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 1<sup>st</sup> Stokenchurch 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 1<sup>st</sup> Stokenchurch 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:

SAMANTHA SULLIVAN

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

CHARTERED INST OF MGMT ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

30 LITTLEWOOD, STOKENCHURCH, BUCKS

Date:

4/3/2024