

Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

1st Stokenchurch Scout Group

SCOUT GROUP MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP:

Chairman, Trustee Board: Roger Hagon Treasurer: Lee Mathers Secretary: vacant

Group Lead Volunteer: Jim Casper

Scout Leaders: Mike Russell Acting Cub Leader: Jim Casper Beaver Leaders: Kim Tucker

Other Trustee Board Members: Andrew Palmer, Peter Dell, Sam Pullen, Mike Russell, Sarah Herd, Kim Tucker

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

2023/24 financial year was our first full year of activities after the ending of 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 2024 stood at 75 youth members, slightly down from the figure of 80 in January 2023, reflecting planned reductions in the section size for both Cubs and Beavers.

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, Jim Casper has stepped in to coordinate the team running Cub Scouts, and Mike Russell provides a very full and active programme for the Scouts.

The Scouts held their troop summer camp at an International Jamboree in Sweden, with a short stay in Copenhagen at the end. As the only UK group present, they were much in demand with those wanting to practice their English language skills. There were also local weekend camps/day activities and a night spent in a nuclear bunker. Summer 2024 will see the scouts visiting South Wales for their Summer Camp. Cubs held a camp at Paccar, and Beavers had sleepovers at our HQ.

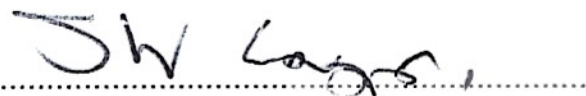
We must express our thanks to the Trustees of Stokenchurch Scout & Guide HQ, for providing such an excellent building for our activities. Jim Casper and Roger Hagon continue as an elected Trustees, representing the Scout Group in the management of the building and associated charity.

Lee Mathers has stepped forward to take on the role of Treasurer, and this will be formally ratified at our forthcoming AGM. Thanks to Jim Casper, who managed the accounts in the interim and prepared this set of accounts. Thanks also to Sam Sullivan for independent examination of the accounts.

Finances are in a very good state. At the end of the year total unrestricted funds held by the Group amounted to £22,892, down slightly from £25,641 prior year (as planned). In addition, £15,953 is held in designated funds allocated towards international trips, transport costs and Hardship, and a further £3,179 in Restricted Funds for Young Carers camp and the pond refurbishment project. Overall reserves, equal to approx. 1 year of regular expenditure, are in line with the Reserve Policy agreed by the Trustee Board.

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 Trustee Board on 15 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by J Casper.



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01 Apr 2023 to 31 Mar 2024

Receipts

	2023/24			2022/23	
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Subscription income					
Membership subscriptions	9044	0		9044	8298
Less Merchant fees	-913			-913	-514
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	-4682	0		-4682	-4793
Sub total	3449	0		3449	2990
Investment income					
Bank interest	675	0		675	237
Sub total	675	0	0	675	237
Donations, legacies and Gift Aid					
Donations	608		300	908	1359
Gift Aid subscriptions	1828			1828	1508
Hardship fund income (GASDS)		3703		3703	1070
Sub total	2437	3703	300	6439	3938
Other income					
T-Shirts Income	303	0		303	40
Sub total	303	0	0	303	40
Fundraising (gross)					
Fundraising Income - Scout Opera	0	8371		8371	7444
Fundraising Expenses - Opera Explorers	0	-1228		-1228	-1303
Fundraising Income - Scouts - Various	284			284	1118
Sub total	284	7143		7426	7258
Activites income					
Scout Carers Camp Income	660		1660	2320	540
Scout Summer Camp 2024 Income	0	4862		4862	
Scout Water Activity Income	2575	0		2575	2102
Scout Weekend Camp Income	2597	0		2597	2055
Scout Outing Income	1184	0		1184	1825
International Camp (Dublin) Income		0		0	7154
Cub Camp Income	1718	0		1718	903
Beaver Camp Income	1825	0		1825	1078
Sweden Camp 2023 Income	8970			8970	2288
Sub total	19529	4862	1660	26051	17945
Total Income for the year	26676	15707	1960	44343	32407

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Payments

	2023/24			2022/23
	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Premises & Insurance				
Premises Rent & Utilities	1434			1434
Insurance	302			302
Sub total	1736	0		1736
Activities				
General Equipment				0
Scout Carers Camp Expenses	660		314	974
Scout Summer Camp 2024 Expenses	0	3539		3539
Sweden Camp 2023 Expense	23249			23249
Scout Water Activity Expense	3115			3115
Scout Weekend Camp Expense	2002			2002
Scout Outing Expenses	1382			1382
Summer Camp 2022 Expenses				0
Cub Camp Expenses	1425			1425
Beaver Camp Expenses	1455			1455
Sub total	33288	3539	314	37142
FUNDRAISING				
Fundraising Expenses - Opera	7			7
Sub total	7	0		7
Group costs				
Scout Weekly Activities Expenses	765			765
Cub Weekly Activities Expenses	426			426
Beaver Weekly Activities Expenses	203			203
Group Transport Costs		234		234
Badges	1001			1001
T-Shirts Expenses	735			735
Uniforms	169			169
Camp Equipment	123			123
Administrative Costs	131			131
Miscellaneous Expenses	30			30
Sub total	3585	234	0	3819

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Sundry costs

Hardship Fund

Sub total

Total Payments for year

Net income (payments)

Transfers between funds

Cash funds from previous year

Cash funds this year end

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023/24			2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank Current Accounts	158			158
Bank Deposit Accounts	2827	15953	3179	21960
Building Society Accounts	17750			17750
Balance on prepaid debit cards	2157			2157
Total cash funds	22892	15953	3179	42025
Total net assets	22892	15953	3179	42025

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

Notes

Signatures

Treasurer

Designated and Restricted Funds

Designated funds represented by:

Transport funds	2,011.00
Hardship	3,477.72
Opera 2023 (for International camp)	7,142.58
Scout Summer Camp 2024 Income	4,861.95
Scout Summer Camp 2024 Expenditure	(3,539.28)
Troop Funds	1,999.39
Total Designated Funds	15,953.36

Restricted fund represented by

Young Carers	2,879.16
Pond project	300.00

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 1st Stokenchurch Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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): CIMA

Address:

30 WITTEWOOD, STOKENCHURCH, BUCKS

Date:

9/10/2024