



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st March 2024

Group headquarters address: Mill Lane, Great Dunmow, Essex. CM6 1BG

Group Registration number with the Scout Association: 3102

Charity Registration number: 287412

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TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEES

Appointment

Name

Group Trustees

Chairperson

Liz Overs

Treasurer

Sara Harrison

Secretary

Laura West

GSL

Jackie Martin

Rodney Martin

Management Committee

Beaver Leader (Farthingwood)

Tom Prowse

Beaver Leader (Fern Hollow)

Harriett Overs

Cub Leader (Panthers)

Mike East

Cub Leader (Tigers)

Veronica Geldard

Scout Leader

Graeme Read

BANKERS:

TSB

CONTACT NAME AND ADDRESS:

Mrs Jackie Martin - Group Scout Leader

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Group had the following membership at 31st March 2024

BEAVERS	2 colonies	31 members
CUBS	- 2 Packs	57 members
SCOUTS	- 1 Troop	21 members
LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS		33 adults
ADMINISTRATION		3 adults
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP		145

The group governing documents are those of the Scout Association:

They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the by laws of the Association and the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Scouting Trustees and Management Committees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association

The Group land and buildings and other major assets are held by Custodian Trustees, for the use of Scouting in Dunmow in accordance with a Trust Document of 1937 .

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Association:

The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Association Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Financial Reserves Policy:

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the activities of the Group should income and fund raising fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs in reserve. The Group from time to time build extra reserves to meet planning long term expenditure. A special fund known as the 'Dick Sadler Fund' is held within our reserves for the assistance of scouts of families in need, to ensure that financial restraints do not prevent these young people from benefiting from Scouting.

Investment Policy:

The current reserves stand at £42,732 plus the 'Dick Sadler' Fund holding of £5,042. The Group adopts a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only main-stream bank and building society accounts.

Accounts

The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis which is consistent with previous years under the unrestricted funds basis as required by the Charity Commission and the Scout Association. They show total Receipts of £44,677 with Payments of £40,576. The receipts is net of £7,576 which was paid to Headquarters, County and District for Annual Capitation in respect of 2023/24

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT 2023-2024

Our Group has had a very busy 2023, we welcomed 5 new leaders to our various section teams and a new Group Chair, our youth membership numbers seem to fluctuate between 150 – 160 and our adult team remains around 30-34. We constantly need to encourage more adult help to enable us to be able to offer our young people exciting programmes.

All sections managed to do sleepovers, weekend camps and summer camp which is great. Our Coronation tea party was a great success with over 200 people joining us.

After a number of years of not being able to run any grounds maintenance days, we held our first one since pre Covid in November, the weather on the day could have been better but those parents who came along and helped did a fantastic job on the fences and overgrown/and fallen down trees. To keep our running costs at a reasonable level we need to be running a buildings and ground maintenance day twice a year. We have a new groundsman keeping the grass in order for us so that we can get the maximum use out of our spectacular grounds.

On the down side of this we had a number of incidents of vandalism during the early part of the summer, and but for the vigilance and quick action of our leaders and the fire people it could have been a lot worse. Thankfully and hopefully, this is now behind us.

All of our sections had lots of visitors over the year and did lots of outside trips. Why am I not surprised that one of the most popular winter activities seems to be the chip survey in the High Street. Bike rides and Hikes along the flitch way into the Forest looked great fun, with pond dipping and den building in Hatfield Forest, backwoods cooking in the grounds, camping and science experiments, Christmas cake making, and shoeboxes for Ukraine and fund raising for Water Aid, plus much more. We have also attended the Remembrance Day Parade, Town Mayors Civic Service and helped at the Outdoor Carol service at St. Mary's. By giving our young people exciting and varied programmes, they will keep coming back.

I would like to thank our two cub leaders who have been very successfully running a twice monthly Saturday morning Archery Club. Well, done.

Without the dedication of our Volunteer Leadership and Management teams these activities would not happen for your children. My grateful thanks to each and every one of our leaders and Exec for the time that they give to make Scouting happen for your young people.

To finish my report. **2024** is the Centenary year of Dunmow Scout Group, and we will be running various activities to celebrate this, so please keep an eye open for information and give your section leaders as much help as you can to make it happen.

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Dunmow Group Scout Leader



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Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2024

	This Year	Previous Year (2023)
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	34,807	27,930
less: Paid to District, County and H.Q. Capitation	(7,576)	(7,903)
	<u>27,231</u>	<u>20,027</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	-	-
DONATIONS/GRANTS	3,647	2,905
ACTIVITIES		
Weekly Meetings		140
Camps and special activities	7,529	8,734
FUND RAISING (net of costs)		
By parents	89	2,272
By members	-	-
OTHER INCOME		
Income Tax recovered on subscriptions (Gift Aid)	5,940	5,148
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Uniforms and badges	241	
Other	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>44,677</u>	<u>39,226</u>

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Payments for the year ended 31st March 2024

	This Year	Previous Year (2023)
	£	£
PREMISES		
Major Repairs	4,434	-
General upkeep and running costs of Buildings	3,692	5,566
Grounds Maintenance	2,859	11,306
Vehicle running costs	1,013	1,871
Insurance	3,133	3,190
	<u>15,731</u>	<u>21,933</u>
DONATIONS	138	3,050
ACTIVITIES		
Camps and special activities	7,547	13,676
Weekly meetings	<u>7,547</u>	<u>3,046</u>
		<u>16,722</u>
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Printing, stationery and central admin	709	391
Leader training	1,748	1,542
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	3,372	2,790
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORMS	2,583	3,581
SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Miscellaneous	930	926
Solicitors Fees	7,818	
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>40,576</u></u>	<u><u>50,935</u></u>

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2024

	This Year	Previous Year (2023)
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (page 5)	44,677	39,226
Total payments for the year (page 6)	40,576	50,935
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	4,101	(11,709)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	76,137	87,846
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	80,238	76,137

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Working Capital - Sections	7,355	4,231
Working Capital - Group	5,109	2,498
Reserves Short Term (2023/24 Projects)	20,000	30,000
Reserves Long Term (Replacement Roof fund)	42,732	34,325
	75,196	71,054
Dick Sadler Fund (to assist disadvantaged members)	5,042	5,084
	80,238	76,138
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OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claim for Year (Estimated 2023/24)	6,500	5,000
NON-MONETARY ASSETS - Revalued in 2020		
Buildings	642,000	642,000
Motor vehicles & trailers	15,000	20,000
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	105,000	100,040
	762,000	762,040
LIABILITIES as at 31st March 2024	Nil	Nil

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on: 10th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by: -

Liz Overs - Chair



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presents with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
3. Which gives my reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.

Signed:

Name: R Graty
Qualification: Finance Director (Retired)
Date: 10th June 2024

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