

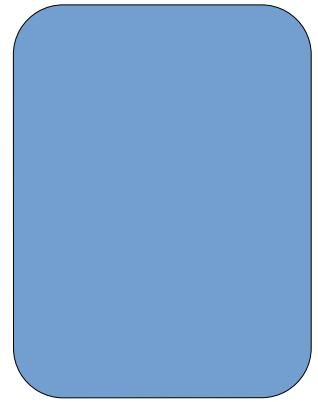


Annual Report 2022/23

**Do more.
Share more.
Be more.**

1stcopthorne.scoutsites.org.uk #SkillsForLife

Message from our Group Scout Leader



This year has been another fun packed year of scouting and we have managed to do several things we have not done since Covid; we entered a float in Copthorne Carnival, in February we held our senior citizen party and preparations for the Copthorne Scouts and Gang show have begun.

All the sections have provided nights away opportunities for the young people and many of the young people have achieved their chief scout awards.

Thank you to all the leaders for their hard work and commitment in providing the young people of Copthorne with a varied and interesting programme of activities.

We have invested in the group with new tents for the scouts and a trailer so it will make it easier and cheaper to transport equipment and kit to camp. We were lucky to get a grant which we used to improve the back of the scout centre.

Thank you to the Group Executive for their behind-the-scene work in maintaining the scout centre and for all their fundraising events without these the subs would be much higher.

Thank you also to the SASU for supporting the sections and Group Executive, this is a valuable team of people who help out where they can.

Thank you to the parents and young people for their continuing support.

If you ever find yourself with time or would just like to join the fun, no matter how much or little time you have to spare we would be grateful for any extra help.

Owen Cheesmur
Group Scout Leader
Contact: owen.cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk

A very busy year for all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers

We have camped and slept over at -

Thriftwood
Kent International Jamboree
Bushy Wood
Stanfords
Science Museum

And were visited by -

Birds of Prey
Reptiles

We visited -

Hollywood Bowl
Bluebell Railway
Laser World
Dover Castle
Crawley Fire Station
Let's Explore
Cophorne Church
Gables

We Enjoyed -

Puppet making
Camp fire cooking
Fun Sports day
Space evening
Quiz night
ice skating
Trampoline park
Easter egg hunt
Sailing

We Tried -

Science Experiments
Abseiling
Climbing
Foot golf

We Took Part In -

St. Georges Day Camp Fire
Remembrance day commemorations
Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Santa Christmas Float
Autumn Favre

We Organised -

Jumble Sales
Carnival floats and Stalls
Family Bonfire and
Fireworks

We Achieved -

Medal of Merit
25-year Service Award



Copthorne Scout Active Support Unit

Our Scout Active Support members have been busy throughout the year giving much needed support to the Scout Leaders and Scout Group Executive and most of you will have seen the Black shirts with gold logos at Copthorne's Scouting Events.



You have a tremendous team of volunteer leaders, in all the sections, of the Copthorne Group who give much more than anyone should expect to make your young people have the best Scouting experience. What they achieve can only be measured by the smiling faces of the children today and the memories and experiences your children will take with them into the future.

By giving support at activities and events during the year we enable the leaders to spend more time concentrating on the vital role for which they are trained which is, to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society. What a mammoth challenge this is for our leaders and one which requires them to give individual attention to each child.

The Copthorne Scout Active Support have this year supported the Group's fund raising that makes this possible at Jumble Sales, Bonfire Night, The Carnival and the Jubilee. We have given direct help to the section's activities in the Sports Day, The Pantomime trip, and assistance at Cub Camp.

Members have also given back up to section meetings and the provision of second-hand uniforms to those that need them.

We are, however, a small team limited by time and skills so we cannot achieve all we would like. No member of the Scout Active Support is expected to do everything. They help when they can and when they want to, but through the team communication they are able to know what help is required and when it is needed.

We need to increase our pool of members so that we can be more effective, for the benefit of your children, but unfortunately no one has come forward to join us in the last twelve months despite our efforts to advertise the important background role we can play.

As parents we must remember that all leaders are unpaid volunteers who give untiringly of their time to be trained so that they can provide the best Scouting experience. By registering with the Copthorne Scout Active Support you can, within your own limitations, support their tasks and show your appreciation of all that they achieve. To register with Copthorne Active Support please contact either:

Gwyn Cheesmur - Active Support Manager

gwyn.cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk

Stephen Hammond - Active Support Co-ordinator

Stephen.hammond@egscouts.org.uk

Group Executive - Chairman's Report

The executive committee's role is to ensure that scouting is carried out in a safe environment and with suitable equipment, to be able to offer the children a balanced and varied programme. Annually I report back to the group scout council what we have achieved. The group scout council consist of the parents of youth members, adult leaders and supporters. The Executive committee has taken the lead in the fundraising events and other activities throughout the year.

The last 12 months have been a productive and busy period. We have organised the usual fundraising events and with the help of the leaders, the Scout Active Support Unit, parents, other supporters and youth members, these events have provided the funds to be able to maintain the scout centre, and purchase equipment. Again last year we supported the sections going to camp by providing transport and camp fees for the leaders.

We have started to replace some of the older tents and camping equipment and plan to fund the replacement of further items as and when required. We have purchased a larger trailer that has already been used at jumble sales and used to transport props for the gang show. The cost will be recovered over the coming years as we will not need to hire vans for camps.

We were lucky to receive a section 106 grant from Mid Sussex district council, this has been used to Landscape and develop the area behind the garage and stores. This area can now be used for activities and storage and gives better access to the caving shed.

Hall hire is starting to pick up and we now have a few regular hirers. we are hosting some of the groups from Acorn gym that was sadly destroyed by fire last year.

I would like to thank the all the executive members for all their support and hard work over the last year. Without their support and governance, the subscriptions for the youth members would have to increase significantly.

In the last few years I have asked parents and guardians of our youth members if they would consider volunteering to help run the group. Next year we will be changing how the group is managed with the exec becoming a board of trustees and a support group created to organise and run the fundraising activities and to help the volunteer leader team with support at section events. We need your help, Volunteer for as much as you can do Once a month, once a week, a few hours at the jumble collection or the jumble sale, join the leader team or the management team.

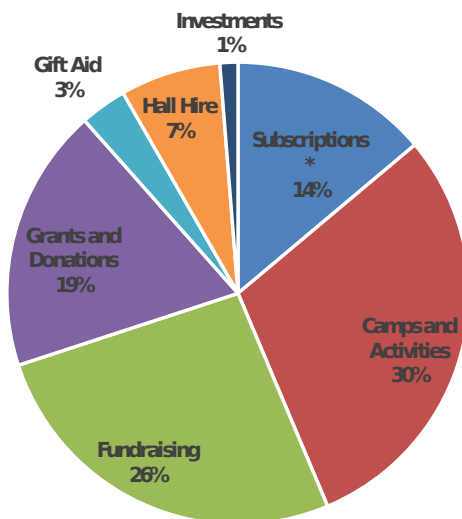
Mark Hammond
Group Chair

Group Executive - Treasurer's Report

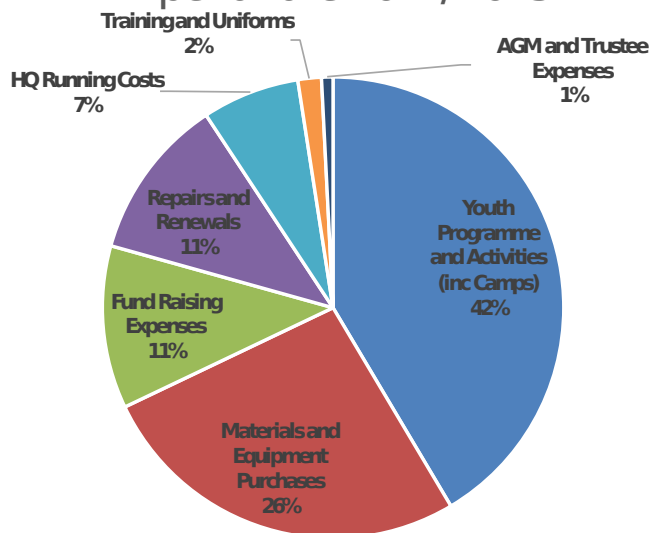
1st Copthorne Scouts Group Accounts to year ending 31st March 2023

Income to 31st March 2023		Expenditure to 31st March 2023	
Subscriptions *	£9,511	Youth Programme and Activities (inc Camps)	£31,408
Camps and Activities	£20,394	Materials and Equipment Purchases	£20,037
Fundraising	£18,023	Fund Raising Expenses	£8,640
Grants and Donations	£12,664	Repairs and Renewals	£8,631
Gift Aid	£2,238	HQ Running Costs	£5,169
Hall Hire	£4,818	Training and Uniforms	£1,243
Investments	£859	AGM and Trustee Expenses	£611
TOTAL	£68,505		£75,740
* Subscriptions less Capitation @ £4,914			
Expenditure exceeds Income	£7,235		

Income 2022/2023



Expenditure 2022/2023



Significant Expenditure/Purchases in 2022/2023

- Landscaping and fencing behind garage - £11,605
 - Of which £10,791 paid via a Section 106 Grant
- Tents - £3,364
- Trailer - £3,340
- Roof Repairs - £2,052
- Electrical Improvements - £1,392
- Hot Water Heater with Solar Panel - £665
- Feather Flags - £412
- **Total - £22,830**

1stCopthorne Scout Group

Our Group Scout Leader, Owen Cheesmur would like to
say

THANK YOU

to everyone who made this year so amazing

So Thanks go to

Our Beaver Leaders

Our Cub Leaders

Our Scout Leaders

Our Explorer

Leaders

Our Young Leaders

Our Active Support Members

Our Group Executive members

Who give so freely of their time, enthusiasm
and skills to provide so many different
experiences for our young members.

And to all the other volunteers and parents who helped
at Section meetings, on activities and events and
fundraising.

And to all our parents/carers for your support.

And finally to our wonderful

BEAVERS

cubs

SCOUTS

EXPLORERS

who make it all worthwhile!

**Young people
are amazing.
It's our role to
help them
realise this.**

Young people are the future.

They're the doers, the dreamers and give-it-a-goers.

As a volunteer you can put your skills to use
and learn new ones, while giving something
back to your local community.

And with full support and training, you can
volunteer in way that suits you.

If you would like to find out more please contact:

Owen Cheesmur, Group Scout Leader

Owen.Cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk

Gwyn Cheesmur, Active Support Manager

Gwyn.Cheesmur@egscouts.org.uk

Mark Hammond, Group Executive Chair

Mark.Hammond@egscouts.org.uk

Scouts

1st Cophorne



1stcophorne.scoutsites.org.uk

#SkillsForLife

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Copthorne Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Copthorne Scout Group (Charity number 291680 – "the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on the attached sheets and which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account for the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and the Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Group's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's 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 Group and the Group's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent 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 Group and a comparison of the accounts presented 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.



Douglas R Logan Bsc, FCA
1 Hillside
Crawley Down
West Sussex RH10 4XD

3 July 2023

1st Copthorne Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
-------------------	------------	----	------------

Receipts and payments

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	14,425	13,204
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(4,914)	(5,626)
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,511	7,578
Donations	1,165	2,019
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	2,238	4,757
Other similar income	20,394	20,543
Sub total	33,308	34,897
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	11,499	13,334
Sub total	11,499	13,334
Fundraising (gross)		
Jumble Sales	7,581	2,418
Bonfire	9,745	8,711
Carnival	697	684
Sub total	18,023	11,813
Investment income		
Bank interest	859	28
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term	-	55
Property Rent income	4,817	1,973
Other investment income		
Sub total	5,676	2,056
Total Gross Income	68,506	62,100
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	68,506	62,100

1st Copthorne Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	T o	31/03/2023
-------------------	------------	--------	------------

Receipts and payments

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	27,164	24,794
Adult support and training	670	758
Rent	1,069	1,069
Water and Sewerage	-	-
Electricity and Gas	979	550
Insurance	1,152	1,016
Repairs and Renewals	8,631	7,195
Materials and equipment	20,037	204
Printing and photocopying	422	388
Contribution to camp costs	4,244	2,606
Uniforms	573	306
AGM and trustee expenses	611	150
Online, PRS, Licences	560	608
Miscellaneous	987	1,366
Sub total	67,099	41,010
Fundraising expenses		
Jumble Sales	3,305	1,067
Bonfire	5,227	2,928
Carnival	108	191
Sub total	8,640	4,186
Total Gross Expenditure	75,740	45,196
Asset and investment purchases,		
Total payments	75,740	45,196
Net of receipts/(payments)	(7,234)	16,904
Cash funds last year end	107,573	90,669
Cash funds this year end	100,339	107,573

1st Copthorne Scout Group

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2023 Unrestricted funds £	31 March 2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	15,225	39,108
Bank deposit account	85,114	68,465
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term		
Cash/Floats		
Total cash funds	100,339	107,573
Contingent liabilities and future obligations		

In addition to the cash funds, the Group owns assets not recognised as assets above. The major items that are not recognised above include the following :-

- * The Group minibus (2006, 15 seat Ford Transit) and trailer for transport
- * A lease (until 2041) over the land in Humphrey's Field comprising the site of the scout and guide centres and access thereto. The rent payable from 1 April 2020 is £1,069 per year with an increase every 5 years related to the change in the retail price index since the previous increase. The Group has entered into a sublease with Copthorne Guides at 50% of the rent payable on the same terms as the head lease.
- * Camping and other equipment for use in scouting activities
- * Furniture and fittings for the Scout centre, including tables, chairs, kitchen equipment and computing / video equipment.

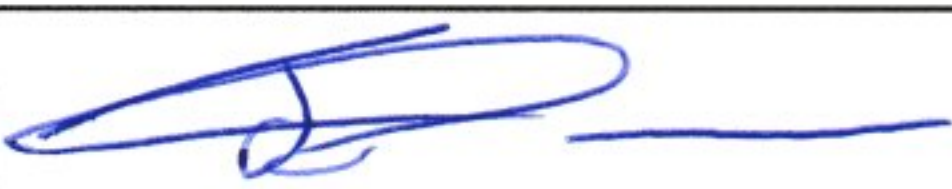
All assets are insured for loss and other risks under insurance contracts.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 3 July 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

M S Hammond



M S HAMMOND Chairman

J. DAWSON Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Cophorne Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Cophorne Scout Group (Charity number 291680 – "the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on the attached sheets and which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account for the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 and the Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'). My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Group's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's 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 Group and the Group's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent 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 Group and a comparison of the accounts presented 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.



Douglas R Logan Bsc, FCA
1 Hillside
Crawley Down
West Sussex RH10 4XD

3 July 2023

1st Copthorne Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
-------------------	------------	----	------------

Receipts and payments

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	14,425	13,204
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(4,914)	(5,626)
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,511	7,578
Donations	1,165	2,019
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	2,238	4,757
Other similar income	20,394	20,543
Sub total	33,308	34,897
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	11,499	13,334
Sub total	11,499	13,334
Fundraising (gross)		
Jumble Sales	7,581	2,418
Bonfire	9,745	8,711
Carnival	697	684
Sub total	18,023	11,813
Investment income		
Bank interest	859	28
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term	-	55
Property Rent income	4,817	1,973
Other investment income		
Sub total	5,676	2,056
Total Gross Income	68,506	62,100
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	68,506	62,100

1st Copthorne Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	T o	31/03/2023
----------------------	------------	--------	------------

Receipts and payments

	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £	2021/2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	27,164	24,794
Adult support and training	670	758
Rent	1,069	1,069
Water and Sewerage	-	-
Electricity and Gas	979	550
Insurance	1,152	1,016
Repairs and Renewals	8,631	7,195
Materials and equipment	20,037	204
Printing and photocopying	422	388
Contribution to camp costs	4,244	2,606
Uniforms	573	306
AGM and trustee expenses	611	150
Online, PRS, Licences	560	608
Miscellaneous	987	1,366
Sub total	67,099	41,010
Fundraising expenses		
Jumble Sales	3,305	1,067
Bonfire	5,227	2,928
Carnival	108	191
Sub total	8,640	4,186
Total Gross Expenditure	75,740	45,196
Asset and investment purchases,		
Total payments	75,740	45,196
Net of receipts/(payments)	(7,234)	16,904
Cash funds last year end	107,573	90,669
Cash funds this year end	100,339	107,573

1st Copthorne Scout Group

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2023 Unrestricted funds £	31 March 2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	15,225	39,108
Bank deposit account	85,114	68,465
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term		
Cash/Floats		
Total cash funds	100,339	107,573
Contingent liabilities and future obligations		

In addition to the cash funds, the Group owns assets not recognised as assets above. The major items that are not recognised above include the following :-

- * The Group minibus (2006, 15 seat Ford Transit) and trailer for transport
- * A lease (until 2041) over the land in Humphrey's Field comprising the site of the scout and guide centres and access thereto. The rent payable from 1 April 2020 is £1,069 per year with an increase every 5 years related to the change in the retail price index since the previous increase. The Group has entered into a sublease with Copthorne Guides at 50% of the rent payable on the same terms as the head lease.
- * Camping and other equipment for use in scouting activities
- * Furniture and fittings for the Scout centre, including tables, chairs, kitchen equipment and computing / video equipment.

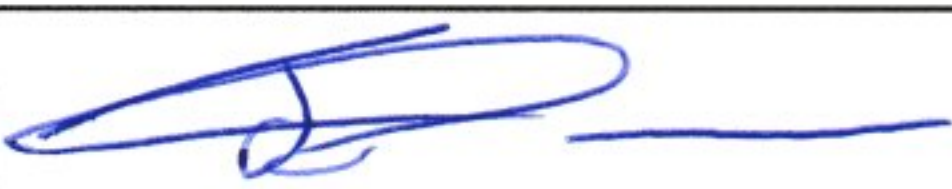
All assets are insured for loss and other risks under insurance contracts.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 3 July 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

M S Hammond



M S HAMMOND Chairman

J. DAWSON Treasurer