



Annual Report

2023/24



Message from our Group Lead Volunteer



The year started upon the stage at The Hawth Theatre with our first gang show in over four years. And what a fantastic show the young people put on with support from the new Gang Show Steering Committee, Leaders, Exec and SASU.

We had a good attendance at Go Beavers, we entered 3 teams in the district marathon event, we entered a float in the Copthorne carnival which won 1st prize. We held a group activity day to celebrate 70th years of Copthorne scouts and we entertained the senior citizens of Copthorne in February.

All sections had an opportunity to do a night away, with Beavers sleepovers, Cub summer camp, Cub sleepover at Chatham dockyards and Scouts summer, Survival and Easter camps.

All sections ran fun and varied programmes and a big thank you to all the leaders for the time and effort they put into to make it all happen.

We held 3 jumble sales, our annual firework night, ran 3 stalls at carnival and a stall at the Christmas market. A big thank you to the Group Exec for organising and running these events as without them the subs would be much higher.

A big thank you to SASU who have again this year supported the sections by attending events and section nights and also helping support the Exec by attending jumble sales and bonfire night.

And finally thank you to the parents for their continuing support over the last year it has been great to see some new faces at jumble sales and carnival.

Owen Cheesmur

Group Lead Volunteer

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

We camped and slept over at

Frith Grange
Thriftwood
Chatham Dockyard
Beacon Hill
The Scout Centre

We performed in our GANG SHOW At The Hawth Theatre

We visited
Hollywood Bowl
RAF Museum
Laser World
Pets at Home
Crawley Fire Station
Blackland Farm
Cophthorne Church
The Gables
The Panto

And were visited by The AA Ambulance Service Our PCSOs Birds of Prey

We Tried
Karate
Abseiling
Climbing
Foot golf
Axe throwing

We Celebrated 70 Years of Cophthorne Scouts

We Enjoyed –
Camp fire cooking
Fun Sports day
Space evening
Den building
The Caving shed
Easter egg hunt
Sailing
Go Karting

We Took Part In
St. Georges Day Camp Fire
London Monopoly Run
Coronation Celebrations
Litter picking & conservation work
Go Beavers
Gillwell Cub Day
Marathon Hike
Remembrance day commemorations
Santa Christmas Float

We Organised
Jumble Sales
Carnival floats and Stalls
Family Bonfire and
Fireworks

We Achieved
2 Queen's Scout awards
1 x 25 years service award
2 x 15 years service awards
2 x 10 years service awards
6 x 5 years service awards



Copthorne Scout Active Support Unit



The Copthorne Scout Active Support Unit continues to give much needed support to the Scout Leaders and Scout Group Executive at both group events and direct to the sections.

The leaders in the sections give so much time to providing the marvellous programme of activity which we see in all the sections. The Active Support Unit has again been there to provide all the support it can to ease the load on the leaders.

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 .

The Copthorne Scout Active Support have this year supported the Group's fund raising at Jumble Sales, Bonfire Night and the Carnival. We have given direct help to the section's activities on Sports Day, 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 would ask every parent or guardian of the wonderful children that are part of the Copthorne Group to consider if they could just help in a small way our valiant leaders.

Being a member of the Active Support Unit is the best way to achieve this without becoming over committed. 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.

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

Executive / Trustee's Report

This year we have been in the middle of transformation from Executive Committee to a Board of Trustees.

Our role is to ensure that scouting is carried out in a safe environment and with suitable equipment, to be able to offer the young people a balanced and varied programme. The Executive committee takes the lead in the fundraising events and other activities throughout the year.

We have again had a good year with fund raising running the three jumble sales the carnival stall and the family bonfire and fireworks. The scout centre is being used regularly by external hirers, which brings in a regular income.

I would like to thank all the executive members for their hard work and support during the last financial year. I would especially like to thank John Dawson for his hard work and dedication in looking after the group's finances. John has again ensured that we are getting the best returns on our investments.

The leaders have again delivered a varied and challenging program to the young people.

Thank you, Owen and all the leaders, for your dedication.

I would like to thank Gwyn and Christine Cheesmur for their work in submitting the documents for the planning permission for the improvements planned to the Scout Centre. These works are being funded by section 106 money from Heathy Wood. We are waiting for landlord's consent before work can start.

Thank you, to the parents that have given their time to help the sections and with fund raising.

Mark Hammond
Group Chair

Group Executive - Treasurer's Report

1st Copthorne Scouts Group Accounts to year ending 31st March 2024

Income to 31st March 2023

Subscriptions *	£8,218
Camps and Activities	£18,389
Fundraising	£19,640
Grants and Donations	£840
Gift Aid	£3,062
Hall Hire	£7,135
Investments	£2,955

TOTAL **£60,239**

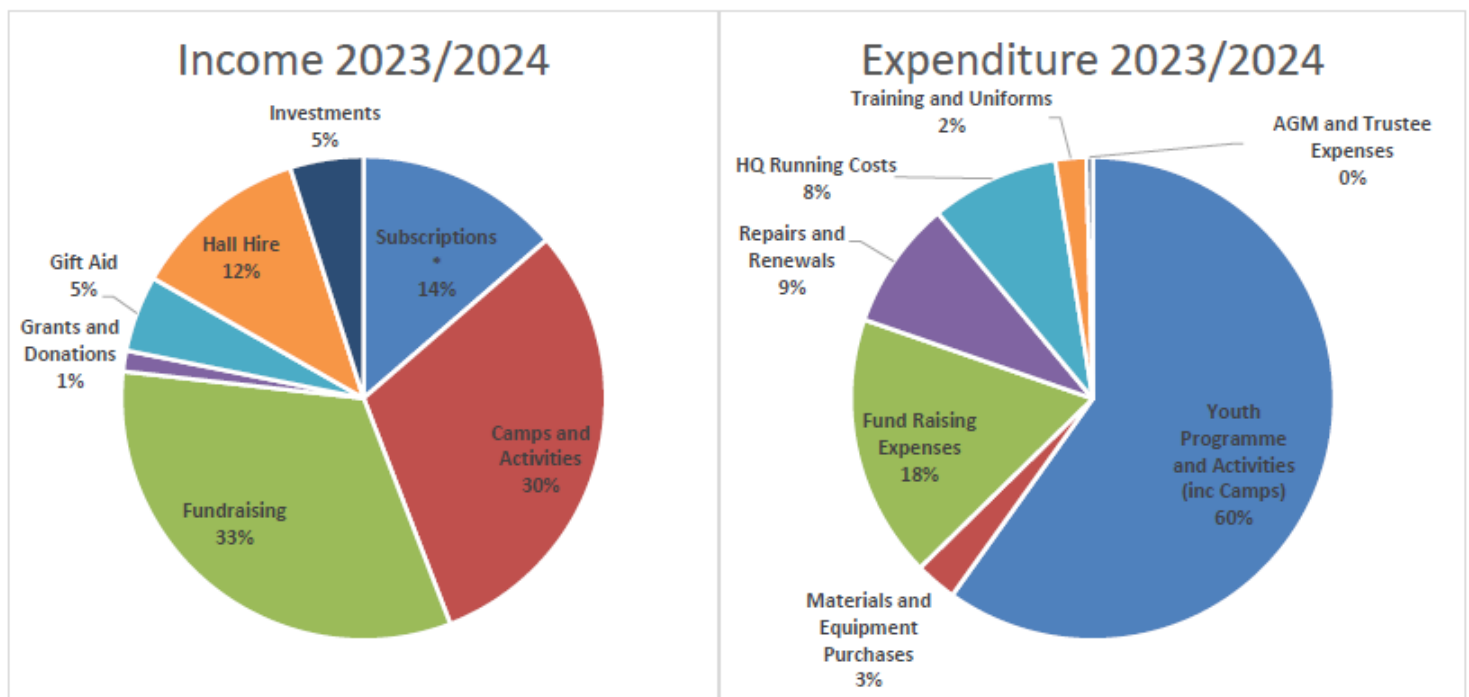
* Subscriptions less Capitation @ £5,846

Expenditure to 31st March 2023

Youth Programme and Activities (inc Camps)	£31,339
Materials and Equipment Purchases	£1,461
Fund Raising Expenses	£9,232
Repairs and Renewals	£4,520
HQ Running Costs	£4,490
Training and Uniforms	£1,081
AGM and Trustee Expenses	£221

£52,343

Income exceeds Expenditure **£7,896**



Significant Expenditure/Purchases in 2023/2024

- Minibus Appearance - £655
- Gazebo - £805
- Electrical Improvements - £672
- Camp Equipment - £463
- Total - £2,595

1stCopthorne Scout Group

Our Group Lead Volunteer, 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

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SCOUTS

EXPLORERS

who make it all worthwhile!

**Scouts gives
young people
skills for life.**



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 Lead Volunteer

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Gwyn Cheesmur, Active Support Manager

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Mark Hammond, Group Executive Chair

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1st Copthorne Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	14,064	14,425
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(5,846)	(4,914)
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,218	9,511
Donations	840	1,165
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	3,062	2,238
Other similar income	18,389	20,394
Sub total	30,509	33,308
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	11,499
Sub total	-	11,499
Fundraising (gross)		
Jumble Sales	9,808	7,581
Bonfire	8,642	9,745
Carnival	1,190	697
Sub total	19,640	18,023
Investment income		
Bank interest	2,955	859
Building Society interest		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-
Property Rent income	7,135	4,817
Other investment income		
Sub total	10,090	5,676
Total Gross Income	60,239	68,506
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	60,239	68,506 ##

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For the year from	01/04/2023	T O	31/03/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	26,795	27,165
Adult support and training	195	670
Rent	802	1,069
Water and Sewerage	-	-
Electricity and Gas	376	979
Insurance	1,364	1,152
Repairs and Renewals	4,520	8,631
Materials and equipment	1,461	20,037
Printing and photocopying	405	422
Contribution to camp costs	4,543	4,244
Uniforms	886	573
AGM and trustee expenses	221	611
Online, PRS, Licences	512	560
Miscellaneous	1,031	987
Sub total	43,111	67,100
Fundraising expenses		
Jumble Sales	4,080	3,305
Bonfire	4,903	5,227
Carnival	249	108
Sub total	9,232	8,640
Total Gross Expenditure	52,343	75,740
Asset and investment purchases,		
Total payments	52,343	75,740
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,896	(7,234)
Cash funds last year end	100,339	107,573
Cash funds this year end	108,235	100,339

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	15,389	15,225
Bank deposit account	92,846	85,114
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats		
Total cash funds	108,235	100,339
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 1st 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 18 June 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Ms Hammond

J. Dawson

Print Name

M S HAMMOND Chair

J. DAWSON Treasurer

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

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Copthorne Scout Group (Charity number 291680 – "the Group") for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on the attached sheets and which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 and the Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Group, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

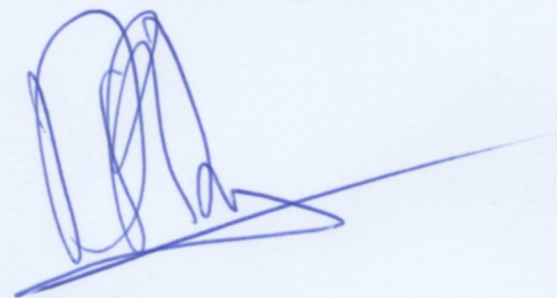
I report in respect of my examination of the Group's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 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.



Douglas R Logan Bsc, FCA
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18 June 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Copthome Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

2 9 1 6 8 0

HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

The Scout Centre

Borers Arms Road

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Crawley

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mark Hammond	Chair	
2	John Dawson	Treasurer	
3	Owen Cheesmur	Group Lead Volunteer	
4	Jill Creek	Membership Secretary	
5	Gwyn Cheesmur	Assistant Lead Volunteer	
6	Miles Price		
7	Aelwen Lavictoire	Minutes Secretary	
8	Anne Hammond		
9	Mario Monella		
10	Laura Carse		
11	Hanah Few	Cub Leader	
12	Alison worral	Beaver leader	
13	Nick Sargent	Beaver Leader	
14	Esther Cheesmur	Scout Leader	
15	Becca Price	Scout Leader	
16	Mark Freeland	Cub Leader	
17	Sophie Freeland	Cub Leader	15/07/23-1/9/23

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address