

10TH HARPENDEN (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 292736

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-10-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address Crabtree Fields
Waldegrave Park
Harpenden
Hertfordshire
AL5 5SF

Phone 01582765545

Email gsl@10th-harpenden-scouts.org.uk

Website www.10th-harpenden-scouts.org.uk

Activities

Objects: THE INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Activities: The charity provides activities on a weekly basis to children (both boys and girls) from the ages of 6 up to 14 following guidelines set down by the Scout Association. In 2008 the Scout Hut was replaced by a purpose built building with state of the art equipment with help from other charities and beneficiaries.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£65,044	£73,237	-	-
2023-12-31	£51,364	£67,218	-	-
2022-12-31	£51,455	£259,624	-	-
2021-12-31	£37,163	£45,350	-	-
2020-12-31	£67,015	£37,789	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Bresler	Chair	2019-02-12
Larry Neal		2015-06-15
MARK GRANT		
Russell Husbands		2016-01-01
Sara Bresler		2020-09-15

10TH HARPENDEN (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292736

Accounts

10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group



Annual report - year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees' Annual Report for 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name: 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group
Registered charity number (England and Wales): 292736
Charity's principal address Waldegrave Park,
Harpenden,
Herts AL5 5SF

Trustees

Name	Office	Changes during year	Nature of appointment
Andrew Bresler	Chairman	Appointed September 2018	Re-elected at AGM 2023
Sara Bresler	Secretary	Appointed November 2020	Re-elected at AGM 2023
Russell Husbands	Treasurer	Appointed 2019	
Mark Grant	Deputy Chairman		
Larry Neal	Trustee		
Yvette Husbands	Trustee	Appointed 29 January 2016	

Professional advisors

Independent Examiner	Bankers
Laura Brierly	CAF Bank Ltd
84a Station Road	25 Kings Hill Avenue
Harpenden	Kings Hill
AL5 4TY	West Malling
	Kent, ME19 4JQ

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group (the “Group”) are those of the Scout

Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (“POR”) of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which include the ‘Charity Trustees’. The

Committee also consists of additional independent representatives from the constituent scout groups and major activities within the Group and meets 4 times per year. All members of the committee are Ex-officio as defined by POR.

This Executive Committee exists to support the Trustees in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

The Group is currently made up of 2 Beaver sections, 2 Cub sections and 2 Scout sections.

Risk and Internal Control

The Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association’s national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are

undertaken before all activities. The District has also purchased Personal Accident for Non-Members and Supporters Insurance covering district activities. The Group also has personal accident insurance for non-members.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from donations from active Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income and also charges others for use of the premises owned by the Group.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district and its constituent groups and units. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level in a particular section or group then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of a section might be required.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group's units and constituent groups provide activities for all young people aged 6 to 16. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the group might be required.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members 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 Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Chairman's Review

2024 was a steady year with a continuation of the full range of activities across the scouting spectrum. It still continues to be run and managed excellently, efficiently and enthusiastically by an wonderful group of leaders and supporters.

The leadership structure further evolved with a transition from the existing co-GSL's to new co-GSL's, but due to other commitments, one of the new co-GSL's had to stand down. The current GSL has managed and run the unit superbly. As ever, the leadership and helpers continue to maintain a superb array of activities and do this purely for the benefit and good of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The committee remain fully supported by elected and non-elected members.

The Crabtree Fields site remains in good condition and continues to be maintained, with repairs being undertaken to ensure that the facilities remain in good condition. In addition to the day-to-day facilities, it provides for the 10th it also enables additional activities for the members for events such as the very popular comedy night, which continues to be a hugely popular event. Rental during the daytime during the week continues to be a valuable revenue for the benefit of the 10th.

Finances in good shape and should improve this year as the Nursery rent has gone up.

Highlights are:

Accounts:	2024	2023
Main Group account	£39,857	£39,936 (includes paying £6k to joint hut (below))
Sections accounts	£19,078	£15,740 (Scout Camp made money)
Joint Hut / Minibuses	£22,022	£12,316 (includes £6k each from explorers and us (from above))
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	£81,123	£68,158

Fairly stable but should be aware that at some point the joint account will have to pay the £1.5k / year rent + plus back rent over around £10k. Overall when we factor in depreciation of the hut and minibuses at -£21k the overall asset for 2024 is £376,951 (compared to £385,144 in 2023)

GSL review: 10th Harpenden Scout Group

Annual review

It has been another busy year at the 10th! The academic year started with a return of our Family Camp, held once again at Paccar Scout Camp. Attendance was at a record high with well over 100 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents/carers and siblings coming together for a weekend of fun. The Group also took part in the St George's Day Parade in April, and our older sections helped mark Remembrance Day.

We also held our annual Comedy night (adults only!) in November which was a great success.

Beavers

Our Beavers have enjoyed a varied programme across both Colonies.

Highlights from Tree Colony have included a bike ride, hikes, a visit to Stockwood Illuminated light trail, a visit to the Hurst Children's Theatre Company's Pantomime at the Eric Morecombe Centre, as well as a visit to the Oaklands Zoo and Hornbeam Hedgehog Sanctuary. The year ended at Batford Springs for a picnic and sailing junk boats.

Highlights for River Colony included hikes, a visit from Showtime Circus skills, a karate session, a visit to a beehive, a Zumba session and a visit to Harpenden fire station. The year ended at Batford Springs for a picnic and sailing junk boats.

Both sections enjoyed an Activity Day at Tolmers in June and the eldest Beavers from both sections enjoyed a joint sleepover at the Scout Hut in March. Both Sections also attended the Cubs Carol Service in December.

Cubs

Our Cub Packs have had a busy year!

Fox Pack had an Autumn camp at Lees Wood, followed by a Sixers and Seconders Camp at the Scout Hut. Sessions have included rock climbing, martial arts, a visit to Ninja Warrior, watching Gang Show, a sleepover / STEM day at Shuttleworth, attending District Cubs Camp, a visit to Willow Court Care Home, a bike ride, a canal boat trip, orienteering, a summer camp in Norfolk, district bike ride and a family picnic.

Swift Pack have hiked, visited St Albans Cathedral, visited Harpend Fire Station, attended Gang Show, visited Bayfordbury Observatory, had their own bike ride and attended the District bike ride, played rounders in Rothamsted park with parents, had an end of year BBQ and games. They have also held a summer Superhero camp.

Both Packs attended the Cubs Carol service and helped with the Cubs Christmas card collection and delivery scheme.

Scouts

Scout camps for both Troops this year were Spring Camp, Summer Camp in Norfolk and Cycle Camp in the New Forest.

Wessex have also enjoyed a ghost walk, swimming, a night hike, an international cooking evening, an annual enterprise night, a trip to the 'donuts' at Welwyn dry ski slope, floating junk boats at Batford Springs and an end of term go-karting evening.

Mercia have been busy with a night hike, had a cooking evening, played mini golf, done a Harpenden Treasure hunt, visited Ninja Warrior, gone swimming, done backwoods cooking, gone on a bike ride, visited Batford Springs, had a Fete on the field and done kayaking at Stanborough Lakes.

Financial Review

The Group continues to remain well funded despite a negative movement in the Fund for the year as shown in the financial statements on pages 9-15.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the Group requires that unrestricted funds are available to:

- provide General funds which can be designated to projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice;
- provide sufficient funds to cover key maintenance and repairs for the Hut; and
- over administration and support costs without which the Group would not be able to provide support to the Sections.

The reserves for the Group should be sufficient to cover at least one year's general activities, transport and administration costs. Potential uses for any excess reserves are reviewed on a continual basis by the Executive.

Investment Policy

The Group holds funds in cash accounts with CAF Bank. Each section also holds small amounts of funds in a CAF Bank account in its own name.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

30 October 2025

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 provide 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 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Charity Independent Examiner

Address:

Date: 30 October 2025

Statement of responsibilities of Trustees and Officers

The trustees and officers are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the District Scout Council and of its income and expenditure for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees and officers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue.

- The trustees and officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

- They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 December

	2024	2023
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£65,044	£51,364
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£73,237	£67,218
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>-£8,193</u>	<u>-£15,854</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	-£8,193	-£15,854
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	£385,144	£400,998
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£</u> <u>£376,951</u>	<u>£385,144</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December

	Notes	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2		
HQ Premises at Waldegrave Park		£264,520	£281,053
Minibuses		£21,808	£26,434
Equipment		£9,500	£9,500
Total fixed assets		£ 295,828	£316,986
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	£81,123	£68,158
Total current assets		£81,123	£68,158
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		£0	£0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		£ 81,123	£68,158
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£376,951	£385,144
NET ASSETS		£ 376,951	£385,144
Represented by			
GENERAL FUND		£ 376,951	£385,144

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Cash flow statement for 12 months ending 31 December

	2024	2023
Subscriptions (net of capitation)	£13,407	£15,597
Net income from premises	£15,748	-£5,691
Net income from minibus	-£5,962	-£5,192
Family camp	-£295	£304
Sections	£1,778	£1,913
Equipment	-£4,065	-£627
Change in value of tangible assets	-£21,158	-£22,140
Comedy Night	£2,262	£2,098
Badges / Leaders Uniforms	-£3,988	-£1,958
Other	-£5,920	-£158
Net income/(loss)	-£15,854	-£15,854
Add back change in value	£21,158	£22,140
Change in debtors	£0	£0
Change in creditors	£0	£0
Other non-cash movements (equipment write-off)	-£1	-£1
movement in stock		
Cash flow from operating activities	£5,303	£6,285
Investing activities		
Capital expenditure - Hut improvement	£0	£0
Financing activities		
(Repayment)/drawdown on loan	£0	£0
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	£5,303	£6,285
Opening cash position	£68,158	£61,873
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	£5,303	£6,285
<i>Closing cash position</i>	£73,461	£68,158
	£81,123	£68,158

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

INCOMING RESOURCES	2024	2023
Income resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Membership donations (incl. Gift Aid)	£22,090	£24,313
Less: payable to District Scouts	-£8,755	-£8,750
	<u>£13,335</u>	<u>£15,563</u>
Donations received		
Use of premises	£44,795	£29,659
Minibus contributions	£200	£490
Equipment donations	£615	£40
Family Camp	-£295	£304
Comedy Night	£5,584	£5,273
Activities for generating funds		
Other events		
Sale of clothing	£737	£0
Investment income		
Interest received	£73	£34
Other incoming resources		
Miscellaneous	£0	£0
Total incoming resources	<u><u>£65,044</u></u>	<u><u>£51,364</u></u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

	2024	2023
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
costs of generating voluntary income/donations		
Premises		
Maintenance	£13,648	£17,184
Utilities	£12,678	£14,650
Insurance	£2,721	£3,517
	<u>£29,047</u>	<u>£35,350</u>
Change in value of tangible fixed assets	£21,158	£22,140
Minibus expenses	£6,162	£5,682
Equipment	£4,065	£627
Sections: Scout troops	-£3,885	-£5,230
Fox Pack	-£447	£460
Swift Pack	£612	£1,367
Beaver Colonies	£1,941	£1,491
Charitable activities		
Camps		
Leaders' uniforms / training / badges	£3,988	£1,958
Comedy Night	£3,322	£3,175
Govenance costs and other	£704	£198
Other resources expended		
Donations made	£0	£0
Contribution from Group to Hut maintenance	£6,568	£0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u><u>£73,237</u></u>	<u><u>£67,218</u></u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

- a) These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- b) The trustees have estimated the current value of the three minibuses to be £21,808
- c) The HQ property is recorded at the cost of construction depreciating to £0 by year 30 of the lease (2040). This, along with changes to the other group assets, means the total group asset reduces from £281k in 2023 to £265k in 2024. The property is maintained in a good condition.
- d) The HQ has been erected on leasehold land, the footprint of which included land and buildings also occupied by the Harpenden Explorer Scout Unit (a separate registered charity). Fundraising for the new building was carried out by both the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit. Although the legal ownership of the new HQ is solely in the name of the Scout Group, the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit have entered into a Partnership Agreement which sets out how the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit share the use of the HQ. The land itself is owned by St Albans District and City Council. The Scout Group is in the process of renewing the lease for the land, which will be in the name of The Scout Association Trust Corporation, acting as Custodian Trustee on behalf of the Scout Group. Day to day management of the premises is shared on an equal basis between the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit, as is the management of use of the Scout Group minibuses.
- e) Scouting equipment (e.g. Tents, marquees etc) was revalued some years ago. All subsequent renewals and replacements have been charged to revenue at the time of acquisition representing the replacement of the equipment thus maintaining its value.

2 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land & buildings	Minibuses	Scouting equipment
Cost or valuation brought forward	£281,053	£26,434	£9,500
Additions			
Change in value	£-16,533	£-4,626	£0
Cost carried forward	<u>£264,520</u>	<u>£21,808</u>	<u>£9,500</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December

3 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2024	2023
Treasurers' accounts - Group	£39,857	£39,936
Current accounts - Sections	£19,078	£15,740
Cash in hand - Sections	£167	£167
Joint hut committee	£22,022	£12,316
	<u>£81,123</u>	<u>£68,158</u>

4 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the end of the year. (Prior Year: nil)

5 EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

There were no employees. All leaders and helpers give their time for no financial gain.

6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustee received any monetary reward or expenses.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

No fee was charged for this service

10TH HARPENDEN (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292736

Accounts

10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group



Annual report - year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees' Annual Report for 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Reference and administration details

Charity name: 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group
Registered charity number (England and Wales): 292736
Charity's principal address Waldegrave Park,
Harpenden,
Herts AL5 5SF

Trustees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Changes during year</i>	<i>Nature of appointment</i>
Andrew Bresler	Chairman	Appointed September 2018	Re-elected at AGM
Sara Bresler	Secretary	Appointed November 2020	Re-elected at AGM
Russell Husbands	Treasurer	Appointed 2019	
Mark Grant	Deputy Chairman		
Larry Neal	Trustee		
Yvette Husbands	Trustee	Appointed 29 January 2016	

Professional advisors

Independent Examiner	Bankers
Laura Brierly	CAF Bank Ltd
84a Station Road	25 Kings Hill Avenue
Harpenden	Kings Hill
AL5 4TY	West Malling
	Kent, ME19 4JQ

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group (the “Group”) are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (“POR”) of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which include the ‘Charity Trustees’. The Committee also consists of additional independent representatives from the constituent scout groups and major activities within the Group and meets 4 times per year. All members of the committee are Ex-officio as defined by POR.

This Executive Committee exists to support the Trustees in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

The Group is currently made up of 2 Beaver sections, 2 Cub sections and 2 Scout sections.

Risk and Internal Control

The Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association’s national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. The District has also purchased Personal Accident for Non-Members and Supporters Insurance covering district activities. The Group also has personal accident insurance for non-members.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from donations from active Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income and also charges others for use of the premises owned by the Group.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district and its constituent groups and units. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers to an

unacceptable level in a particular section or group then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of a section might be required.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group's units and constituent groups provide activities for all young people aged 6 to 16. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the group might be required.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members 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 Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Chairman's Review

2023 was the year of normalisation following covid disruptions with a full range of activities across the scouting spectrum. It continues to be run and managed efficiently and by an excellent group of leaders and supporters, which makes the position of Chair an easy one.

The leadership structure evolved with the co-GSL's indicating their desire to stand down, but thanks to the excellent structure in place, succession has worked out well and it is anticipated that the transition of leadership will be simple and smooth. As ever, the leadership and helpers continue to maintain a superb array of activities and do this purely for the benefit and good of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The committee is fully supported by elected and non-elected members.

Crabtree Fields site remains in relatively good condition and continues to be maintained, with and repairs being undertaken to ensure that the facilities remain in good condition. There are ongoing discussions with the Council over the future of the usage of the site, but there are no concerns over this at this stage. In addition to the day-to-day facilities, it provides for the 10th it also enables additional activities for the members for events such as the very popular comedy night, which continues to be a hugely popular event. Rental during the daytime during the week continues to be a valuable revenue for the benefit of the 10th.

Finances in reasonable shape but going forward it would still be good to get more income from the hut since losing some hirers post covid.

Highlights are:

Accounts:	2023	2022
Main Treasurers group account	£39,936	£28,559 (includes a Gift Aid catch up)
Sections accounts	£15,740	£ 9,939 (camps made some money last year)
Cash	£167	£175
Joint Hut / Minibuses	£12,316	£23,199 (see note below)
	£68,158	£61,873

The joint account is down £11k from 2022 but this will be rectified in 2024 as 10th and Explorers will contribute £6k each (£3k each going forward) so barring any surprises (Bill for new water pipe landing, getting stung by council for the lease (or a new minibus?)) it balances out. Overall when we factor in depreciation of the hut and minibuses as -£22,140 the overall asset for 2023 is £385,144 (compared to £400,998 in 2022)

The Scouts and Cubs Sections are very well capitalised at the moment.

GSL review

10th Harpenden Scout Group

It has been a very active year for all sections at the 10th. We have said hello to new leaders and goodbye others.

Beavers:

River Colony started their year off with a visit to “Brickle Dell” – the ups and down’s. In September, they had an autumnal scavenger hunt and held a Guy Fawkes night of games and activities. They had a visit from a guide dog and learnt about the important role these dogs play in a blind person’s life. In November, they went on a museum visit. In December, they had a fancy-dress Christmas party. They have also learnt all about their teeth and the importance of looking after them. Other activities have included catapult inventions. A hike and treasure hunt and a fitness session with a personal trainer (only in Harpenden!). Like most scouting years, River did some cooking, went to Stanborough lakes and enjoyed the high ropes. They will finish off their year with the seasonal picnic.

Tree Colony have enjoyed building junk boats and sailing down the River Lea. They had a machine building junk model making evening learning basic engineering skills. They have visited the local fire station and went to see the Hurst Children’s Theatre Group’s Pantomime at the Eric Morecombe Centre. They have hiked /around Harpenden doing a treasure hunt. A sporty session saw them enjoy a fencing workshop; not for the faint hearted! They also visited a local Greek Church. They had an evening on safety learning about the “Green Cross Code” and first aid as well as enjoying and health and fitness evening.

The eldest Beavers from both Colonies enjoyed a sleepover together in March at the Hut.

Cubs:

Fox Pack have visited Bayfordbury Observatory, enjoyed stand-up Paddle boarding and taken part in the Christmas Card delivery service, which incidentally is celebrating its 41st year. They have carried out a first aid response exercise and learnt about fire safety and had a fire station visit. They had fun learning some amazing circus skills. They have been on a bushcraft summer camp as well as participated in a District Cubs Spring Camp. An Italian themed cooking night was fun. They have also camped over at Ashridge after a hike. Finally, the Cubs have learnt some fire lighting skills.

Swift Pack have had a Viking camp, attended the district bike ride, hiked and taken part in the Christmas Card delivery service. They held a fruity French Olympics. They had an evening of magic self-extinguishing fires and went on a ghost & ghoul tour. They held a Cub family fun night and will finish off their term with water games and a BBQ.

Scouts:

Mercia and Wessex Troops have enjoyed a full year of camping and activities. Summer Camp this year is going to be in Lymington, on the edge of the New Forrest, which promises to be filled with the all the exciting and much-loved activities such as overnight hikes, learning camp skills, master chef, as well as how to dig toilets and make camp equipment. They have also attended Spring camp where they learnt how to safely use a knife and axe. Water sports camp this year was held at Longridge outdoor activity centre in Marlow on the banks of the River Thames. Here the Scouts enjoyed all forms of water-based activities that included paddle boarding, kayaking, dragon boat racing and laser tag. Cycle camp will be at the beginning of September just before Scouts return after the summer break. The weekly programmes put together by the leaders are always packed with fun and challenges for the scouts to get the best results.

Family Camp

We were delighted to host the first Family Camp for four years in September, held at Paccar Scout Camp. The sun shone and it was a great weekend for all attendees, most of whom had not experience family camping with the 10th. Another Family Camp is planned for September 2024.

Financial Review

The Group continues to remain well funded despite a negative movement in the Fund for the year as shown in the financial statements on pages 9-15.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the Group requires that unrestricted funds are available to:

- provide General funds which can be designated to projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice;
- provide sufficient funds to cover key maintenance and repairs for the Hut; and
- over administration and support costs without which the Group would not be able to provide support to the Sections.

The reserves for the Group should be sufficient to cover at least one year's general activities, transport and administration costs. Potential uses for any excess reserves are reviewed on a continual basis by the Executive.

Investment Policy

The Group holds funds in cash accounts with CAF Bank. Each section also holds small amounts of funds in a CAF Bank account in its own name.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

2nd September 2024

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 provide 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 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



Laura Brierly
Charity Independent Examiner
Address: 84a Station Road, Harpenden, AL5 4TY

Date: 12 September 2024

Statement of responsibilities of Trustees and Officers

The trustees and officers are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the District Scout Council and of its income and expenditure for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees and officers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue.

- The trustees and officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

- They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 December

	2023	2022
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£51,364	£51,455
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£67,218	£259,624
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	-£15,854	-£208,170
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	-£15,854	-£208,170
Adjustment for Paccar deposit brought forward		-£564
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	£400,998	£609,168
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	£385,144	£400,998

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December

	Notes	2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2		
HQ Premises at Waldegrave Park		£281,053	£297,585
Minibuses		£26,434	£32,041
Equipment		£9,500	£9,500
		<u>£316,986</u>	<u>£339,126</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	£68,158	£61,873
		<u>£68,158</u>	<u>£61,873</u>
		£68,158	£61,873
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		£0	£0
		<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>£68,158</u>	<u>£61,873</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£385,144	£400,999
		<u>£385,144</u>	<u>£400,998</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>£385,144</u>	<u>£400,998</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Represented by			
GENERAL FUND		<u>£385,144</u>	<u>£400,998</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Russell Husbands



.....
The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Cash flow statement for 12 months ending 31 December

	2023	2022
Subscriptions (net of capitation)	£15,597	£14,997
Net income from premises	-£5,691	-£5,438
Net income from minibus	-£5,192	-£36,991
Family camp (fun day)	£304	-£1,040
Sections	£1,913	-£6,340
Equipment	-£627	-£4,109
Change in value of tangible assets	-£22,140	-£170,349
Comedy Night	£2,098	£2,238
Badges / Leaders Uniforms	-£1,958	-£2,158
Other	-£158	£1,020
Net income/(loss)	-£15,854	-£208,170
Add back change in value	£22,140	£170,349
Change in debtors	£0	£0
Change in creditors	£0	£0
Other non-cash movements (equipment write-off) movement in stock	-£1	£58
Cash flow from operating activities	£6,284	-£37,763
Investing activities		
Capital expenditure - Hut improvement	£0	£0
Financing activities		
(Repayment)/drawdown on loan	£0	£0
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	£6,284	-£37,763
Opening cash position	£61,873	£99,636
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	£6,284	-£37,763
<i>Closing cash position</i>	£68,158	£61,873
	£68,158	£61,873

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

INCOMING RESOURCES	2023	2022
Income resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Membership donations (incl. Gift Aid)	£24,313	£22,869
Less: payable to District Scouts	-£8,750	-£7,872
	£15,563	£14,997
Donations received		
Use of premises	£29,659	£32,313
Minibus contributions	£490	£1,780
Equipment donations	£40	£270
Family Camp	£304	£309
Fun Day costs	£0	-£1,349
Comedy Night	£5,273	£2,238
Activities for generating funds		
Other events		
Sale of clothing	£0	£621
Investment income		
Interest received	£34	£0
Other incoming resources		
Miscellaneous	£0	£275
Total incoming resources	£51,364	£51,455

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

	2023	2022
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
costs of generating voluntary income/donations		
Premises		
Maintenance	£17,184	£27,187
Utilities	£14,650	£10,565
Insurance	£3,517	£0
	<u>£35,350</u>	<u>£37,751</u>
 Change in value of tangible fixed assets	 £22,140	 £170,349
 Minibus expenses	 £5,682	 £38,771
Equipment	£627	£4,109
Sections:		
Scout troops	-£5,230	£4,585
Fox Pack	£460	£29
Swift Pack	£1,367	£448
Beaver Colonies	£1,491	£1,278
 Charitable activities		
Camps		
Leaders' uniforms / training / badges	£1,958	£2,158
Comedy Night	£3,175	£0
 Governance costs and other	 £198	 £118
 Other resources expended		
Donations made	£0	£0
Miscellaneous	£0	£28
 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	 <u>£67,218</u>	 <u>£259,624</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

- a) These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- b) The trustees have estimated the current value of the three minibuses to be £26,434
- c) The HQ property is recorded at the cost of construction depreciating to £0 by year 30 of the lease (2040). This, along with changes to the other group assets, means the total group asset reduces from £609k in 2021 to £402k in 2022. The property is maintained in a good condition.
- d) The HQ has been erected on leasehold land, the footprint of which included land and buildings also occupied by the Harpenden Explorer Scout Unit (a separate registered charity). Fundraising for the new building was carried out by both the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit. Although the legal ownership of the new HQ is solely in the name of the Scout Group, the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit have entered into a Partnership Agreement which sets out how the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit share the use of the HQ. The land itself is owned by St Albans District and City Council. The Scout Group is in the process of renewing the lease for the land, which will be in the name of The Scout Association Trust Corporation, acting as Custodian Trustee on behalf of the Scout Group. Day to day management of the premises is shared on an equal basis between the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit, as is the management of use of the Scout Group minibuses.
- e) Scouting equipment (e.g. Tents, marquees etc) was revalued some years ago. All subsequent renewals and replacements have been charged to revenue at the time of acquisition representing the replacement of the equipment thus maintaining its value.

2 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land & buildings	Minibuses	Scouting equipment
Cost or valuation brought forward	£297,585	£32,041	£9,500
Additions			
Change in value	-£16,533	-£5,607	£0
Cost carried forward	£281,053	£26,434	£9,500

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December

3	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2023	2022
	Treasurers' accounts - Group	£39,936	£28,559
	Deposit account - Group	£0	£0
	Current accounts - Sections	£15,740	£9,939
	Cash in hand - Sections	£167	£175
	Joint committee	£12,316	£23,199
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		£68,158	£61,873

4 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the end of the year. (Prior Year: nil)

5 EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

There were no employees. All leaders and helpers give their time for no financial gain.

6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustee received any monetary reward or expenses.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

No fee was charged for this service

10TH HARPENDEN (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292736

Accounts

10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group



Annual report - year ended 31 December 2022

Trustees' Annual Report for 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Reference and administration details

Charity name: 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group
Registered charity number (England and Wales): 292736
Charity's principal address Waldegrave Park,
Harpenden,
Herts AL5 5SF

Trustees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Changes during year</i>	<i>Nature of appointment</i>
Andrew Bresler	Chairman	Appointed September 2018	Re-elected at AGM
Sara Bresler	Secretary	Appointed November 2020	Re-elected at AGM
Russell Husbands	Treasurer	Appointed 2019	
Mark Grant	Deputy Chairman		
Julian Wilton	Trustee		
Larry Neal	Trustee		
Jonathan Finch	Trustee		
Yvette Husbands	Trustee	Appointed 29 January 2016	

Professional advisors

<i>Independent Examiner</i>	Bankers
Laura Brierly	CAF Bank Ltd
84a Station Road	25 Kings Hill Avenue
Harpenden	Kings Hill
AL5 4TY	West Malling
	Kent, ME19 4JQ

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group (the “Group”) are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (“POR”) of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which include the ‘Charity Trustees’. The Committee also consists of additional independent representatives from the constituent scout groups and major activities within the Group and meets 4 times per year. All members of the committee are Ex-officio as defined by POR.

This Executive Committee exists to support the Trustees in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

The Group is currently made up of 2 Beaver sections, 2 Cub sections and 2 Scout sections.

Risk and Internal Control

The Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association’s national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. The District has also purchased Personal Accident for Non-Members and Supporters Insurance covering district activities. The Group also has personal accident insurance for non-members.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from donations from active Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income and also charges others for use of the premises owned by the Group.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district and its constituent groups and units. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers to an

unacceptable level in a particular section or group then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of a section might be required.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group's units and constituent groups provide activities for all young people aged 6 to 16. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the group might be required.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members 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 Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Chairman's Review

2022 brought in the 10th year of the 10th existence and returned the 10th back to a full year "regular" scouting activities at the hut at Crabtree Fields, camps and activities. It has been a delight and an honour to see the 10th continue to be run in the positive way that it is and deliver so much.

Being Chairman continues to be a simple and pleasant undertaking with all credit going to all of those involved with the 10th especially the leaders and helpers. The unit continues to be well run and well managed, which is a testament to all those involved and reflects in the sound base of engaged and enthused young individuals across the Scouting spectrum.

The committee is fully supported by elected and non-elected members.

The Crabtree Fields site remains in good condition and continues to be well maintained with maintenance and repairs being undertaken to ensure that the facilities remain in good condition. It continues to provide excellent facilities to all of those who benefit and the improvements from previous years are being utilised well. In addition to the day-to-day facilities, it provides for the 10th it also enables additional activities for the members for events such as the very popular comedy night, which continues to be a hugely popular event. Rental during the daytime during the week continues to be in valuable revenue for the benefit of the 10th.

Finances continue to remain stable, and this is down to the solid management of the finances, but also the well managed utilisation of expenses. The 10th is in a good financial position and in a good position to tackle any unexpected surprise expenditure and have weathered any the impact of the pandemic. The solid finances have enabled the purchase of a new minibus in 2022, to replace part of the ageing fleet.

GSL review

10th Harpenden Scout Group

It has been a very active year for all sections at the 10th. This is the first year that we have had a full programme including camps since Covid.

Beavers:

Tree Colony have sailed boats down the River Lea, visited the Hornbeam hedgehog sanctuary, decorated Coronation cakes, made bug houses, pond dipped, planted pots with bulbs for local care home, taken part in a Spies sleepover, learnt first aid and enjoyed making crowns.

River Colony have sailed boats down the river, visited a fire station, hiked, learnt how to read maps, enjoyed a German evening, taken part in a Spies sleepover, learnt how to safely fly to South Africa, made pancakes, made musical instruments and learnt all about teamwork.

Cubs:

Fox Pack have visited Chatham Dockyard, built rafts at Stanborough lakes, took part in the Big Help Out, camped, completed Air activity badges, celebrated Chinese New Year, helped out at the annual Christmas card delivery, made Christmas puddings, hiked, cooked on stoves and campfires.

Swift Pack have had a Viking camp, attended the District bike ride, learnt bushcraft skills, hiked, cooked on fires, learnt how to tie knots, learnt self-defence moves, tried skydiving (in a hall!), played in a 5-side football tournament and earned lots of badges.

Scouts:

Mercia and Wessex Troops have enjoyed a full year of camping and activities. Summer Camp was near Norwich where the scouts swam in the sea, hiked with full packs, took part in a MasterChef competition, and learnt how to dig toilets and make camp equipment. They have also attended Spring camp where they learnt how to safely use a knife and axe, water sports camp and cycle camp. A group also spent the weekend on a large sailing boat.

Financial Review

The Group continues to remain well funded despite a negative movement in the Fund for the year as shown in the financial statements on pages 9-15.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the Group requires that unrestricted funds are available to:

- provide General funds which can be designated to projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice;
- provide sufficient funds to cover key maintenance and repairs for the Hut; and
- cover administration and support costs without which the Group would not be able to provide support to the Sections.

The reserves for the Group should be sufficient to cover at least one year's general activities, transport and administration costs. Potential uses for any excess reserves are reviewed on a continual basis by the Executive.

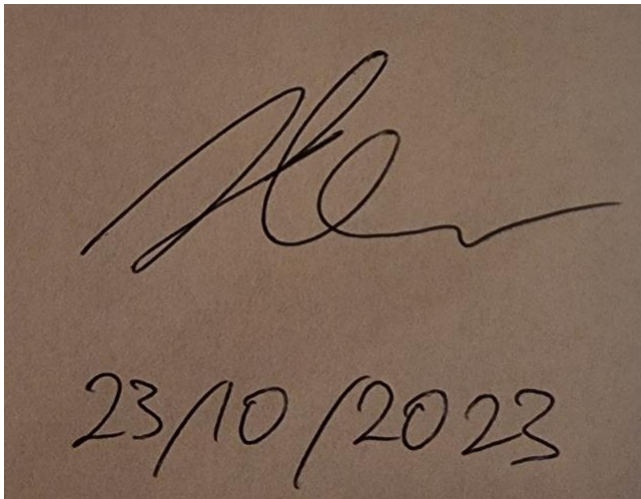
Investment Policy

The Group holds funds in cash accounts with CAF Bank. Each section also holds small amounts of funds in a CAF Bank account in its own name.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A photograph of a piece of brown paper with a handwritten signature in black ink. Below the signature, the date '23/10/2023' is written in the same ink.

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 provide 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 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Date:

L Brierly

Address:
84a Station Road
Harpenden
AL5 4TY

Charity Independent Examiner

Statement of responsibilities of Trustees and Officers

The trustees and officers are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the District Scout Council and of its income and expenditure for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees and officers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue.

- The trustees and officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

- They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 December

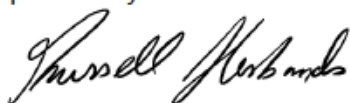
	2022	2021
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£51,455	£37,163
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£259,624	£45,350
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>-£208,170</u>	<u>-£8,187</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	-£208,170	-£8,187
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	£609,732	£617,919
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£</u> <u>£401,562</u>	<u>£609,732</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December

	Notes	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2		
HQ Premises at Waldegrave Park		£297,585	£495,975
Minibuses		£32,041	£4,000
Equipment		£9,500	£9,500
Total fixed assets		<u>£ 339,126</u>	<u>£509,475</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	3	£61,873	£99,636
Total current assets		<u>£61,873</u>	<u>£99,636</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		£0	£0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>£ 61,873</u>	<u>£99,636</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£400,999	£609,111
Credits			
Deposits paid for superceding year			
Paccar Family camp 2023		£563	£621
Debts			
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 401,562</u>	<u>£609,732</u>
Represented by			
GENERAL FUND		<u>£ 401,562</u>	<u>£609,732</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Russell Husbands



.....
The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these accounts

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Cash flow statement for 12 months ending 31 December

	2022	2021
Subscriptions (net of capitation)	£14,997	£2,263
Net income from premises	-£5,438	£5,203
Net income from minibus	-£36,991	£0
Family camp (fun day)	-£1,040	£0
Sections	-£6,340	-£7,068
Equipment	-£4,109	-£2,818
Change in value of tangible assets	-£170,349	-£1,500
Comedy Night	£2,238	
Badges / Leaders Uniforms	-£2,158	
Other	£1,020	-£4,888
Net income/(loss)	-£208,170	-£8,808
Add back change in value	£170,349	£1,500
Change in debtors	£0	£0
Change in creditors	£0	£0
Other non-cash movements (equipment write-off) movement in stock	£58	-£71
Cash flow from operating activities	-£37,763	-£7,379
Investing activities		
Capital expenditure - Hut improvement	£0	£0
Financing activities		
(Repayment)/drawdown on loan	£0	£0
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	-£37,763	-£7,379
Opening cash position	£99,636	£107,015
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	-£37,763	-£7,379
Closing cash position	£61,873	£99,636
	£61,873	£99,636

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

INCOMING RESOURCES	2022	2021
Income resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Membership donations (incl. Gift Aid)	£22,869	£11,569
Less: payable to District Scouts	<u>-£7,872</u>	<u>-£9,306</u>
	£14,997	£2,263
Donations received		
Use of premises	£32,313	£30,662
Minibus contributions	£1,780	£230
Equipment donations	£270	
Family Camp (fun day) receipts	£309	£0
Less costs of family camp (fun day)	-£1,349	£0
Comedy Night	£2,238	£0
Activities for generating funds		
Other events		£4,007
Sale of clothing	£621	£0
Investment income		
Interest received	£0	£0
Other incoming resources		
Miscellaneous	£275	
Total incoming resources	<u><u>£51,455</u></u>	<u><u>£37,163</u></u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

	2022	2021
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
costs of generating voluntary income/donations		
Premises		
Maintenance	£27,187	£13,697
Utilities	£10,565	£8,974
Insurance	£0	£2,789
	<u>£37,751</u>	<u>£25,460</u>
Change in value of tangible fixed assets	£170,349	£1,500
Minibus expenses	£38,771	£5,296
Equipment	£4,109	£2,818
Sections: Scout troops	£4,585	£3,522
Fox Pack	£29	£745
Swift Pack	£448	£1,034
Beaver Colonies	£1,278	£1,766
Charitable activities		
Camps		
Leaders' uniforms / training / badges	£2,158	£1,942
Other events	£0	
Govenance costs and other	£118	£1,171
Other resources expended		
Donations made	£0	£0
Miscellaneous	£28	£96
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u><u>£259,624</u></u>	<u><u>£45,350</u></u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

- a) These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- b) The trustees have estimated the current value of the three minibuses to be £32,041
- c) The HQ property is recorded at the cost of construction depreciating to £0 by year 30 of the lease (2040). This, along with changes to the other group assets, means the total group asset reduces from £609k in 2021 to £402k in 2022. The property is maintained in a good condition.
- d) The HQ has been erected on leasehold land, the footprint of which included land and buildings also occupied by the Harpenden Explorer Scout Unit (a separate registered charity). Fundraising for the new building was carried out by both the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit. Although the legal ownership of the new HQ is solely in the name of the Scout Group, the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit have entered into a Partnership Agreement which sets out how the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit share the use of the HQ. The land itself is owned by St Albans District and City Council. The Scout Group is in the process of renewing the lease for the land, which will be in the name of The Scout Association Trust Corporation, acting as Custodian Trustee on behalf of the Scout Group. Day to day management of the premises is shared on an equal basis between the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit, as is the management of use of the Scout Group minibuses.
- e) Scouting equipment (e.g. Tents, marquees etc) was revalued some years ago. All subsequent renewals and replacements have been charged to revenue at the time of acquisition representing the replacement of the equipment thus maintaining its value.

2 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land & buildings	Minibuses	Scouting equipment
Cost or valuation brought forward	£495,975	£4,000	£9,500
Additions			
Change in value	-£198,390	£28,041	£0
Cost carried forward	<u>£297,585</u>	<u>£32,041</u>	<u>£9,500</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December

3 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2022	2021
Treasurers' accounts - Group	£28,559	£26,540
Deposit account - Group	£0	£0
Current accounts - Sections	£9,939	£7,291
Cash in hand - Sections	£175	£175
Joint committee	£23,199	£65,629
	<u>£61,873</u>	<u>£99,636</u>

4 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the end of the year. (Prior Year: nil)

5 EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

There were no employees. All leaders and helpers give their time for no financial gain.

6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustee received any monetary reward or expenses.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

No fee was charged for this service

10TH HARPENDEN (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292736

Accounts

10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group



Annual report - year ended 31 December 2021

Trustees' Annual Report for 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Reference and administration details

Charity name: 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group
Registered charity number (England and Wales): 292736
Charity's principal address Waldegrave Park,
Harpenden,
Herts AL5 5SF

Trustees

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Changes during year</i>	<i>Nature of appointment</i>
Andrew Bresler	Chairman	Appointed Sept 2018	Re-elected at AGM
Sara Bresler	Secretary	Appointed November 2020	Re-elected at AGM
Russell Husbands	Treasurer	Appointed 2019	
Mark Grant	Deputy Chairman		
Julian Wilton	Trustee		
Larry Neal	Trustee		
Jonathan Finch	Trustee		
Yvette Husbands	Trustee	Appointed 29 January 2016	

Professional advisors

<i>Independent Examiner</i>	Bankers
Laura Brierly	CAF Bank Ltd
84a Station Road	25 Kings Hill Avenue
Harpenden	Kings Hill
AL5 4TY	West Malling
	Kent, ME19 4JQ

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group (the “Group”) are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (“POR”) of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which include the ‘Charity Trustees’. The Committee also consists of additional independent representatives from the constituent scout groups and major activities within the Group and meets 4 times per year. All members of the committee are Ex-officio as defined by POR.

This Executive Committee exists to support the Trustees in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

The Group is currently made up of 2 Beaver sections, 2 Cub sections and 2 Scout sections.

Risk and Internal Control

The Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association’s national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. The District has also purchased Personal Accident for Non-Members and Supporters Insurance covering district activities. The Group also has personal accident insurance for non-members.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from donations from active Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income and also charges others for use of the premises owned by the Group.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district and its constituent groups and units. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers to an

unacceptable level in a particular section or group then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of a section might be required.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group's units and constituent groups provide activities for all young people aged 6 to 16. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the group might be required.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members 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 Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Chairman's Review

2021 was a return to "semi normality" following the global pandemic. The first part of the year was still disrupted, but toward the second half of the year meetings returned to being fully in person at the hut at Crabtree Fields and normal scouting activities returned. Whilst the unit coped well by managing to hold meetings in the best possible way that they could, it was a great to be able to have scouting return back to the way it is intended. The 10th has handled the situation admirably and have shown tenacity and resilience. We look forward to a bright 2022, which is the 60th year of the 10th's existence.

Being Chairman remains simple and a pleasure and that credit goes to all of those involved with the 10th. The unit continues to be exceptionally well run and well managed, which is reflected in the large number of engaged and enthused young individuals across the Scouting spectrum.

The committee is fully supported by elected and non-elected members.

The Crabtree Fields site remains in good condition and continues to be well maintained. It continues to provide excellent facilities to all of those who benefit and the improvements from previous years are being utilised well. In addition to the day-to-day facilities, it provides for the 10th it also enables additional activities for the members for events such as the very popular comedy night, which returned to a physical onsite event in 2021. Rental during the daytime during the week continues to be a valuable revenue for the benefit of the 10th although slightly impacted by one group who is no longer hiring the facility, but the impact is minor. The property continues to be maintained as required and the historic issue with water pressure has finally been tackled with the installation of new mains to the property.

Finances have remained stable, and this is down to the solid management of the finances, but also the well managed utilisation of expenses. The 10th is in a good financial position and in a good position to tackle any unexpected surprise expenditure and have weathered any the impact of the pandemic. The unit are likely to be planning to purchase a new minibus in 2022, to replace part of the ageing fleet, but the finances are well placed to be able to afford this.

GSL review

10th Harpenden Scout Group

2021 has been a busy year for the whole group with all sections enjoying a return to full Scouting activities. This has come as a relief and is warmly welcomed. The unit has enjoyed a range of activities and camps and the unit remains stable and strong, but dependent on the willing support from the numerous leaders.

Highlights have been a Scouts Summer Camp in Dorset, Cubs enjoying outdoor sessions practising fire lighting and cooking skills and the Beavers enjoying a hike. All of the Leaders agree it is fantastic for everyone involved to be back enjoying Scouting.

Financial Review

The Group continues to remain well funded despite a negative movement in the Fund for the year as shown in the financial statements on pages 9-15.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the Group requires that unrestricted funds are available to:

- provide General funds which can be designated to projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice;
- provide sufficient funds to cover key maintenance and repairs for the Hut; and
- cover administration and support costs without which the Group would not be able to provide support to the Sections.

The reserves for the Group should be sufficient to cover at least one year's general activities, transport and administration costs. Potential uses for any excess reserves are reviewed on a continual basis by the Executive.

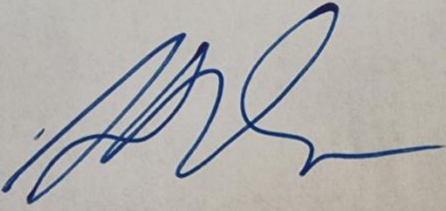
Investment Policy

The Group holds funds in cash accounts with CAF Bank. Each section also holds small amounts of funds in a CAF Bank account in its own name.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



A. E. BRESLER
31/10/22

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 provide 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 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Date:

31/10/2022

Address:
84a Station Road
Harpenden
AL5 4TY

L Brierly



Charity Independent Examiner

Statement of responsibilities of Trustees and Officers

The trustees and officers are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the District Scout Council and of its income and expenditure for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees and officers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue.

- The trustees and officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

- They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 December

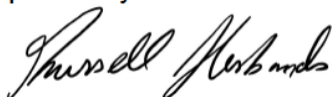
	2021	2020
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	37,163	67,015
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	45,350	37,789
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	- 8,187	<u>29,226</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	- 8,187	29,297
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	617,919	588,623
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	£ <u><u>609,732</u></u>	<u><u>617,919</u></u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Balance Sheet as at 31 December

	Notes	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2		
HQ Premises at Waldegrave Park		495,975	495,975
Minibuses		4,000	5,500
Equipment		9,500	9,500
Total fixed assets	£	<u>509,475</u>	<u>510,975</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	4	<u>99,636</u>	<u>106,944</u>
Total current assets		99,636	106,944
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£	<u>99,636</u>	<u>106,944</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		609,111	617,919
Credits			
Deposits paid for superceding year Paccar Family camp 2023		621	
Debts			
NET ASSETS	£	<u>609,732</u>	<u>617,919</u>
Represented by			
GENERAL FUND	£	<u>609,732</u>	<u>617,919</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Russell Husbands



The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these accounts

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Cash flow statement for 12 months ending 31 December

	2021	2020
Subscriptions (net of capitation)	2,263	7,440
Net income from premises	5,203	29,236
Net income from minibus	-	-
Family camp	-	-
Sections	(7,068)	(4,934)
Equipment	(2,818)	(3,211)
Change in value of tangible assets	(1,500)	(880)
Other	(4,888)	1,646
Net income/(loss)	(8,808)	29,297
Add back change in value	1,500	880
Change in debtors	-	-
Change in creditors	-	-
Other non-cash movements (equipment write-off)	(71)	
movement in stock		
Cash flow from operating activities	(7,379)	30,177
Investing activities		
Capital expenditure - Hut improvement	-	-
Financing activities		
(Repayment)/drawdown on loan	-	-
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	(7,379)	30,177
Opening cash position	107,015	76,838
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	(7,379)	30,177
<i>Closing cash position</i>	99,636	107,015
	99,636	107,015

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

INCOMING RESOURCES	2021	2020
Income resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Membership donations (incl. Gift Aid)	11,569	15,840
Less: payable to District Scouts	<u>(9,306)</u>	<u>(8,400)</u>
	2,263	7,440
Donations received		
Use of premises	30,662	49,633
Minibus contributions	230	6,500
Equipment donations	-	340
Family Camp receipts	-	-
Less costs of family camp	-	-
Other	-	500
Activities for generating funds		
Other events	4,007	2,439
Sale of clothing	-	-
Investment income		
Interest received	-	-
Other incoming resources		
Miscellaneous	-	164
Total incoming resources	£ <u>37,163</u>	<u>67,015</u>

	2021	2020
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
costs of generating voluntary income/donations		
Premises		
Maintenance	13,697	9,958
Utilities	8,974	7,741
Insurance	2,789	2,698
	<u>25,460</u>	<u>20,397</u>
 Change in value of tangible fixed assets	 1,500	 880
 Minibus expenses	 5,296	 5,335
Equipment	2,818	3,211
Sections: Scout troops	3,522	1,042
Fox Pack	745	1,486
Swift Pack	1,034	1,157
Beaver Colonies	1,766	1,250
 Charitable activities		
Camps		
Leaders' uniforms / training / badges	1,942	2,412
Other events	-	500
 Govenance costs and other	 1,171	 60
 Other resources expended		
Donations made	-	-
Miscellaneous	96	60
 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	 £ <u>45,350</u>	 <u>37,789</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

- a) These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- b) The trustees have estimated the current value of the three minibuses to be £4k
- c) The HQ property is recorded at the cost of construction plus the cost of significant enhancements since initial construction. The property is maintained in a good condition and thus, in the absence of a professional valuation, the Trustees have maintained the value of the asset at its historic cost.
- d) The HQ has been erected on leasehold land, the footprint of which included land and buildings also occupied by the Harpenden Explorer Scout Unit (a separate registered charity). Fundraising for the new building was carried out by both the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit. Although the legal ownership of the new HQ is solely in the name of the Scout Group, the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit have entered into a Partnership Agreement which sets out how the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit share the use of the HQ. The land itself is owned by St Albans District and City Council. The Scout Group is in the process of renewing the lease for the land, which will be in the name of The Scout Association Trust Corporation, acting as Custodian Trustee on behalf of the Scout Group. Day to day management of the premises is shared on an equal basis between the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit, as is the management of use of the Scout Group minibuses.
- e) Scouting equipment (e.g. Tents, marquees etc) was revalued some years ago. All subsequent renewals and replacements have been charged to revenue at the time of acquisition representing the replacement of the equipment thus maintaining its value.

2 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land & buildings	Minibuses	Scouting equipment
Cost or valuation brought forward	495,975	5,500	9,500
Additions			
Change in value	-	(1,500)	-
Cost carried forward	£ 495,975	4,000	9,500

Additions to HQ in 2017 represent improvements to exterior areas of the Hut.

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December

3 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2021	2020
Treasurers' accounts - Group	26,540	34,477
Deposit account - Group	-	-
Current accounts - Sections	7,291	8,959
Cash in hand - Sections	175	175
Joint committee	65,629	63,333
	<u>£ 99,636</u>	<u>106,944</u>

4 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the end of the year. (Prior Year: nil)

5 EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

There were no employees. All leaders and helpers give their time for no financial gain.

6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustee received any monetary reward or expenses.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

No fee was charged for this service

10TH HARPENDEN (METHODIST) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 292736

Accounts

10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group



Annual report - year ended 31 December 2020

Trustees' Annual Report for 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Reference and administration details

Charity name: 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group
Registered charity number (England and Wales): 292736
Charity's principal address Waldegrave Park,
Harpenden,
Herts AL5 5SF

Trustees

<i>Name</i>	Office	Changes during year	Nature of appointment
Andrew Bresler	Chairman	Appointed Sept 2018	Elected at AGM
Sara Bresler	Secretary	Appointed November 2020	Elected at committee meeting Oct 2020
Russell Husbands	Treasurer	Appointed 2019	Elected at AGM
Mark Grant	Deputy Chairman		
Julian Wilton	Trustee		
Larry Neal	Trustee		
Jonathan Finch	Trustee		
Yvette Husbands	Trustee	Appointed 29 January 2016	

Professional advisors

<i>Independent Examiner</i>	Bankers
Laura Brierly	CAF Bank Ltd
84a Station Road	25 Kings Hill Avenue
Harpenden	Kings Hill
AL5 4TY	West Malling
	Kent, ME19 4JQ

Structure, governance and management

The governing documents of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group (the “Group”) are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (“POR”) of The Scout Association.

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

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group is managed by the Executive Committee, the members of which include the ‘Charity Trustees’. The Committee also consists of additional independent representatives from the constituent scout groups and major activities within the Group and meets 4 times per year. All members of the committee are Ex-officio as defined by POR.

This Executive Committee exists to support the Trustees in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

The Group is currently made up of 2 Beaver sections, 2 Cub sections and 2 Scout sections.

Risk and Internal Control

The Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association’s national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. The District has also purchased Personal Accident for Non-Members and Supporters Insurance covering district activities. The Group also has personal accident insurance for non-members.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from donations from active Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income and also charges others for use of the premises owned by the Group.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the district and its constituent groups and units. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers to an

unacceptable level in a particular section or group then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of a section might be required.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group's units and constituent groups provide activities for all young people aged 6 to 16. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section then there would have to be appropriate contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the group might be required.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members 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 Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Chairman's Review

2020 was considerably disrupted by the global pandemic 2020, however the unit coped particularly well by managing to hold meetings in the best possible way that they could, which was mostly online based for 2020. The nature of events throughout 2020 meant the need to adapt and evolve and the 10th have shown resilience and their ability to do so.

Being Chairman is still a simple role thanks to all those involved with the 10th and it continues to be exceptionally well run and well managed, which is reflected in the large number of engaged and enthused young individuals across the Scouting spectrum.

2020 saw the departure of the secretary, Maria Moyses who was replaced by Sara Bresler in the committee meeting after the AGM. We look forward to her time on board the committee.

The Crabtree Fields site remains in good condition and continues to be well maintained. It continues to provide excellent facilities to all of those who benefit and the improvements from previous years are being utilised well. In addition to the day-to-day facilities, it provides for the 10th it also enables additional activities for the members for events such as the very popular comedy night, which we hope to have return as a physical onsite event in 2021. Rental during the daytime during the week continues to be a valuable revenue for the benefit of the 10th too albeit slightly impacted with the 10th's decision to do the right thing by the tenant and reduce rent during the initial period of the pandemic. It is important that we continue to maintain and keep up the property and site to ensure that it retains its value to all and with that in mind, historic issues with water pressure began to be tackled.

Finances have remained largely stable and this is down to the solid management of the finances, but also the well managed utilisation of expenses. The 10th are in a good financial position and in a good position to tackle any unexpected surprise expenditure and have weathered any the impact of the pandemic.

GSL review Autumn 2019 – Summer 2020
10th Harpenden Scout Group

After a very challenging few months the Sections have been able to recommence delivering a full and exciting programme.

Highlights have been a Scouts Summer Camp in Dorset, Cubs enjoying outdoor sessions practising fire lighting and cooking skills and the Beavers enjoying a hike. All of the Leaders agree it is fantastic for everyone involved to be back enjoying Scouting.

Financial Review

The Group continues to remain well funded despite a negative movement in the Fund for the year as shown in the financial statements on pages 9-15.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the Group requires that unrestricted funds are available to:

- provide General funds which can be designated to projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice;
- provide sufficient funds to cover key maintenance and repairs for the Hut; and
- cover administration and support costs without which the Group would not be able to provide support to the Sections.

The reserves for the Group should be sufficient to cover at least one year's general activities, transport and administration costs. Potential uses for any excess reserves are reviewed on a continual basis by the Executive.

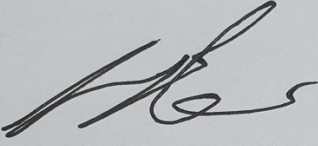
Investment Policy

The Group holds funds in cash accounts with CAF Bank. Each section also holds small amounts of funds in a CAF Bank account in its own name.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



A.E. BRESLER
17/9/21

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 provide 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 2011 Act; and

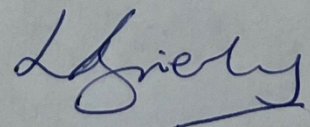
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.

Date: 17/9/21

L Brierly



Address:
84a Station Road
Harpenden
AL5 4TY

Charity Independent Examiner

Statement of responsibilities of Trustees and Officers

The trustees and officers are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the District Scout Council and of its income and expenditure for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees and officers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue.

- The trustees and officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

- They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the 10th Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 December

	2020	2019
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	67,015	61,780
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	37,789	55,441
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	29,226	6,339
Correction here for error between P&L and Balance sheet in 2016 accounts	£71	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	<u>29,297</u>	<u>6,339</u>
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	588,623	582,283
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	£ <u><u>617,919</u></u>	<u><u>588,623</u></u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Balance Sheet as at 31 December

	Notes	2020	2019
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2		
HQ Premises at Waldegrave Park		495,975	495,975
Minibuses		5,500	6,500
Equipment		9,500	9,380
Total fixed assets		£ 510,975	511,855
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	4	106,944	76,838
Total current assets		106,944	76,838
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		£ 106,944	76,838
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		617,919	588,693
NET ASSETS		£ 617,919	588,693
Represented by			
GENERAL FUND		£ 617,919	588,693

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by Russell Husbands



The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Cash flow statement for 12 months ending 31 December

	2020	2019
Subscriptions (net of capitation)	7,440	19,441
Net income from premises	29,236	8,303
Net income from minibus	-	-
Family camp	-	(1,294)
Sections	(4,934)	(10,694)
Equipment	(3,211)	(1,447)
Change in value of tangible assets	(880)	(500)
Other	1,646	(7,470)
Net income/(loss)	29,297	6,339
Add back change in value	880	500
Change in debtors	-	-
Change in creditors	-	-
Other non-cash movements (equipment write-off)		
movement in stock		
Cash flow from operating activities	30,177	6,839
Investing activities		
Capital expenditure - Hut improvement	-	-
Financing activities		
(Repayment)/drawdown on loan	-	-
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	30,177	6,839
Opening cash position	76,838	69,999
Cash inflow/(outflow) for period	30,177	6,839
<i>Closing cash position</i>	107,015	76,838
	106,944	76,838

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

INCOMING RESOURCES	2020	2019
Income resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		
Membership donations (incl. Gift Aid)	15,840	27,313
Less: payable to District Scouts	<u>(8,400)</u>	<u>(7,872)</u>
	7,440	19,441
Donations received		
Use of premises	49,633	35,827
Minibus contributions	6,500	230
Equipment donations	340	1,175
Family Camp receipts	-	4,115
Less costs of family camp	-	(5,409)
Other	500	665
Activities for generating funds		
Other events	2,439	1,729
Sale of clothing	-	-
Investment income		
Interest received	-	-
Other incoming resources		
Miscellaneous	164	4,008
Total incoming resources	£ <u>67,015</u>	<u>61,780</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Statement of financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

	2020	2019
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
costs of generating voluntary income/donations		
Premises		
Maintenance	9,958	17,047
Utilities	7,741	10,476
Insurance	2,698	-
	<u>20,397</u>	<u>27,523</u>
Change in value of tangible fixed assets	880	500
Minibus expenses	5,335	5,291
Equipment	3,211	1,447
Sections: Scout troops	1,042	3,309
Fox Pack	1,486	2,119
Swift Pack	1,157	1,455
Beaver Colonies	1,250	3,811
Charitable activities		
Camps		
Leaders' uniforms / training / badges	2,412	1,441
Other events	500	3,226
Govenance costs and other	60	41
Other resources expended		
Donations made	-	2,925
Miscellaneous	60	2,353
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>£ 37,789</u>	<u>55,441</u>

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

- a) These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis
- b) The trustees have estimated the current value of the three minibuses to be £5.5k
- c) The HQ property is recorded at the cost of construction plus the cost of significant enhancements since initial construction. The property is maintained in a good condition and thus, in the absence of a professional valuation, the Trustees have maintained the value of the asset at its historic cost.
- d) The HQ has been erected on leasehold land, the footprint of which included land and buildings also occupied by the Harpenden Explorer Scout Unit (a separate registered charity). Fundraising for the new building was carried out by both the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit. Although the legal ownership of the new HQ is solely in the name of the Scout Group, the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit have entered into a Partnership Agreement which sets out how the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit share the use of the HQ. The land itself is owned by St Albans District and City Council. The Scout Group is in the process of renewing the lease for the land, which will be in the name of The Scout Association Trust Corporation, acting as Custodian Trustee on behalf of the Scout Group. Day to day management of the premises is shared on an equal basis between the Scout Group and the Explorer Unit, as is the management of use of the Scout Group minibuses.
- e) Scouting equipment (e.g. Tents, marquees etc) was revalued some years ago. All subsequent renewals and replacements have been charged to revenue at the time of acquisition representing the replacement of the equipment thus maintaining its value.

2 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land & buildings	Minibuses	Scouting equipment
Cost or valuation brought forward	495,975	6,500	9,380
Additions			
Change in value	-	(1,000)	120
Cost carried forward	£ 495,975	5,500	9,500

Additions to HQ in 2017 represent improvements to exterior areas of the Hut.

Tenth Harpenden (Methodist) Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December

3 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	2020	2019
Treasurers' accounts - Group	34,477	36,407
Deposit account - Group	-	-
Current accounts - Sections	8,959	7,833
Cash in hand - Sections	175	175
Joint committee	63,333	32,422
	<u>£ 106,944</u>	<u>76,838</u>

4 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the end of the year. (Prior Year: nil)

5 EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

There were no employees. All leaders and helpers give their time for no financial gain.

6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No Trustee received any monetary reward or expenses.

7 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

No fee was charged for this service