

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>	Office	Changes during year	Nature of appointment
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

Independent Examiner	Bankers
Laura Brierly	CAF Bank Ltd
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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 bring 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

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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-a-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
- 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.

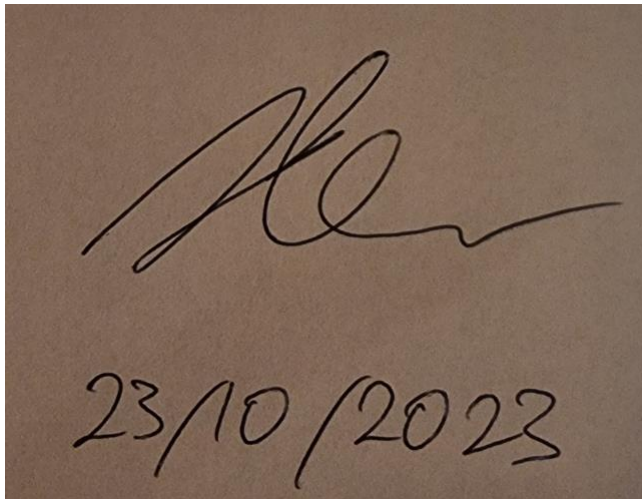
Investment Policy

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 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

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Harpenden
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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.

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Statement of Financial Activities Summary for the year ended 31 December

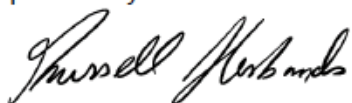
	2022	2021
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£51,455	£37,163
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£259,624	£45,350
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>-£208,170</u>	<u>-£8,187</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUND	-£208,170	-£8,187
FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	£609,732	£617,919
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	£ <u><u>£401,562</u></u>	<u><u>£609,732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

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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	<u>£61,873</u>	<u>£99,636</u>
Total current assets		£61,873	£99,636
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

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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)	£58	-£71
movement in stock		
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

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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>£51,455</u>	<u>£37,163</u>

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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>

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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	£297,585	£32,041	£9,500

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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