

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	224th North London Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	224 North London Air Scout Group
Registered charity number	293195
Operating address	The Scout Hut Sheldon Avenue London N6 4ND

Trustees of the Charity

Narendra Dhana	Chair
Derek Chambers	Appointed 12 July 2023
Louise Cowan	Appointed 12 July 2023
Ronan Gruenbaum	Appointed 12 July 2023
Brendan Hodges	Appointed 12 July 2023
Natalie Langley	Appointed 12 July 2023
Andrew Myers-Nobbs	
Ed Smith	Appointed 12 July 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The group is constituted as an unincorporated association and is governed by the Royal Charter of the Scout Association, originally dated 4th January 1912.

The Trustee Board meets quarterly, or more often as required. The day to day operation of the Group is undertaken by volunteers led by the Group Lead Volunteer.

The Group manages its own premises, and the Trustee Board continues to ensure that the building is fit for purpose.

Trustees are appointed by the Scout Council at an Annual General Meeting following an open selection process or, exceptionally, nomination. Trustees may also be co-opted onto the Board if particular skills or knowledge are required.

Objectives and Activities

224th North London Scout Group operates to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The main activities of the Group are regular meetings for young people as Scouts, Cubs or Beavers together with occasional outside activities.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Achievements and Performance

The activities and events described below provided the Scouts with a diverse range of experiences, fostering skills, teamwork, and a sense of adventure. Each term was filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and fun, ensuring that the Scouts had a memorable and enriching year.

Spring 2023: Spring 2023 was a vibrant term filled with diverse activities that kept our Scouts engaged and learning. We kicked off with creative crafts, followed by exciting scuba diving sessions. The Scouts honed their fire safety skills and embraced the energetic Capoeira. Pancake cooking brought a delicious twist, while the Jamboree and pioneering activities fostered teamwork and resilience. The term culminated with thrilling go-karting and laser tag adventures, leaving our Scouts inspired and eager for more.

Summer 2023: Summer 2023 was a season of exploration and outdoor fun. Our Scouts soared with indoor skydiving and parascending, and showcased their football skills in the District 5-a-side tournament. They delved into local knowledge and celebrated the Coronation. The East Finchley Festival saw them contributing to the community with litter picking. The term wrapped up with essential camping skills, archery, and air rifle sessions, preparing them for the exciting Thriftwood Camp. The AGM and BBQ brought everyone together, celebrating a term of achievements.

Autumn 2023: Autumn 2023 was a term of discovery and creativity. The Scouts returned with a back-to-basics session, followed by engaging activities like WaterAid projects and air activities. They tackled the Skills Challenge Award and explored graffiti art with the 'Inner Banksy' session. The term also included a fascinating visit to Highgate Museum and a night hike. The Scouts ended the term with festive Christmas games and treats, reflecting on a year of growth and camaraderie.

This year has been a testament to the Scouts' enthusiasm, resilience, and community spirit. Here's to more adventures and achievements in the coming year!

Financial Review

Summary of Scouting and Support Activities

Scouting activities have continued to recover from the impact of Covid-19 and have attained pre-pandemic levels with costs and contributions well-balanced. The level of subscriptions has risen and comfortably exceeds the contribution to the Scout District.

Non-Scouting activities generated a surplus of £451 after recognising the costs of refurbishing the kitchen in December 2022.

The combined balance of the Group's current account and ground rent reserve account at year end stood at £44,027, an increase of £4,067 over the year.

Income

The main income sources were subscriptions and contributions to activities from cubs, beavers and scouts, as well as contributions from Ladybird Montessori and others who use the Scout Hut and facilities for their activities. Subs and activity contributions amounted to £19,190 and contributions from the other users were £14,105.

Expenditure

The Group spent £15,574 on scouting activities including Scout District membership fees of £2,959. Expenditure to support the Group was £13,749, which included insurance costs of £1,598. Costs of £7,421 to refurbish the kitchen were incurred in December 2022 and are included in these Accounts.

Assets & Liabilities

The accounts show that we began the year with a current account balance of £32,934 and ended with a balance of £36,927. This reserve, which is broadly in line with annual expenditure, is maintained in order to provide flexibility to cater for unexpected fluctuations in the income or expenditure of the Group. The savings account held with the intention of providing a ground rent reserve had opening and closing balances of £7,026 and £7,100 respectively; the increase arose from interest received over the year.

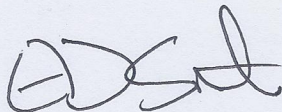
Insurance is in place to cover the Scout Hut buildings and contents relating to scouting activities. The Group had no outstanding liabilities at year end, other than the outcome of the ground rent settlement with London Borough of Haringey.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

EDWIN SMITH

Position

GROUP TREASURER

Date

15 September 2024

224 NORTH LONDON AIR SCOUT GROUP

GROUP ACCOUNTS Year Ending 31st December 2023

Scouting Activities

Income	£	Expenses	£
Subscriptions	6,614	Scouting Activities	12,615
Activity Contributions	12,576	Scout District Annual Membership	2,959
	<u>19,190</u>		<u>15,574</u>
Surplus from Scouting Activities	3,616		

Scout Hut and Other Activities

Income	£	Expenses	£
Contributions for Use of Hall	14,105	Hut Facilities Upgrade and Maintenance	7,589
Bank Interest and Other Income	95	Insurance	1,598
		Support Costs e.g. AGM, Online Costs	1,894
		Utilities	1,892
		Equipment	776
	<u>14,200</u>		<u>13,749</u>
Surplus from Scout Hut and Other Activities	451		

	£		£
Total Income	<u>33,390</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>29,323</u>
Total Surplus for the Year	4,067		

Bank Accounts

	£		£
Barclays current account opening balance	32,934	Barclays current account closing balance	36,927
Barclays saver account opening balance	7,026	Barclays saver account closing balance	7,100
	<u>39,960</u>		<u>44,027</u>

Net Increase in Balances **4,067**

Prepared By:
Ed Smith, Treasurer
12 May 2024

Signed by:
Ed Smith
Treasurer
03 June 2024

Nari Dhana
Chair
03 June 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of

224th North London Scout Group

Charity Number 293195

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 224th North London Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Group in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Hagi-Savva

Name: GEORGE HAGI-SAVVA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: 16 CRANMER COURT, WICKLiffe AVENUE, LONDON, N3 3HG

Date: 10th OCTOBER 2024