

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2024

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

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

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 our young people 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 a memorable and enriching year.

Spring 2024: a vibrant term packed with varied activities that kept our young people engaged and learning. We kicked off with the Cubs exploring astronomy and the Scouts developing life skills such as emergency aid. We also enjoyed a fun and educational science night with Dr Andrew S.

Pancake cooking added a delicious twist to the term, and we took part in an amphibian survey at Scout Park to see if there were any crested newts or other water-based wildlife. The term wrapped up with air rifle and clay pigeon activities, as well as a thrilling session in a professional flight simulator to test our budding pilots.

Our Beavers restarted on Saturdays in April with an Easter hunt and the chance to make new friends. We had an amazing 15 Beavers in our first session and the numbers remained good.

Summer 2024: a term of exploration and outdoor fun. The Scouts had a go at parascending, and although we planned gliding and micro-gliding, the weather didn't cooperate on those dates. A highlight was spending the night on HMS Cavalier, a C-class destroyer from WW2.

All sections had a visit from the police, where they learned about personal safety through the "Clever Never Goes" initiative. The Cubs also worked with BASC to build duck nests.

At the East Finchley Festival, our young people gave back to the community by helping with litter picking. We ended the term by practising essential camping skills and enjoying archery and air rifle sessions – all in preparation for the District Camp. Our AGM and BBQ brought everyone together to celebrate the term's achievements.

Autumn 2024: in this term our Scouts focused on navigation skills to prepare for the District Expedition Camp and also visited the National Space Centre as part of a new badge launch. They took part in the always-popular scuba diving session, learning new skills and building teamwork.

The Cubs had a fun Halloween camp at Thriftwood, and the Beavers completed their Science badge while making new friends. The Beavers learnt about animals and finished the term with a trip to freightliners farm.

And finally, a Cub achieved the Chief Scout Silver Award and one of our Scouts achieved the Chief Scout Gold Award. A great achievement for them and also for the group.

In summary 2024 has been a testament to our Scouts' enthusiasm, resilience, and strong community spirit. Here's to even more adventures and achievements in the year ahead!

Financial Review

Summary of Scouting and Support Activities

The year has seen continued growth in expenditure on scouting activities. Subscription income has also risen and together with Gift Aid and activity contributions, provided a surplus of just over £1,000 on scouting activities.

In order to support and expand the range of activities offered, the group bought a minibus early in the year. The cost of just under £50,000 was met from accumulated cash balances and a loan for approximately £28,000.

Significant work was undertaken to maintain and upgrade the scout hut during the year leading to a deficit of approaching £3,000 on overall scout hut and other activities.

The combined balance of the Group's current account and reserve account at year end stood at £13,264. The reduction from circa £44,000 was due primarily to the purchase of the minibus.

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 facilities for their activities. Subs, associated Gift Aid and activity contributions amounted to £21,082 and contributions from the other users were £16,561.

Expenditure

The Group spent £19,947 on scouting activities including Scout District membership fees of £4,235. Expenditure to support the Group (excluding the minibus) was £19,499.

Assets & Liabilities

The accounts show that we began the year with a current account balance of £36,927 and ended with a balance of £4,556. The reduction was due primarily to the purchase of a minibus for £43,693. £27,987 of the cost was funded by a loan on which the repayments during the year totalled £5,130. The loan outstanding at the end of the year (including up-front finance charges) was £31,425.

The balance on the reserve bank account was £8,708 at the end of the year. This reserve relates primarily to potential relocation costs which are contingent on any ground rent settlement with London Borough of Haringey. In addition, amounts are being provided to cover the future costs of replacing the minibus and maintaining the roof of the scout hut.

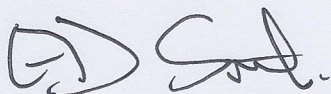
In addition to motor insurance for the minibus, insurance is in place to cover the scout hut buildings and contents relating to scouting activities.

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

5th June 2025

224 NORTH LONDON AIR SCOUT GROUP

GROUP ACCOUNTS Year Ending 31st December 2024

Scouting Activities

Income	£	Expenses	£
Subscriptions	10,590	Scouting Activities	15,712
Giftaid	1,004	Scout District Annual Membership	4,235
Activity Contributions	9,488		
	<u>21,082</u>		<u>19,947</u>
Surplus from Scouting Activities	1,135		

Minibus

Income	£	Expenses	£
Loan to buy Minibus	27,987	Purchase of Minibus	49,693
Contributions for Use of Minibus	745	Loan Repayments	5,130
		Other Costs	1,029
		Insurance	1,947
	<u>28,732</u>		<u>57,799</u>
Net Expenditure on Minibus			29,067

Scout Hut and Other Activities

Income	£	Expenses	£
Contributions for Use of Hall	16,561	Hut Facilities Upgrade and Maintenance	11,058
Bank Interest	107	Utilities	3,556
		Insurance	1,522
		Ground Rent	20
		Support Costs e.g. AGM, Online Costs	3,343
	<u>16,668</u>		<u>19,499</u>
Net Expenditure on Scout Hut and Other Activities			2,831

Total Receipts and Payments

	£		£
Total Income	<u>66,482.00</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>97,245</u>
Total Net Expenditure for the Year			30,763

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Bank Accounts	£		£
Barclays current account opening balance	36,927	Barclays current account closing balance	4,556
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	<u>44,027</u>		<u>13,264</u>
Net Decrease in Balances			30,763
Asset - Scout Hut (Sum Insured in GBP)	<u>365,799</u>		
Asset - Minibus (Cost in April 2024 in GBP)	<u>49,693</u>		
Liability - Minibus Loan and Finance (GBP)	<u>31,425</u>		

Prepared By:

Ed Smith, Treasurer
16 May 2025

Signed by:

Andrew Myers-Nobbs
Chair
05 June 2025

Ed Smith
Treasurer
05 June 2025

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 2024.

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: 

Name: GEORGE NICHOLAS HAGL-SAVVA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Ex-ACA, Ex-FCCA

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Date: 5th JULY 2025