

# **3rd Chandler's Ford (United Reformed Church) Scout Group**

**Kings Road, Chandler's Ford, Hampshire, SO53 2EY**

**Registered Charity No. 298169**



## **Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022**

## ***Annual General Meeting***

30 June 2023

### Agenda

*1) Introduction:*

- a) Welcome.
- b) Apologies for absence.

*2) Reporting on last year's activities:*

- a) Annual Report.
- b) Presentation of Accounts and adoption by the meeting.

*3) Looking forward to next year:*

- a) Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination for Chairman.
- b) Election of Group Secretary.
- c) Election of Group Treasurer.
- d) Approval of Group Scout Leader's nominations for members of the Group Executive Committee.
- e) Election of members of the Group Council to the Group Executive Committee.
- f) Section Leaders agreement to continue as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.
- g) Approval of Group Constitution
- h) Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts.

*4) Conclusion.*

## Group Executive Committee (Charity Trustees) 2022

### **Ex-Officio:**

Bob Gath	Group Scout Leader	42 Avon Green, Chandler's Ford
Marion Gibbs	Group Chairman	37 Pantheon Road, Chandler's Ford
VACANT	Group Secretary	
Katherine Edwards	Group Treasurer	
Julie Spillar	Beaver Scout Leader	11 Highfield Road, Chandler's Ford
Graham Brown	Ex Officio	7 Milford Gardens, Chandler's Ford
Debbie Gath	Cub Scout Leader	42 Avon Green, Chandler's Ford
Des Mahon	Scout Leader	12 Skipton Road, Chandlers Ford
Jeff Deacon	Ex Officio	98 Meon Crescent, Chandler's Ford

### **Nominated:**

VACANT

### **Elected:**

Sue Beaumont 56 Barn Piece, Chandler's Ford

**Custodian Trustees:** Mr. A Pentter

**Scout Association Registration Number:** 36050

**Charity Registration Number:** 298169

**Principal Bankers:** NatWest Bank plc, 34 Southampton Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9XN

**External Examiner:** Mr. P Sidaway

**Contact Person:** Mr. B. Hawkins, 12 Verona Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2BZ

**Group President:** Mr B Hawkins

## 3rd Chandler's Ford (URC) Scout Group Group Scout Leader Annual Report 2022

It was great to be able to enjoy a full year of Scouting in 2022 after a difficult couple of years with the pandemic.

It was a special year for us at the 3<sup>rd</sup> as we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Group with a camp at Ferny Crofts in the New Forest in May. It was wonderful to see so many Beavers, Cubs and Scouts involved over the weekend and we were joined on the Saturday by some "old friends" – past Leaders of the Group and District representatives.



Numbers of young people across the Group have stayed steady through the year but with big changes across some sections leaving them either full or short of members.

As it seems I write every year, we could always do with more Leaders and we're very grateful to those parents who help out when asked. How about trying the Scouts 4-week challenge to see if being a Leader would suit you?

### **Building Maintenance**

With the ongoing uncertainty with the church lease we have restricted our maintenance to essential works. Even so, I must pay thanks to our regular "DIY Guys" led by Brian, our Group President, for their continued efforts in looking after the bricks and mortar and our equipment. Several of them hold other Scout roles in the Group or elsewhere so we're fortunate they choose to spend their time dedicated to the Group.

### **Our Sections**

We are delighted to still be operating with two Beaver Colonies and two Cub Packs, meeting on Monday and Wednesday evenings and one Scout Troop, meeting on a Tuesday evening. Our Group also hosts a District Explorer Unit who meet at the HQ on a Thursday evening and Guides also have use of the hall on a Friday.

During the year our Sections enjoyed visits to Golden Gecko climbing centre, Donutting at Southampton Ski Centre and a Group visit to Marwell Zoo (on a wonderful rainy day!). Apart from the Group Camp,

perhaps the most notable event though was the Scouts camp at a Jamboree in Denmark organised by our Scout Troop Leader Des for the District.



### **District Merger**

During 2022, the merger of the Scouting Districts of Chandler's Ford and Eastleigh progressed with the new combined District – called Arrow – becoming fully in place in early 2023. Groups within the new District have retained their existing names and we plan to continue providing great Scouting experiences for our young people.

### **Thanks and Final Words**

I don't like to end my report on a sad note but I must pay tribute to Sue Smith who was our Monday Beaver Colony Leader for over twenty years and a great supporter of the Group for 30 years plus. Sue tragically passed away last October and she is greatly missed.

My thanks as always go to all our Leaders and Section helpers for providing a wonderful programme for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to enjoy.

Thank you also to the members of our Executive Committee and Trustees who continue to work hard behind the scenes to keep the Group running. Our Treasurer for a number of years, Mandy Elliott, stepped down in 2022 to be replaced by Katherine Edwards, many thanks to Mandy for her work and to Katherine for stepping in. A special mention this year to Sue Beaumont who has stepped in as minutes secretary on top of her membership/subscriptions and events champion roles – thank you Sue. Thanks also to Marion whose tireless work as Chairman is exceeded only by her efforts to keep our Monday Beavers and Cubs sections running successfully.

Long may we continue our Scouting at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chandler's Ford.

**Bob Gath, Group Scout Leader, June 2023.**

# **3rd Chandler's Ford (URC) Scout Group**

## ***Accounts to Y/E 31 December 2022***

In order to comply with the Charities Act 1993, we have produced the accounts on a consolidated basis. These show previous year's actuals (2021) and this year's actuals (up to Dec 2022).

### ***Page 1 (Summary)***

• This has been a difficult year financially for the group, impacted by increasing costs associated with maintaining our premises. Whilst receipts (income) were higher than previous years at £36,088 this includes £16,602 relating to the Denmark jamboree as well as the repayment of the loan of £5,000 advanced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chandlers Ford Scout Group. Expenditure included £30,058 relating to the jamboree – income having been received in previous years towards this expenditure. Payments (expenditure) exceeded Receipts resulting in a deficit of £14,931. Excluding the jamboree related income and expenditure and the repayment of the loan advanced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chandlers Ford Scout Group, a net deficit of £6,475 arose in the year.

### ***Page 2 (Receipts)***

- Further income was received in the year in connection with the jamboree which was attended by a number of Scouts from across the district in the summer
- The loan of £5,000 was repaid by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chandlers Ford Scout Group in the year
- The balance of the income was generated from Subscriptions and Hall Hire, both remained lower than prior to the pandemic.
- Many thanks to Sue Beaumont and Marion Gibbs who are instrumental in raising these funds by managing the subscriptions, Gift Aid and hall bookings.

### ***Page 3 (Payments)***

- Premises costs increased significantly in all areas.
- We must say thanks to our team of maintenance volunteers who help us to keep our costs lower in this area.
- The costs associated with the District trip to the Jamboree were included in the current year. Income had been received in advance in respect of some of these costs.

The Group is a trust established under rules which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis consistent with last year. Approved by the trustees on 15 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by M Gibbs, Group Chairman.

Bob Gath, Group Scout Leader

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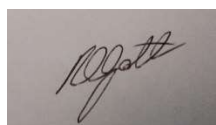
## Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 December 2022

	December 2022	December 2021
	£	£
Total Receipts for the year (Page 2)	36,088	25,869
Total Payments for the year (Page 3)	<u>(51,019)</u>	<u>(17,218)</u>
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(14,931)	8,651
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>42,589</u>	<u>33,938</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>27,658</u>	<u>42,589</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 15 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by



M Gibbs – Chairman



R Gath – Group Scout Leader

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Receipts for the year ended 31 December 2022

	December 2022	December 2021
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,006	5,670
Less: Paid to District	(5,007)	(4,859)
Retained in the Group	<u>999</u>	<u>811</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
COIF Deposit Interest	136	
Website referral fees	26	56
Loan repayment from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chandlers Ford	5,000	
Interest from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chandlers Ford	50	
HQ and equipment rentals	6,625	5,745
	<u>11,837</u>	<u>5,801</u>
GRANTS/DONATIONS	<u>2,144</u>	<u>700</u>
ACTIVITIES		
Group Activities	322	0
Group Camps	2,330	0
Jamboree	16,602	10,725
Sections Camps and Activities	1,854	2,911
	<u>21,108</u>	<u>13,636</u>
FUNDRAISING (gross)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
INCOME TAX RECOVERED on subscriptions		<u>4,921</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>36,088</u>	<u>25,869</u>



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Payments for the year ended 31 December 2022

	December 2022 £	December 2021 £
<b>PREMISES</b>		
Cleaning	3,125	1,425
Public Utilities in the Group	4,909	3,553
Insurance	2,143	1,764
Repairs and maintenance	3,324	467
Rent	1	3
	<u>13,502</u>	<u>7,212</u>
<b>DONATIONS/GRANTS/LOANS</b>		
Donations	715	20
Loan to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chandler's Ford	0	5,000
	<u>715</u>	<u>5,020</u>
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Group Activities	260	22
Group Camps	2,365	180
Jamboree	30,058	
Sections Camps and Activities	2,941	4,489
	<u>35,624</u>	<u>4,691</u>
<b>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>		
Postage and stationery	6	25
Sundries/contingency	68	0
	<u>74</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Training	0	0
Legal fees re lease	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS</b>		
Equipment		40
Uniforms	74	0
Group badges	1,030	230
	<u>1,104</u>	<u>270</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>51,019</u>	<u>17,218</u>

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

	December 2022 £	December 2021 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank current accounts	20,119	35,217
COIF deposit accounts	7,539	7,403
Cash in Hand		4
	<u>27,658</u>	<u>42,624</u>
<b>OTHER MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
Gift Aid due	2,766	1,106
Loan due from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chandlers Ford Scout Group	0	5,000
Hall rentals due	0	0
	<u>2,766</u>	<u>6,106</u>
<b>NON MONETARY ASSETS</b>		
Lease – 0 years at £1pa	0	0
Headquarters building – insurance value	360,929	328,118
Scouting equipment – insurance value	56,800	53,085
	<u>417,729</u>	<u>381,203</u>
<b>LIABILITIES – those due within one year</b>		
Activity payments in advance/refundable	909	17,030
Subscriptions refunds due	0	42
Other creditors	0	0
	<u>909</u>	<u>17,072</u>

# 3rd Chandler's Ford (URC) Scout Group

## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the 3rd Chandlers Ford (URC) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the group for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with section 415 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters that I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under s144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group 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 present 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 Charities Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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

P. Schwaning (ACMA retired)  
Name