

2nd Verwood Scout Group

Annual Accounts

For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Charity name: 2nd Verwood Scout Group

Registered charity no.: 301225

Charity's principal address: 8 Copse Road
Verwood
Dorset
BH31 6HB

Trustees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date acted if not the whole year</u>
Philip Easdown	Chairman	Appointed 3rd August 2023
Nick Ground	Chairman	Resigned 3rd August 2023
Noel Smith	Treasurer	Whole year
Sharon Curtis	Secretary	Whole year
Carolyne Inge	Group Scout Leader	Whole year
Jane Shotliff	Member	Whole year
Kirsty Rose	Member	Whole year
Val Aitken	Member	Whole year
Sarah Hinchliffe	Member	Appointed 3rd August 2023

Structure, Governance & Management

The Group's governing documents 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 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.

The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. 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 Board of Trustees consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, and other individual representatives that meet on a regular basis.

This Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

Ensure the charity is well managed and compliant with the Scouting Policy, Organisation and Rules;
Develop and maintain a risk register and put in place appropriate mitigations;
Ensure the charities finances are properly managed, including appropriate budgets to support the w

Produce and maintain a reserves policy, and investment policy and a public benefit statement;
Ensure appropriate insurance is in place, for people, property and equipment;
Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.

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 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.

The Group runs two Beaver colonies, three Cub packs and one Scout troop. A balanced programme of activities is provided by the scouting leaders for each of these groups. For the Beavers, these cover exploring the world around them, getting to know other people, discovering creativity and practical skills as well as different beliefs and attitudes, and also learning about themselves. For the Cubs, this is built upon as they are encouraged to try new activities, including trips out and camping for the first time. Finally the Scouts are developed further developing their creative talents, knowing their own ability, but encouraged to keep fit, and exploring their own values and personal talent.

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

Youngster numbers were a little down on last year but all sections continue to thrive and provide good programmes. Scouts Cubs and Beavers took part in a variety of camps throughout the year. The group attended the St Georges Day parade and celebrations. All sections took part in the Verwood Remembrance Day Parade. Scouts organised a sausage and burger stall for the Verwood Mayor's Coronation celebrations together with organising the car parking at the Rustic Fayre, Car Washing and running the sausage/burger stall at the Christmas Extravaganza. Fundraising continues to play a large part in the groups activities and provides a valuable contribution to the groups funds. Finally we have welcomed a number of new adult leaders to the group over the year.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £10,000.

The Group held free cash reserves of £41,042 against this at year end. This is above the level for operating expenses.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures:



Full names:

Philip Easdown

Positions:

Chair

Date:

4/9/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 2nd Verwood Scout Group

I report on the accounts of 2nd Verwood Scout Group (Registered Charity Number 301225), for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out herewith.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 sections 130 and 131 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

S Carver
14 Owls Road
Verwood
BH31 6EW

Signed



Date

25/6/24

2ND VERWOOD SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

	2023/24		2022/23
RECEIPTS	£	£	£
Donations, legacies & similar income			
Membership Subs	15,825.00		17,500.00
Less: Membership Subs paid on	(6,360.00)		(5,712.00)
Net membership subs retained	9,465.00		11,788.00
Donations	120.00		100.00
Gift Aid	3,444.94		3,662.66
Uniforms	523.00		862.00
International Camp	0.00		8,770.00
Section camps	10,940.00		7,363.33
Section activities	3,026.00		988.50
Waterpark Group Day	0.00		0.00
Other similar income - Investitures	0.00		0.00
		27,518.94	33,534.49
Grants			
Verwood Town Council	0.00		0.00
Scouts	0.00		0.00
Other grants	0.00		0.00
		0.00	0.00
Fundraising (Gross)			
Jubilee Food Stall	1,973.56		2,173.53
Scout Car Wash	577.47		1,980.98
Rotary Club	0.00		250.00
Scout Table Top Sale	121.50		0.00
Airflow - recycling	200.00		0.00
Don McMath Foundation	0.00		0.00
Christmas Fayre	0.00		0.00
Xmas Extravaganza	662.14		927.96
Flameburst	0.00		0.00
Disco	0.00		182.00
Other fundraising activities	0.00		200.00
		3,534.67	5,714.47
Investment income			
Rent of HQ	5,095.00		3,480.00
Scout Shop Profit Share	136.72		503.49
Other income	356.06		372.18
		5,587.78	4,355.67
Total Gross Income		36,641.39	43,604.63
Asset sales		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		<u>36,641.39</u>	<u>43,604.63</u>

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

	2023/24		2022/23
PAYMENTS	£	£	£
Charitable Payments			
Scouting activities - Camp fees	(10,795.10)		(16,148.74)
Scouting activities - Others	(4,978.82)		(3,967.47)
Adult training	(763.15)		(500.00)
Cashplus fees	0.00		0.00
Water & sewage	0.00		0.00
Electricity	(1,313.04)		(420.00)
Gas	(1,316.62)		(788.53)
Insurance	(801.62)		(699.31)
Licences	(13.32)		(22.50)
NT Card	0.00		0.00
Repairs & renewals	(1,181.06)		(3,829.03)
Materials & Equipment	(57.32)		0.00
Miscellaneous	(628.45)		(673.90)
Tree Clearance	0.00		0.00
Uniforms	(627.45)		(1,685.79)
Badges & Kneckies	(1,768.21)		(1,419.20)
Finance Charges on Subs	(1,137.51)		(776.59)
Cleaning HQ	(2,624.37)		(1,720.33)
	(28,006.04)		(32,951.39)
Fundraising expenses			
Car Wash payments to parents	0.00		(1,910.72)
Jubilee Food Stall	(1,483.09)		(690.95)
Xmas Extravaganza	0.00		(352.47)
Don McMath Foundation	0.00		0.00
Other	(8.70)		(531.67)
Mike Downton donation	0.00		0.00
Other	0.00		0.00
	(1,491.79)		(3,485.81)
Total Gross Expenditure	(29,497.83)		(36,437.20)
Asset purchases	(7,489.15)		(2,237.99)
Total Payments	(36,986.98)		(38,675.19)
Net Receipts / (Payments)	(345.59)		4,929.44
RESERVES			
Opening Reserves	46,360.54		41,431.10
Capital Introduced	0.00		0.00
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(345.59)		4,929.44
Closing Reserves	46,014.95		46,360.54

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	2023/24		2022/23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Cash funds			
Bank account	49,982.96		39,993.17
Cashplus account	3,919.80		3,503.78
Cash floats	960.99		538.73
Total cash funds		54,863.75	44,035.68
Other monetary assets			
Gift Aid	3,438.75		3,662.50
Subs due from District Scouts	-		300.00
Camp payments in Advance	445.00		0.00
Prepayment - Badge a/c	418.55		349.36
		4,302.30	4,311.86
Investment assets			
Property	-		-
Other	-		-
		-	-
Non monetary assets			
Stock of Uniforms	670.50		448.00
Land & Buildings	-		-
Scouting equipment	-		-
Other	-		-
		670.50	448.00
Liabilities			
Creditors	(8,091.60)		-
Carpark capital funding in advance	(1,000.00)		(1,000.00)
Camp receipts in Advance	(4,730.00)		(1,435.00)
Other	-		-
		(13,821.60)	(2,435.00)
Total Assets less Total Liabilities		46,014.95	46,360.54

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 4/9/2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Chairman:

Nick Philip Easdown

Treasurer:

Noel Smith

