

RANDWICK SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

2024

1. Administrative details

Charity Registration Number 302122
Scout Association Registration Number 30159

Address Randwick Scout HQ
Townsend
Randwick
STROUD
GL5 4RY

Trustees	Alex Bingle	To 3 June 2024
	David Burns	
	Gemma Barton-Foreman	To 3 June 2024
	Harriet Vasey	
	Kerry Frazer	To 3 June 2024
	Jeremy Riley	Chair
	Liz Reed	Treasurer
	Louise Little	
	Matthew Castle	
	Paul Blanch	

2. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

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 and the Constitution of Randwick Scout Group.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups. There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

The Randwick Scout Group Constitution adopted at the 2024 Annual General Meeting follows the model in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association at that date with minor changes and clarifications reflecting the local situation of the Group.

Organisational structure

In the year the Scout Association refreshed the internal organisation of Scout groups to make responsibilities clearer. The Group has adopted these changes, consequently the organisational structure has changed since the last annual report.

The Group Trustee Board consists of the charity trustees and is responsible for ensuring that:

- the charity is meeting its aims and objectives;
- the charity's funds are managed properly, including that proper records are kept, accounts drawn up and budgets are in place and monitored;
- relevant legislation and Scout policies are followed;
- the charity's premises and property are looked after and the right insurance is held;
- risks are assessed and managed.

The trustees are focused on strategy, performance and assurance; day-to-day operations are delegated to volunteers with particular skills and interests. The day-to-day operations are managed by the Group Leadership Team which consists of the Lead Volunteers from each section and other volunteers.

The Board meets ten times a year.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Group Trustee Board consists of up to eight members, including the Chair and Treasurer. Trustees are appointed at an AGM for a term of up to three years. If vacancies arise the board may co-opt additional members. The board members are the charity trustees

Training of trustees

Trustees must complete and maintain up to date training on a range subjects including the responsibilities of trustees, safety, safeguarding, inclusion and data protection.

Risk Management

The Group Trustee Board have 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 trustees are satisfied that systems are in place or arrangements are in hand to manage the risks that have been identified.

3. Objectives and activities

Summary of objectives

The Group provides Scouting to children and young people aged four to fourteen living in the Randwick and Cashes Green areas of Stroud and surrounding areas.

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection

- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of main activities

The Group provided Scouting activities to over 130 boys and girls through the year. This year the Group extended its offering to 4- and 5-year-olds by opening a Squirrels section.

The Group supported the personal development of young people by providing a range of activities indoors and outdoors with opportunities to learn practical skills such as navigation and cooking; to undertake challenging activities, such as camping or roller-skating; to learn about the world and other cultures, for example talking to young people around the world as part of the JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) or learning visits.

The Group organised 'nights away' experiences for our young people aged 6 to 14. As well as our own camps, we joined regional and international camps, allowing many of our young people further opportunities for personal development.

We also have young people aged 14 and over volunteering, working alongside our adult volunteers to deliver Scouting.

The Group has a support fund to enable access to activities for young people that might otherwise not be affordable.

The Group is entirely volunteer run and the trustees thank all those who give their time and expertise supporting the work of the charity.

Public benefit statement

The trustees consider that the Group's activities, summarised above, meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

4. Financial review

General

The Board of Trustees regularly monitor the levels of income, expenditure and bank balances to ensure that the Group financial position is in good order.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. The accounts are included in this annual report.

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, or in case emergency expenditure is necessary.

The Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10,000.

The Group holds a designated fund, circa £1800, to allow financial support to be given to those needing it to access Scouting activities offered by the Group.

The Group holds a designated fund, circa £65,000, in anticipation of a substantial building renewal project which is currently being planned.

5. Declaration

This annual report and accounts were approved by the Trustees on *12 May 2025* and signed on their behalf by

Name *JEREMY RILEY*

Signed *Jeremy G. Riley*

Name *MATTHEW CASTLE*

Signed *Matthew Castle*

RECEIPTS

	2024	2023	
	£	£	
Membership Fees			
Beavers	4,864.00	5,265.00	
Cubs	6,651.00	6,116.00	
Scouts	4,556.00	3,600.00	
Squirrels	413.00	0.00	
	16,484.00	14,981.00	
Fundraising			
General	5,700.20	2,532.00	
International trips	0.00	6.48	
	5,700.20	2,538.48	
Activities			
Badges	0.00	0.00	
Camps	10,577.00	10,253.00	
Events	2,559.36	4,155.30	
Meetings	897.00	1,285.50	
Uniform	247.00	256.50	
	14,280.36	15,950.30	
Building			
Parties and one-off	1,843.00	1,567.33	
Other Scouts	442.00	460.00	
Recurring	2,575.00	2,570.00	
Wayleave	14.32	14.32	
	4,874.32	4,611.65	
Grants, donations, &c.			
Donations	1,597.23	1,081.26	
Gift Aid	3,140.80	4,201.26	Note 1
Grants - Government	750.00	0.00	
Grants - Non-government	1,809.20	2,575.03	
	7,297.23	7,857.55	
Other			
Miscellaneous	0.00	350.00	Note 2
Bank Interest	2,113.08	1,332.87	
	2,113.08	1,682.87	
Total	50,749.19	47,621.85	

PAYMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Membership Fees		
Membership Costs	8,883.00	8,784.00
Membership Fees - Cubs	165.92	24.96
Membership Fees - Scouts	106.44	93.69
	9,155.36	8,902.65
Fundraising		
Fundraising	809.38	872.46
	809.38	872.46
Activities		
Activity Equipment	243.37	503.48
Badges	1,691.54	1,507.61
Camping Equipment	1,551.30	168.54
Camps	9,525.22	10,841.93
Events	2,506.79	4,073.29
Meetings	5,309.23	5,625.75
Uniform	322.14	697.15
	21,149.59	23,417.75
Building		
Licences	140.34	164.80
Utilities - Electricity	1,313.55	1,245.73
Utilities - Gas	969.17	472.65
Utilities - Internet	175.06	202.82
Utilities - Water	442.08	433.14
Venue Maintenance	1,527.11	2,313.03
	4,567.31	4,832.17
Building project		
Building project	0.00	526.00
	0.00	526.00
Grants, donations, &c.		
Grants	0.00	246.48
	0.00	246.48
Insurance		
Insurance	2,276.64	2,182.21
	2,276.64	2,182.21
Other		
Admin	352.99	380.38
Training	75.00	0.00
	427.99	380.38
Total	38,386.27	41,360.10

SUMMARY

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	82,169.92	75,908.17
Total receipts for the year	50,894.19	47,621.85
Total payments for the year	38,531.27	41,360.10
Net receipts (payments) for the year	12,362.92	6,261.75
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	94,532.84	82,169.92

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

	2024 £	2023 £	
Cash funds			
Current accounts	8,601.18	6,236.24	
Deposit accounts	86,061.66	76,013.68	
Cash	0.00	0.00	
	94,662.84	82,249.92	
Liabilities			
Rental deposits held	130.00	80.00	
	130.00	80.00	
Current assets	94,532.84	82,169.92	
Fixed assets			
Land and property	354,000.00	354,000.00	Note 3
	354,000.00	354,000.00	
Total assets	448,532.84	436,169.72	

Note 1 No Gift Aid claim was made in 2022, so the 2023 figure is two years claim.

Note 2 £350 was received from a third party for repairs for damage they caused to our property.

Note 3 Valuation is based on a professional survey dated December 2020.

Independent Examination Declaration

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Randwick Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Randwick Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Randwick Scout Group 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 Randwick Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Randwick Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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: Joseph Bottrill

Joseph Bottrill (Jun 6, 2025, 5:51pm)

Name: Mr Joseph Bottrill

Date: 06 Jun 2025

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): None

Address: 27 Upper Church Road, Stroud, Gloucs, GL5 4JF

