

Report of the Trustees 2023

This was another very busy year for the Scout Group. As can be seen in the Annual Accounts, the Group has continued to invest significantly in activities for our members, going above and beyond the previous year. We are delighted to be able to continue to host two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and a Scout Troop. Our youth members in the various sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have very much enjoyed going on camps and a wide range of other outdoor activities in pursuit of their Challenge Awards and Activity Badges throughout the year.

This year the Trustees decided to use some of our reserves to invest in a range of new equipment for our adventurous activities, including a new Archery Range and tents/camping equipment for the Nights Away. This means we are very well set up for the future. In addition, some work was done to refurbish our premises to ensure it is safe and comfortable for its ongoing use.

Our hard-working volunteers have undergone training and gained the necessary permits to be able to offer rifle-shooting and archery as well as run a full programme of Scouting activities over four evenings each week during term-time and several weekend events, including the Parades which are observed by and enjoyed by many local residents.

Despite the challenging economic times we live in, we are pleased to confirm that the Group is still well-placed to continue to offer an excellent programme of events for its members in future years. Whilst we have reduced the level of reserves during this financial year, we continue to hold reserves should they be needed for future projects, whether planned or unexpected.

28th Odiham (Dogmersfield and Crondall) Scout Group

	2023	2022
Income		
Membership Subscriptions	12850.00	11814.00
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	2662.50	2733.75
Donations	540.00	2059.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Bank interest	0.00	0.00
Scouting activities - general	1775.35	1056.50
Scouting activities - camps/events	2870.20	3072.50
Group events	477.00	0.00
Sale of 28th Odiham T-shirts	0.00	133.00
Use of Hut - Nursery Group	14808.40	6500.00
Use of Hut - ODSC	1000.00	1000.00
Use of Hut misc	255.00	695.00
Hut Rental Deposits held	0.00	0.00
Jott Badges	0.00	16.50
Other miscellaneous items	8.00	24.00
	37246.45	29104.25
Expenditure		
Capitation fees	4895.00	4214.00
Adult leader training	0.00	0.00
Scouting activities - general	4701.99	2786.96
Scouting activities - camps/events	1718.59	1173.73
Group Equipment - camping	4168.86	472.60
Group Equipment - general	3606.30	995.34
Group activities - AGM, bonfire, etc.	571.58	0.00
Badges (incl. Jott)	923.50	1130.00
Leader Uniforms	0.00	0.00
District Camp	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00
Printing of 28th Odiham T-shirts	0.00	190.80
Water supply	120.95	437.37
Gas supply	5241.63	1210.50
Electricity supply	2010.05	582.72
Emptying of cess tank	0.00	0.00
Postage & Stationery	0.00	0.00
Charitable Donations	500.00	0.00
Insurance of building and contents	4787.55	4338.25
Hut Cleaning	1368.00	1485.04
Hut maintenance, improvements & gardening	8148.80	4820.73
Hut Misc	351.50	201.90
Bank charges/OSM payment collection fees	431.65	0.01
Sundries	166.58	99.50
Return incorrect payment from Charities Trust (2012)	-	-
	43712.53	24139.45
Surplus/Deficit	-6466.08	4964.80

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at today

Assets	Bank accounts at 31/12/2022	49636.93	46178.29
	Add 2023 Surplus	-6466.08	4964.80
		43170.85	51143.09
	Add back unpresented cheques 2023		841.19
	Add unpresented receipts 2022		20.00
	Less unpresented receipts 2023		-3.00
	Less unpresented cheques from 2022	-841.19	-2364.35
	Bank balances as at 31/12/2023	42329.66	49636.93
	Balance at ODSC Badge Account	361.46	199.69

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

28TH ODIHAM (DOGMERSFIELD AND CRONDALL) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

302221

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to include the page numbers of additional sheets

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

M. Dickinson

Date:

21/10/2024

Name:

M J DICKINSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.