

5th Dartford Scout Group - AGM
Saturday 5th October 2024
Scouts Hall, 62a Westhill, Dartford, Kent, DA1 2EU

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME FROM GROUP CHAIR

Russ Ketley thanked everybody for attending and for their ongoing support of 5th Dartford Scout Group. He explained that the Scouts are going through a transition which will involve some new terminology and role titles. RK also explained that 5th Dartford has been using 'unregistered land', owing to some misplaced deeds, however this has now been resolved and 5th Dartford have been granted 'absolute title' which means that there is no longer any question over land ownership.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

GOVERNANCE TOPICS

The [minutes of the Annual General Meeting](#) held on 7th October 2023 were approved by all in attendance.

Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules [Scout Group 5.4](#)

District's financial year will continue as previous years (1st April to 31st March)

The number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board agreed to be 10.

The quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council – agreed to be 7.

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

Paul Boreham thanked everybody for coming and encouraged all to look at the photo presentation (projected on the wall) which showcased many of the activities enjoyed by the young people, which were provided above and beyond the weekly meetings. Some of this year's achievements include:

- Youth Proficiency Scheme
- National Scout Target Shooting Competition
- County Survival camp at Ross Wood
- Older Scout Expedition
- Easter Camp
- 'TrailJam' walk
- Summer camp

Upcoming events include:

19th October 2024 - Microlight Flying lead by Sam. There are still places available.

9th November 2024 - Fireworks Evening at Scout House organised by Tim. Tickets cost £5

1st December 2024 – Celebrating the 108th birthday of 5th Dartford Scout Group at the Methodist Church, Dartford.

2nd – 9th August 2025 - Kent International Jamboree. OSM invites will be sent out to all Scouts and Explorers.

All this is only possible with volunteers giving up their time and energy, providing a safe, engaging and exciting programme of 'Skills for Life' that inspire and attract new members. Alice and David have

really built up the Beaver and Cub packs resulting in the group receiving Kent Scouts 'Grow 50' Bronze award with our youth membership increasing from 53 to 67. This is in addition to over 28 existing Explorers.

Member updates:

Beverly Panton has stepped down from her role as auditor after 25 years. Many thanks to her for everything that she has done for 5th Dartford.

John White (affectionately known as Captain Carrot) passed away earlier this year.

Gary Missions who has been our Master at Arms Group Instructor for many years has been unwell but expects to return from hospital soon.

GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

Income = £29,054 Expenditure = £24,560

2024 BALANCE = 195,134

Karen Hannah reported that all the finances are now online and the accounts have been moved to Charity Foundation. We are nearly paper free!

5th Dartford has already spent in excess of £10,000 on work for the new hall, including ground surveys. As costs have continued to escalate, the subs payments have increased from £12-£16 and they will be increased again to £20 in April 2025. If any members are struggling with the increased cost of living and have concerns KH encouraged them to speak to the Scout Leader. There will be an ongoing focus upon fundraising and 5th Scouts hope to sign up for Gift Aid as soon as possible.

A request for £3500 has been submitted to Dartford Council as part of their *Salute to Youth* initiative. This money will help to fund the reopening of the climbing wall, along with some new equipment.

APPOINTMENTS

Following recommendation from the open selection process, the following appointments have been made:

Group Chair – Russ Ketley appointed for 3 years.

Group Treasurer - Karen Hannah appointed for 3 years.

Group Secretary – Tasha Cayless has volunteered to fill this role

Group Auditor – Selection process is now open

Assistant Treasure - Maggie Lilleycrop

Scout Group knowledge & Experience - Jim Lilleycrop

Group Leaders/Instructor representative - Del Hurd

Sub Team New Hall - David Monteith

Sub Team New Hall - Darren Enever

Parent representative - Sachin Bendigeri

Parent representative - Tim Briggs

AWARDS

Leaders Awards:

David Bloom – Nights Away Permit

Jason O'Brien – 15 Years service

Del Hurd – 30 Years service

Chief Scout Gold Awards:

Meighan Beeden

Alex

Rutherford-Courtney

Ollie

Balfe

Evie

Jarrett

Olivia

Moss

Tristan

Briggs

Leo

Bloom

Maisie Morgan

CLOSING REMARKS

District Lead Volunteer – Neil Gearing

NG referred to the wealth of opportunities provided by 5th Dartford Scout Group and thanked all the volunteers who have made this possible. He also thanked the young people who are central to group and requested that they look at the Scout website and contribute their ideas for activities for the next camp. NG reported that 5th Dartford can repeat Award 50 next year and confirmed that there would be no additional charge from the district. NG also thanked the trustee board, JK and AL for their ongoing support.

Leader of Council – Jeremy Kite

JK emphasised the high value that Dartford Council places upon the role of 5th Dartford Scout Group and explained how this aligns with the Council's drive to prioritise youth services and facilities. He acknowledged that Kent County Council have struggled to meet the needs of young people and therefore Dartford Council aims to plug those gaps wherever possible. He thanked all involved at 5th Dartford.

Mayor of Dartford – Andy Lloyd

AL shared his own experience of scouting as a young person and how the opportunities that this provided continues to benefit him even now! He is proud to be an ex-scout and wants to use his year as Mayor to promote and support the scouting movement.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The new managers of Kip McGrath Dartford briefly explained the tutoring service that they provide and offered to support 5th Dartford Scout Group through sponsorship, providing badges etc.

PB offered two tickets to Southend's Adventure Island which he is unable to use – he is taking bids! Tea, coffee and cake will be available after the meeting alongside an air rifle shooting competition.

5th Dartford Scout Group (Charity no. 303370)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Receipts and payments

	2022/2023	2023/2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	7,297	13,460
Donations	309	602
closed account balances returned	-	3,132
Gift Aid	-	-
t shirts	-	300
	7,606	17,494
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Detail 1 Activities	1,287	900
Detail 2 Camps	6,930	9,299
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	8,217	10,199
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	2,863	-
Sub total	2,863	-
Investment income		
Bank interest	63	1,361
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	63	1,361
Total Gross Income	18,749	29,054
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	18,749	29,054

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,333	4,910
Youth programme and activities	4,538	812
Adult support and training	-	265
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	165	192
Electricity and Gas	346	767
Insurance	1,784	2,020
Repairs and Renewals	239	251
Materials and equipment	-	3,118
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	7,157	8,166
Uniforms	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	25
Section Budgets	2,920	1,807
Admin Costs	431	1,651
Other costs detail 3	-	576
Sub total	21,913	24,560
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	21,913	24,560
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	21,913	24,560
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,164	4,494
Cash funds last year end	193,804	190,640
Cash funds this year end	190,640	195,134

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

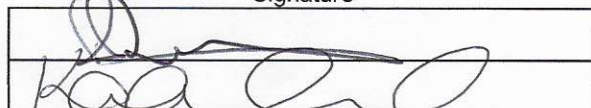
31st March 2023
Unrestricted funds

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	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	33,341	36,490
Bank deposit account	13,144	13,321
Building society account	134,638	135,806
	9,417	9,417
Cash/Floats	100	100
Total cash funds	190,640	195,134
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	190,640	195,134

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name

RUSSELL KETLEY, Chair
KAREN HANNAH, Treasurer

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th Dartford Scout Group/Dartford District Scout Council for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Dartford Scout Group/Dartford District Scout Council 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 5th Dartford Scout Group/Dartford District Scout Council 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 5th Dartford Scout Group/ Dartford District Scout Council 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:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address:

Date:



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