



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2022 To 31 March 2023

Charity name: 7th Deal (Sandwich St George's) Scout Group

Charity registration number: 303377

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Purpose of Scouting</p> <p>Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting</p> <p>As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>Integrity – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect – We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care – We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes</p> <p>Co-Operation – We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method</p> <p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the Values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 the Scout Promise
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Weekly meetings aimed at personal development and achieving a variety of scout awards recognised by badge attainment.</p> <p>Camps/residential activities- offering the opportunity of away from home activities combined with enhancing their ability to</p>

		work as a team, improve social interaction and working with nature.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Opportunities provided to 60/70 young people to develop and learn life skills. Interaction with local community to ensure other young people are encouraged to join the group. Working to enhance existing relationships with other local community groups and develop new ones.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity held total funds of £33,326 at the end of the period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves Policy The Group policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running cost, circa £10,000 in addition to money held for other running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Group's total funds of £33,326 at the year-end includes the £10,000 reserve.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None known

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	A monthly subscription is charged for each young person that is a member of the group. Additional activities such as camps are charged at cost. Occasional fundraising events take place through the year, with funds either coming from parents or members of the local community.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Group's income and expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has, therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies. The Group Executive regularly monitors the level of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk and Internal Control The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they

		<p>believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:</p> <p>Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>Financial Mismanagement The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2</p>
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		signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	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
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>The Group is managed by The Group Executive Committee, 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.</p> <p>The Committee consists of a Chair, Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets 4 times per year.</p> <p>Members of the Executive Committee complete Essential Information for Executive Committee training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maintenance of Group property; • The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; • The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing the Group at public occasions; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Appointing any sub committees that may be required; • Appointing Group Administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	7 th Deal (Sandwich St George's) Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	303377
Charity's principal address	Sandwich Scouts Headquarters Off Woodnesborough Road Sandwich Kent CT13 0AA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ian Fletcher	Chair		
2	Mark Little	Group Scout Leader		
3	Linda Tappenden	Assistant Group Scout Leader		
4	Anne Little			
5	Colin Tappenden			
6	Anthony Goodbun			
7	Jonathan Sansom			
8	Trina Hill			
9	Kelly Waller			
10	Mike Cram			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
The Scout Association		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ian Mark Fletcher	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	20 NOV 2023	

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 7th Deal (Sandwich St George's) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31/03/2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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