

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A **Reference and administration details**

Charity name

8th Gillingham (Wigmore) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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Charity's principal address

6 Medlar Grove

Hempstead

Gillingham

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr Rob Gill	GSL / Scout Leader	
2	Mr Paul Cousins	Chair	
3	Mrs Ro Brown	Secretary	
4	Mr David Drizen	Treasurer	
5	Mrs Sylvia Gill	A/GSL / Cub Leader	
6	Mr Alex Brown	AGSL / ACSL	
7	Mr Daniel Phillips		
8	Ms Nikki Morris		
9	Mr Wayne Spring		
10	Mr Stuart MacLellan		
11	Mr Ashley Bond	AGSL / Explorer Leader	
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Section A	Reference and administration details (continued)
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B	Structure, governance and management
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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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 the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

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.

The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every 2 months.

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

The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
Group 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.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Executive Committee has 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 main areas of concern that have been identified are:

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.

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.

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 on-going basis, either temporarily or permanently.

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.

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.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The group has in place systems of *internal controls* that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.</p> <p>The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full 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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We continue to host a District Explorer Group - We hold weekend Scout and Cub camps, plus Beaver sleepovers - We hold week long Summer Camps for the Scouts and Cubs (sometimes a joint camp) - We continue to hold Group campfires to create cohesion between the sections. - Each section holds various activities outside the regular hut meetings to add interest - Wherever possible we attend events and camps held at both District and County level - Leaders maintain and expand their skills and knowledge by attending various training events

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grant making; • contribution made by volunteers. 	
Public benefit statement	<p>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.</p>

Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>Apart from the regular weekly Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meetings and the usual Scouting activities that they entail, the main achievements are those as detailed in Section C, above</p>

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on	Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is, ideally, to hold sufficient funds to continue the charitable activities of the group during a period when income and fundraising activities unexpectedly fall short of that required. The Group Executive Committee considers this amount to be equivalent to approximately 6 months running costs, c.£3,500. The Group's reserves at year end well exceeded that requirement, these funds are also to be used for on-going hut replacement and renovations
Quantity and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	Investment Policy (Specimen 1) 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 or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels 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 using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• investment policy and objectives	Investment Policy (Specimen 2) 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 its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)



Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Paul Cousins Ro Brown

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman Secretary

Date

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8th Gillingham (Wigmore) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	1 April 2023	To	31 March 2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	25,544.98	0.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-9,655.00	-19,166.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	15,889.98	-19,166.00
Youth Program and Activities	2,559.14	832.91
Camp	4,508.84	4,050.00
Donations	257.35	2,220.43
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	4,989.80	0.00
Other similar income	4,258.21	455.63
Other income via GoCardless	0.00	35,459.55
Sub total	16,573.34	43,018.52
Grants		
Maintenance grant	0.00	500.00
Other grants	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	500.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Detail 1 - Annual	786.46	881.26
Detail 2 - Ad Hoc	500.00	1,309.00
Detail 3	0.00	0.00
Other fundraising activities (Inc Asset Sale)	0.00	0.00
Sub total	1,286.46	2,190.26
Investment income		
Bank interest	658.98	162.43
Property Rent income	0.00	420.00
Other investment income	0.00	0.00
Sub total	658.98	582.43
Total Gross Income	34,408.76	27,125.21
Asset and investment sales, etc. (Minibus)	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	34,408.76	27,125.21

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	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	10,724.18	16,245.79
Adult support and training	0.00	0.00
Rent	0.00	0.00
Water and Sewerage	374.58	428.95
Electricity and Gas	1,595.88	1,135.66
Insurance	1,626.45	1,098.74
Repairs and Renewals	599.47	3,627.30
Materials and equipment	488.79	704.57
Printing and photocopying	0.00	268.28
Contribution to camp costs	4,252.72	3,521.69
Uniforms	1,512.78	2,139.82
AGM and trustee expenses	573.76	78.79
Other costs detail 1 - Donations to Charity	90.00	0.00
Other costs detail 2 - Security	558.07	182.82
Other costs detail 3 - Hut Rebuild	16,129.61	11,720.00
Other costs detail 4 - Miscellaneous	365.90	3,187.03
Sub total	38,892.19	44,339.44
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1 - Annual	0.00	692.96
Detail 2 - Ad Hoc	0.00	0.00
Detail 3 - Float	150.00	155.00
Other fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Sub total	150.00	847.96
Total Gross Expenditure	39,042.19	45,187.40
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	39,042.19	45,187.40
Net of receipts/(payments)	-4,633.43	-18,062.19
Cash funds last year end	51,312.37	69,374.56
Cash funds this year end	46,678.94	51,312.37

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	8,852.42	7,439.44
Bank deposit account	36,956.69	42,853.10
Petty Cash	869.83	1,019.83
Total cash funds	46,678.94	51,312.37
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	0.00	0.00
Other stock	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	275,000.00	275,000.00
Motor vehicles	0.00	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	25,000.00	25,000.00
Other	0.00	0.00
Sub total	300,000.00	300,000.00
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees at the AGM and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name

Paul Cousins	Chairman
David Drizen	Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

8th GILLINGHAM (WIGMORE) SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group'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 1993 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.

Signed:

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Date: 14/09/2024p