

10th Finchley (Scottish) Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Trustees

The trustees are deemed to be the members of the 10th Finchley (Scottish) Scout Group Executive for the time being. Those who have served in this capacity during the last year and to the date of this report are as follows.

Trustees and date appointed as Trustee

Lisa Zaferakis	(Chair)	11 June 2017
Susan Liu	(Secretary)	7 July 2015
Tony Francis-Burnett	(GSL)	7 July 2015
Tami Nettler	(Treasurer)	7 July 2015
Ann Francis-Burnett		12 April 2016
Andrew Simson	(CSL)	11 June 2017
Charles Rowell		11 June 2017
Ishpal Anand		11 June 2017
Gregory Thornett		11 June 2017
Danuta Heneaghan		16 July 2019
Chris Reay		5 June 2022
Eduard Lazar		5 June 2022

The principal address of the charity for correspondence purposes is Gordon Hall, Huntly Drive, London N3 1NX.

Structure, governance, and management

The governing documents of the Group 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.

The Group is a trust established under rules which are common to all Scouts. It is also a Registered Charity in its own right, number 303488.

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for running the charity in a way that complies with the charity's governing document and the law. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader and up to 9 other members. Of the 9 other members one third are appointed by the Group Scout Council and another third are nominated by the Group Scout Leader and approved by the Group Scout Council both at the AGM.

The Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of his/her appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group's property.
- The development of the Group.
- The training of leaders and administrators.
- The raising of funds and the administration of the Group's finances.

- 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.

The Executive itself meets quarterly.

Risk and internal Control

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Principal risks facing the Group are as follows:

- Exposure to financial loss from Scouting events – mitigated by a robust Events Approval process
- Reduced income from a fall in membership – mitigated by the support and training of volunteer Scout Leaders to enable a challenging, vigorous and appealing programme for young people.
- Exposure to financial loss due to unforeseen external circumstances, e.g. pandemic
- Reputational damage from adverse press coverage – mitigated by the use of a Scout Organisation County Public Relations officer in contact with local Press and the Scout Association media team

Objectives and activities

Scouting activities in 2022 were not yet back to normal at the 10th Finchley Scout Group. Use of the scout hall by external groups began to recover. The Trustees continued with improvement and maintenance works to the Scout Hall including replacement of windows and electrical and fire safety compliance updates.

The 10th Finchley Scout Group objectives remain the same:

- To make quality Scouting available to every young person in the Group, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion or disability.
- To ensure that the Scout Group offers the opportunity for young people aged 6 to 18 to progress through the Scout sections in a clearly identifiable way, either within their Group, or through formal arrangements with other Scout Groups and District and County led provisions.
- To continually assure the quality of Scouting in the Scout Group.
- To continuously recruit and retain adult leaders and helpers.
- To build strong teams of adults who will deliver the Group's objectives.

The Group supports the delivery of the programme by:

- Utilising the national modular adult training scheme
- Supporting and promoting participation in national and international events
- Providing leadership and guidance for Group Leaders and other volunteers
- Providing and/or competing in Group events and District activities e.g. handicrafts, camping, water activities, hill walking and climbing etc

Achievements and Performance

In 2022 we began to re-introduce in-person scouting activities at the Hall however we had to restrict numbers and external activities were limited.

Public Benefit

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Membership of the Scout Association, and therefore of the Scout Group, is open to all no matter what background, faith, gender, or personal circumstances. Subscriptions payable by members are minimal and no young person would be prevented from joining if they were unable to pay this subscription. Grants are available at Group, District and County level to assist all young people to fully participate in all activities.

Plans for the Future

- Activities defined and governed by young people in partnership with adults.
- Increase participation by more young people and adult volunteers.
- Continue to represent the diversity of the community in which we live.

Clear guidance, support and training for new leaders continues to be a priority and we are confident that this leads to more exciting and challenging programmes for the young people as well as ensuring that leaders find their role rewarding.

Financial activities and results

The Covid 19 pandemic gave rise to restrictions that impacted on scouting activities thus many of these could not take place. Receipts were circa £30k with payments just above £37k. Expenditure included £13k for new windows. For full details please see accounts.

Investment Powers, Policy, and Performance

It is a requirement of POR (Policy Organisation and Rules) that funds not immediately required by the Group are transferred into a suitable investment vehicle permitted by POR. The Group's policy has been to invest with National Savings and in bank deposit accounts including the Charities Official Investment Fund and CAF.

Voluntary Help

The Trustees recognize and appreciate the volunteers who give their time and expertise to enhance and support the 10th Finchley (Scottish) Scout Group.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Lisa Zaferakis
Chair
10th Finchley (Scottish) Scout Group.

30 Dec 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
10th Finchley (Scottish) Scout Group	303488

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.01.2022		31.12.2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions (net of capitation)	2,498	-	-	2,498	2,064
Gift Aid	3,063	-	-	3,063	-
Property rents	22,366	-	-	22,366	16,843
Bank interest	408	-	-	408	149
Activities	1,333	-	-	1,333	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	516	-	-	516	77
COVID	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,184	-	-	30,184	19,133
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,184	-	-	30,184	19,133
A3 Payments					
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Activities	11,434	-	-	11,434	7,336
Premises costs	12,195	-	-	12,195	5,764
Minibus expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Family camp	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenses	412	-	-	412	146
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,041	-	-	24,041	13,246
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	13,072	-	-	13,072	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,072	-	-	13,072	-
Total payments	37,113	-	-	37,113	13,246
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,929	-	-	- 6,929	5,887
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	87,403	-	-	87,403	81,516
Cash funds this year end	80,475	-	-	80,475	87,403

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	COIF Deposit Account	14,181	-	
	Bank Current Account	100	-	
	Bank Deposit Account	66,193	-	
	Cash Floats	-	-	
		-	-	
	Total cash funds	80,475	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	COIF Income Units at cost (market value at 31 December 2022 £4,279.24)	5,000	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Motor vehicles at cost	1,000	-	
	Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	28,331	-	
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

R.A. Francis - Bennett

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25.09.23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 10th Finchley (Scottish) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year.

My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the applicable Directions given by the Charities Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect :

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 25/9/23

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