

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 Hornchurch (St. Andrews) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 3 7 0 0

Charity's principal address

15 Westland Avenue

Hornchurch

Essex

Postcode

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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 | Sarah Meacher | Chairperson | |
| 2 | Paul Snell | Treasurer | |
| 3 | Tracey Brown | Secretary | |
| 4 | Andrew Rice | Lead Volunteer | |
| 5 | Robert Wallace | Assistant GSL | |
| 6 | Stuart Brown | Assistant GSL | |
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Section A

Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

| Type of advisor | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| N/A | | |
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Section B

Structure, governance and management

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 (POR)*.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under POR, the rules of which are common to all Scout Groups.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR.

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 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets three times a year.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of his appointment 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.

| Section B | Structure, governance and management (continued) |
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| | <p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>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 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 membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all new 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 14. 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>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.</p> |

| 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 | Please see report below. |

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

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Group has a strong, experienced and dedicated volunteer leader team and welcomes new volunteers who bring with them enthusiasm and fresh ideas.

| Section D | Achievements and performance |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year | <p>Numbers have declined but we still have three Beaver Colonies, four Cub Packs and three Scout Troops catering for approx 200 members (with approx 40 warranted leaders and Executive Committee members) at January 2025. The Group offers an active program of section night activities, day trips and nights away experiences. The success of these activities can be measured by the strength of the Group which is one of the largest in the Greater London North East County.</p> |

| Section E | Financial Review |
|--|---|
| Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves | <p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to keep its HQ building in good repair, replace equipment when needed and continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Committee considers that the group should hold a sum at least equal to 12 months running costs, circa £10,000.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of approximately £66,000 against this at year end. This figure is regarded as satisfactory, since reserves are being accumulated to cover future large scale costs such as replacement of the fencing.</p> |
| Quantify and explain any designations | |
| Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate) | N/A |

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

• the charity's principal sources of funds

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

• investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy

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.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

N/A

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 Snell

Andrew Rice

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)

Treasurer

Lead Volunteer

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Date

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Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----|---------------|
| | Year start date | | Year end date |
| For the year from | 01-Apr-24 | T o | 31-Mar-25 |

Receipts and payments

| | | 31-Mar-25 | 31-Mar-24 |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | Unrestricted funds | Unrestricted funds |
| | | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | |
| | Donations, legacies and similar income | | |
| i1 | Membership subscriptions | 21875.00 | 24202.50 |
| | Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District) | | 0.00 |
| | Net membership subscriptions retained | 21875.00 | 24202.50 |
| i2 | Donations | 14042.81 | 1545.24 |
| i3 | Legacies | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| i4 | Gift Aid | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| i5 | Other similar income | 2073.50 | 7511.99 |
| | Sub total | 37991.31 | 33859.73 |
| | Grants | | |
| i6 | Maintenence grant | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| i7 | London Borough of Havering grants | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Sub total | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Fundraising (gross) | | |
| i8 | Detail 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| i9 | Camps | 13613.00 | 13483.92 |
| i10 | Shop | 18568.48 | 22613.79 |
| i11 | Other fundraising activities | 3102.00 | 2408.84 |
| | Sub total | 35283.48 | 38506.55 |
| | Investment income | | |
| i12 | Bank interest | 450.28 | 0.00 |
| i13 | Building Society interest | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| i14 | The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| i15 | Property Rent income | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| i16 | Other investment income | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Sub total | 450.28 | 0.00 |
| | Total Gross Income | 73725.07 | 72366.28 |
| | Asset and investment sales, etc. | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total receipts | 73725.07 | 72366.28 |

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Receipts and payments

| | | 31-Mar-25 | 31-Mar-24 |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | Unrestricted funds | Unrestricted funds |
| | | £ | £ |
| Payments | | | |
| Charitable Payments | | | |
| e1 | Youth programme and activities | 6956.32 | 5640.00 |
| e2 | Adult support and training | 0.00 | 335.00 |
| e3 | Rent | 3717.00 | 3419.68 |
| e4 | Water and Sewerage | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| e5 | Electricity and Gas | 2461.55 | 2301.83 |
| e6 | Insurance | 2522.68 | 1128.89 |
| e7 | Repairs and Renewals | 4979.50 | 2982.00 |
| e8 | Materials and equipment | 4462.91 | 2684.03 |
| e9 | Printing and photocopying | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| e10 | Minibus related | 144.29 | 1427.63 |
| e11 | Uniforms | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| e12 | AGM and trustee expenses | 2988.96 | 2728.96 |
| e13 | Badges | 2127.69 | 2064.83 |
| e14 | Stationery | 335.88 | 533.79 |
| e15 | Capitation and Other | 14832.57 | 14242.10 |
| | Sub total | 45529.35 | 39488.74 |
| Fundraising expenses | | | |
| e16 | Donations | 2371.45 | 125.00 |
| e17 | Camps | 13352.89 | 16188.94 |
| e18 | Shop | 14338.51 | 18325.71 |
| e19 | Other fundraising costs | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Sub total | 30062.85 | 34639.65 |
| | Total Gross Expenditure | 75592.20 | 74128.39 |
| | Asset and investment purchases, etc. | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total payments | 75592.20 | 74128.39 |
| | Net of receipts/(payments) | -1867.13 | -1762.11 |
| | Cash funds last year end | | |
| | Cash funds this year end | -1867.13 | -1762.11 |

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

| | 31-Mar-25 Unrestricted funds | 31-Mar-24 Unrestricted funds |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash funds | | |
| Bank current account | 24442.94 | 27375.16 |
| Bank deposit account | 40740.82 | 0.00 |
| Building society account | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cash/Floats | 351.97 | -395.14 |
| Total cash funds | 65535.73 | 26980.02 |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Motor vehicles | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Scouting equipment, furniture etc | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Sub total | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 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 on Xth X 2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

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Chair

Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

8th Hornchurch Scout Group

SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group / District for the year ended March 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/Districts 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 Scrutineers's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's / District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out in this report

Scrutineer's Statement

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

K Murphy

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Date: 28/Jan/26