

2ND UPMINSTER (ST LAURENCE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 303709

Details

Other names 2ND UPMINSTER (ST LAURENCE GROUP)

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1968-04-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.

Activities: Education /Training

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UPMINSTER
- Essex
- Havering

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,919	£33,671	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,383	£26,413	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,589	£22,779	-	-
2022-03-31	£15,815	£16,823	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,287	£6,400	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL ROOME	Chair	
David Alan Goss		2024-09-02
David Rogers		
Deborah Anne Carter		
Gary Michael Bone		2024-11-30
James Edward Jaques		2021-09-11
LEE OWEN		
Olly Clark		2019-07-05
Rebecca Jane Cox		2023-06-30
Rev Susannah Brasier		2025-01-15
Stuart Dennis Fink		2024-09-02

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**Report & Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025**



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CHARITY DETAILS

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association

7165

Charity Registration Number

303709

Principal Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc
Market Place Romford Branch

Contact Name and Address

David Rogers
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TRUSTEE BOARD

Trustees

<u>Trustee name</u>	<u>Office (if any)</u>	<u>Date acted if not for whole year</u>
Michael Roome	Group Chair	
David Rogers	Group Treasurer	
Michelle Barkwith		Until 06/07/2025
Gary Bone		From 30/11/2024
Susannah Brasier		From 15/01/2025
Debbie Carter		
Olly Clark		
Rebecca Cox		
Stuart Fink		From 02/09/2024
David Goss		From 02/09/2024
James Jaques		
Nicola Newton		Until 06/07/2025
Lee Owen		
Julia Rogers		Until 06/07/2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document

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

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

Charity objectives

2nd Upminster Scouts is an educational charity whose primary object is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full potential as individuals, responsible citizens, and members of their local, national, and international communities. This is achieved by providing fun, adventure, and skills for life, and empowering young people to make a positive contribution to society.

Trustee responsibilities

The Trustee Board has overall control of the charity and is responsible for making sure the Group is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules.

Trustee Board membership

The Group's Trustee Board is comprised of between 5 and 12 subject to a maximum number approved by the Scout Council at the AGM. These Trustees may be Ex officio, appointed, or co-opted. An Ex officio trustee is automatically a member of the Trustee Board because of their role in Scouts. At 2nd Upminster the Group Lead Volunteer is the only Ex officio trustee.

Trustee Board appointments

The Chair, Treasurer and other appointed trustees are all elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by the Scout Council, based on the outcome of an open selection process. Co-opted trustees may be appointed by the board during the year to do a particular task, or to bring new skills to the mix.

Ex officio Trustees serve as a Trustee for as long as they hold the Ex officio role. Appointed Trustees (including Chair and Treasurer) are appointed by the Scout Council at the AGM for an initial period of no longer than three years. Co-opted Trustees are appointed by the Trustee Board for an initial period of one year are encouraged to move to being appointed Trustees at the next AGM. Trustees may only be a member of the Group's Trustee Board for a maximum of 9 years after which a break of three years is required.

Trustee selection methods

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

How the charity is managed

The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation, and Rules (POR) says the Trustee Board purpose is to focus on oversight and strategy and supporting achievement of the organisation's strategic goals.

Under the auspices of the Trustee Board, the Group Leadership Team helps volunteers across all sections to work well together and to feel motivated. They are tasked with a wide variety of responsibilities including support for the Group's sections in delivery of the programme, the development of volunteers and engagement with the community.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group Trustee Board 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:

Safeguarding incidents involving Scouting members.

This is mitigated by following The Scout Association's adult appointment process which includes carrying out DBS checks for those performing regulated activity; a national vetting process; and a clear system for reporting concerns. Volunteers are required to complete mandatory safeguarding training within the timeframes set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Training completion and renewal is monitored within the Group and by the District Trustee Board.

Risk to the health and safety of leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

This is mitigated through mandatory safety training for volunteers, which is monitored by the District Trustee Board through monthly reporting of completion and renewal data; adherence to the requirements of the adventurous activity permit scheme; and following the provisions of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Related financial risks are mitigated through capitation fees contributed to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy and other insurances arranged through Scout Insurance Services Limited. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Damage to the buildings, property and equipment.

The Group has buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against these potential losses.

Reduced income

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from youth member subscriptions. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the Group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders

The Group is wholly reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If the number of volunteers reduced to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Group, this would lead to a contraction, consolidation or closure of the affected section or in the worst case to the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members

The Group provides activities for all young people aged four to 14. If the number of youth members in a particular section or the Group reduced to an unacceptable level, this would lead to a contraction, consolidation or closure of the affected section or in the worst case to the complete closure of the Group.

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 2 signatories for all bank payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- 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 their Promise.

Our place in Scouting

2nd Upminster Scouts is a 'unit' of Scouting in the United Kingdom offering Scouting to boys and girls between the ages of four and 14. We have a sponsorship agreement with St. Laurence Church, Upminster and hold our usual weekly meetings in halls at the Church.

Our organisation

At 2nd Upminster we provide weekly Scouting activities for young people from age four to 14. Squirrel is for ages 4 to 6, Beaver Scouts is for ages 6 to 8, Cub Scouts for ages 8 to 10½ and Scouts for ages 10½ to 14. We currently operate seven sections: one Squirrels Drey, two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops.

Charity Commission's public benefit criteria

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.

Achievements and performance

The Group Lead Volunteers' Report below describes the overall activities of the Group during the year. This is followed by a list of volunteers and section reports giving an insight into the main activities and achievements of the individual sections.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results

Overall payments for the year exceeded receipts by £1,752 and this deficit has been deducted from accumulated funds resulting in a carried forward balance at the end of the year of £13,090.

The main contributors to the result for the year were:

Receipts		
Membership subscriptions	£21,820	68.4%
Scouting activity charges	£4,307	13.5%
Gift Aid tax refund	£4,402	13.8%
Other	£1,390	4.3%
Total	£31,919	100.0%
Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on	£7,672	22.8%
Youth programme expenses	£21,977	65.3%
Programme support expenses	£4,022	11.9%
Total	£33,671	100.0%

Gift Aid continues to make a significant contribution to the Group's income. The reclaim in 2023/24 in respect of subscriptions received in the previous year represented almost 93% of the theoretical maximum we could have claimed.

Details of the Group's receipts and payments, and assets and liabilities are reported on pages 14 and 15.

Financial controls

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 bank payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient cash funds and monetary assets to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months' running costs, circa £10,000.

Investment policy

The Group's income and expenditure is relatively small and consequently it 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 for 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 Trustees regularly monitor 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on 18 June 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Michael Roome
Group Chair

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

Meetings, meetings, meetings...

2nd Upminster continues to thrive, offering Scouting to boys and girls between the ages of four and 14. In addition to our usual weekly meetings in the Church Halls, we continue to organise diverse and valuable Section outings and camps, and participate in District events.

Programme

Our programme is based around weekly section meetings delivered in the Church halls supplemented by camps and outdoor activities and opportunities to join with other local Scout Groups in larger events organised by the local Scout District and County. We offer activities, badges and nights away opportunities designed to develop skills for life for our young people delivered by our amazing team of volunteers.

Membership

The Group continues to attract applications from more young people than can be accommodated by the existing leadership team and the existing sections. Actual membership numbers change frequently as members join, move between sections and leave, but the numbers reported in our annual census provide a useful insight:

Youth membership	January 2025	January 2024
Squirrels	20	19
Beavers	43	26
Cubs	44	41
Scouts	29	34
Total youth members	136	120

The names and details of our adult members are shown in the volunteers section of this report. We have not shown statistics here because the move to teams-based volunteering has made year on year misleading. Our adult volunteers are assisted by members of the Young Leaders Scheme (young people aged 14-18, typically from Explorer Scout units) who contribute to the delivery of their section's programme.

Volunteering

Scouting at 2nd Upminster is made possible by the teamwork of our leaders and helpers who are all parents of current or past youth members or who were themselves members in their childhood. We rely on new parents joining this team effort to ensure our continued success and as a result we give priority to applications with an adult family member who can help.

Awards

During the last year, Hornchurch District Scouts awarded the HL Jackson Memorial Award to the Group having judged it to be a group in the District which has excelled in all aspects of Scouting. The District also awarded the Janet Winslow Award to Bex Cox recognising her for her willingness to go and help another group or section.

Mike Roome & David Rogers
(Acting Group Lead Volunteers)

VOLUNTEERS

Organisation

Our adult volunteers are organized into three main types of teams: Section Teams, the Group Leadership Team, and the Group Trustee Board.

Group Trustee Board

This Trustees provides the legal and financial framework for the Scout Group, ensuring it complies with charity law and operates in accordance with the Policy Organization and Rules of The Scout Association. The members of the Board are shown on page 2.

Group Leadership Team

This Group Leadership Team supports all volunteers within the group in the delivery of safe and exciting Scouting by coordinating activities, planning programs, and ensuring continuity and development. This team includes the Group Lead Volunteer, a lead volunteer from each section and other volunteers overseeing group-wide responsibilities such as volunteer development, membership subscriptions and the maintenance and availability of Scouting equipment. The current members of this team are.

<u>Section team leaders</u>	<u>Section team leaders</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Others</u>
Bex Cox	Michelle Barkwith	Debbie Carter	Mike Roome
Sukh Nahr	Olly Clark	Marie Sugrue	David Rogers
James Jaques	Lee Sambrook	Lee Owen	Julia Rogers
		Louise Horsley	

Section Teams

The members of our Section Teams (we have one for each section) are responsible for planning, delivering, and running the youth program within their own section. This includes managing the day-to-day operations of the section, ensuring safety, and helping young people achieve Top Awards and other badges. They also support young people in developing new skills and finding their place in the world.

<u>Squirrels</u>	<u>Gridiron Beavers</u>	<u>Tampa Bay Cubs</u>	<u>Carter Scouts</u>
Bex Cox	Bex Cox	James Jaques	Olly Clark
Georgina Delaney	Simon Gerrish	Lee Owen	Louise Horsley
Joanna Edge	Iris Huard	Natalie Jeeves	Sarah Chapman
Simon Gerrish	Natalie Jeeves	Chris Plume	James Jaques
Louise Hardy	Thomas Kent	Rob Bowker	Harry Constantinou
Jess Hewlett	Waiman Tang		
Katie Jenne		Gus Chuter (YL)	Thomas Wood (YL)
Rosa Lewis-Samuels	Lennie Hough (YL)		
Chloe Pope	Jack Bowker (YL)		
Hannah Smith	Harrison Clark (YL)		
Louise Smith			
Paula Winter			
	<u>Holden Beavers</u>	<u>Derham Cubs</u>	<u>Eagle Scouts</u>
	Sukh Nahr	Michelle Barkwith	Lee Sambrook
James Bowker (YL)	Carl Jacobs	Nicola Newton	Sukh Nahr
Maisy Clark (YL)	David Hayward	Wills Blundell	Brett Emblin
	Stuart Martin	Jonathan Slack	Wills Blundell
	Michelle Cutter	Peter Cox	
	Mariam Ahmed	Jelena Begena	
	Karolina Barabach	Emma Fair	
	Katie Jenne	Steve Fair	

SCOUTING REPORTS

2nd Upminster (St Laurence)

The Group

The Group continues to attract applications from more young people than can be accommodated by the existing leadership team and the existing sections. Actual membership numbers change frequently as members join, move between sections and leave, but the demand continues to rise for the activities that Scouting can offer.

In September 2024, we opened a second Scout Troop in response to oversubscription in the existing Troop. The existing troop adopted the name "Carter Troop" (a salute to Debbie Carter who has been a volunteer with the Group for more than 30 years) and the new troop gave itself the name "Eagle Troop".

2nd Upminster Scouts first opened in 1924. We marked this anniversary in July 2024 with a centenary family camp at the Thriftwood Scout Campsite in Brentwood. This was followed on Remembrance Sunday by an anniversary event after our usual annual awards ceremony with cake, refreshments and a display of photographs and memorabilia in the Minor Hall.

Scouting in the UK has introduced a transformation programme aimed at making volunteering with Scouts easier, more enjoyable and rewarding. This change includes moving to teams-based volunteering which effectively formalises what we have been doing in some of our sections for several years. We continue to operate very flexible volunteering arrangements with some people getting involved almost every week, some helping once or twice a month and others less frequently. Our philosophy is that 'many hands make light work'.

Squirrels

Squirrels Report

Over the past year, our Squirrel Drey have enjoyed a fantastic range of activities designed to build their confidence, teamwork, and life skills whilst having lots of fun along the way. We challenged their sense of adventure by visiting the assault course, cresta run and cave bus at Thriftwood and water based fun was had on the pedalos at Stubbers in the summer.

Food is always a keen interest for our Squirrels, so it featured a lot across this year! They were lucky enough to visit a local allotment where the children got an insight into the food cycle as well as practicing our practical skills when we made pizzas and pancakes and cooked on our campfire.

As always, we continue to embrace other cultures and traditions as we learnt about Chinese New Year and Diwali. This year, our Squirrels also found a new love for litter picking, whilst we did our bit for the community and cleared up our park. We enjoyed a visit from a local personal trainer who kept us all moving and helped us work towards our 'Be Active' badge – it was a great way to burn off some of their energy, a really enjoyable session.

A special highlight of this year was our first film night, where the Squirrels enjoyed a lovely evening together, building friendships over a play in the park, dinner and a film. To top it all off, the Squirrels had an exciting and educational trip to Hornchurch Fire Station, where they learned about fire safety and the role of firefighters in the community.

It's been a busy and rewarding year, and we're incredibly proud of all the Squirrels' enthusiasm and achievements!



Gridiron Beavers Report

The theme for Gridiron Beavers this year was better out than in! We've been lucky enough to enjoy lots of visits over the past 12 months including to the RAF Heritage Museum, the Apple shop, the Astrological Society at Thames Chase to name but a few.

We've continued to push our colony to be adventurous and have successfully managed to get everyone rock climbing at Stubbers and canoeing at Thriftwood this year. Life skills have been taught with Debbie doing Emergency First Aid with our Beavers, they've also learnt to tie 3 different knots, put up a tent, make their bed, tie their shoelaces, light a candle and the phone number of one of their parents.

It was an interesting night when our full colony turned up to work on our cycling badge and we all went for a bike ride around the park with a real variety of cycling abilities, but we were really proud of them all for coming and not giving up, it showed real courage and resilience.

A special mention as well to our first joint sleepover with Holden Beavers as 11 of our own colony went to Oak Lodge for their 'nights away' adventure following a busy but wet 'District Beaver Badge Day' where they all earned 5 activity/staged badges. It was a really successful sleepover and one we are planning again for next year, a fantastic way for both colonies to come together.

It's certainly been a busy but very fun filled year for Gridiron Beavers, including awarding 3 Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

Holden Beavers Report

What a fantastic year it's been for the Holden Beaver Colony! Our young members have enjoyed a packed programme of activities, making great strides in their learning and development.

We spent a good deal of time exploring the world around us, including trips to places like Thames Chase where we learned about plants and even constructed bug hotels. We also embraced physical challenges, such as tackling the climbing walls at Stubbers. Caring for our local area was important, and we got stuck into community clean-up efforts like litter picking.

Connecting with our community and participating in Group traditions was a highlight. The Beavers proudly paraded at events throughout the year, including supporting the St George's Day, Remembrance Sunday, and Christingle services.

Inside, there was plenty of room for creativity and learning new things. We enjoyed various arts and crafts, from building with Lego and following instructions to creating thoughtful cards for people we care about. We also expanded our understanding of the wider world by learning about different cultures, like celebrating Chinese New Year. We also had a visit from a local Police Officer, which the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed.

Teamwork skills were put to the test with engaging group games, which helped everyone work together effectively and build strategies.

We continued to expand our leader team by welcoming two additional parent volunteers building upon the energy and diverse experiences of our existing leaders. These new additions to the team and the further development of the existing leaders will help guide the colony on future exciting new adventures.

Looking back, the Beavers have shown real enthusiasm, dedication, and have developed lots of valuable skills. It's been a rewarding year full of fun, learning, and growth, and we're excited about what the next year holds!



Tampa Bay Cubs Report

There have been numerous highlights for Tampa Cubs over the last twelve months. We've engaged with the local community; enjoying informative visits to the fire station in Wennington, litter picking in the local neighbourhood and stargazing with Havering Astronomical Society, where we saw Jupiter.

We've enjoyed visits to Thriftwood for adventure evenings and our Robert special evening with Dads for Father's Day. We have been laser tag and kayaking at Stubbers. Several Tampa Cubs attended fun-filled District events, including the annual District Camp at Skreens. It was great to bring the Cub pack together for an overnight stay at Sleepover at Thriftwood as well.

We've tried new activities, including the Cave Bus, made marble runs and held an evening of detective skills.

We have also been to the Apple Store to learn about apps, had furry visitors stopping by at the hall and many chaotic nights of cubs cooking from scratch, pancake night is always a favourite.

Throughout the year we've worked towards numerous badges, and it was pleasing to see George, Oliver, Jaden, Joseph and Finlay all deservedly get their Silver Awards.

It's been a busy year and plenty more fun still to be had in 2025!

Derham Cubs Report

There have been numerous highlights for Derham Cubs over the last twelve months. We've learnt about environmental conservation, working with St Laurence Church to plant herbs in the church grounds, as well as making bird boxes/feeders, and distributing seed bombs to encourage wildflowers. We also went on a litter pick and took part in the RSPB Big Bird Count. We've made the most of other local green spaces on a summer hike around Pages Wood and have had lots of fun in Upminster Park.

We've undertaken various adventurous activities, including paddle boarding and archery at Stubbers, tubing in Brentwood, and climbing, caving, den building and campfire nights at Thriftwood. Eight Derham Cubs took part in a very memorable day of various water activities at the unique Lord Amory Scout site in the heart of the Docklands. Our Cubs also had a great nights-away experience whilst engaging in loads of activities and team challenges at the annual District Cub Camp in June 2024, and we're looking forward to this year's camp..

But the fun wasn't limited to outdoors, as we had an eye-opening evening in the hall when we met several fascinating creatures (including an armadillo!) brought to us by Animal Encounters. We learnt about our local history with a visit to Upminster Windmill and enjoyed many celebratory sessions, including Halloween, Chinese New Year and Pancake Day. The Cubs have input into planning our programme, such as a bowling night for our Christmas activity, a Talent Showcase evening and plenty of games.

We've worked towards lots of badges throughout the year and several Cubs are on track to achieve their Silver Chief Scout Award by summer 2025. It's been a busy twelve months and plenty more fun still to come!

SCOUTS

Carter Scouts Report

The scout section has seen a return to more normal numbers and an increased level of retention throughout the year with 25 members currently.

This is in large part due to the advent of the second scout troop. To mark this the leaders named our troop Carter Scouts, a nod to the help, guidance and influence of Debbie Carter.

We have also benefited from a new young leader and having retained a young leader as a fully fledged adult leader. The troop recently took 20 scouts on a Survivor themed camp which saw every scout sleep in the trees in hammocks. There have also been activities such as river cleaning, scuba diving (not at the same time), junk yard golf, hikes, trebuchets, bushcraft and raft building.

Four scouts have received their Chief Scout Gold Award, congratulations to: Gus Chuter, Austin Horsley, Alex Jeffries and Finlay Smyth.

Eagle Scouts Report

Eagle Scouts—A Journey of Strength, Friendship, and Creativity

The Eagle Scouts may be newly formed, but they have already demonstrated the core values that make Scouting so impactful: resilience, teamwork, and a thirst for adventure.

Their journey began with a 5km cycle ride, a challenge that tested their determination and teamwork. Pushing their limits, they learned that perseverance and encouragement can take them further than they ever imagined.

They took their skills to Stubbers, where they mastered the art of fire-making. Just as patience and precision create the perfect flame, these Scouts learned that problem-solving and persistence are essential in both survival and life.

Beyond the outdoor adventures, the Eagle Scouts have also embraced the power of creativity and storytelling. They turned their experiences into a promo video, showcasing the spirit of their group and sharing their journey with the wider community on Facebook. Through filmmaking, they displayed leadership, innovation, and teamwork—proving that Scouting isn't just about survival skills, but also about expressing ideas and inspiring others.

Most importantly, this group has formed strong friendships, built on trust, support, and a shared commitment to pushing boundaries. Whether outdoors, behind the camera, or in everyday challenges, they lift each other up and move forward together.

This is just the beginning. As they continue to grow, the Eagle Scouts will face new challenges, embrace new adventures, and show that Scouting is about more than badges—it's about courage, learning, and a spirit that never gives up.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 2ND UPMINSTER (ST. LAURENCE) SCOUT GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group 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 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group 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 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group 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.

Name	Richard Davies
Qualification	Chartered Accountant
Address	9 Goirle Avenue Canvey Island Essex SS8 8BJ
Date	21 May 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		2024/25	2023/24
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		funds £	funds £
RECEIPTS			
Donations, legacies and similar income	Membership subscriptions	21,820	19,051
	Donations	1,095	253
	Gift Aid	4,402	4,310
	Other similar income	187	182
		<u>27,504</u>	<u>23,796</u>
Grants	Grants	-	300
		<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
Scouting activities	Camp receipts	1,910	3,410
	Other activity receipts	2,397	846
		<u>4,307</u>	<u>4,256</u>
Fundraising (gross)	Fundraising activities	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment income	Interest received	108	31
		<u>108</u>	<u>31</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>31,919</u>	<u>28,383</u>

PAYMENTS

Charitable Payments	Membership subscriptions paid on	7,672	6,261
	Youth programme and activities	15,485	10,452
	Adult support and training	-	-
	Hall hire	4,380	3,622
	Electricity	353	401
	Insurance - building and contents	359	612
	Insurance - accident and injury	1,406	1,756
	Banking services	576	512
	Uniforms	903	527
	Purchase of badges	1,127	1,482
	Equipment purchases (major items)	648	-
	Maintenance, repairs and renewals	337	342
	AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
	Miscellaneous expenses	425	446
	<u>33,671</u>	<u>26,413</u>	
Fundraising expenses	Fundraising expenses	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>33,671</u>	<u>26,413</u>

CASH FUNDS

Cash funds last year end	14,842	12,872
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>-1,752</u>	<u>1,970</u>
Cash funds this year end	<u>13,090</u>	<u>14,842</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2025		2024/25	2023/24
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		funds £	funds £
ASSETS			
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Cash funds	Bank current accounts	6,524	14,842
	Bank deposit accounts	6,566	-
	Cash/Floats	-	-
		<u>13,090</u>	<u>14,842</u>
Other monetary assets	Tax reclaims	4,882	4,258
	Camp and activity fees paid in advance	-	100
	Capitation fees paid in advance	7,672	6,261
	Uniform purchased available for resale	-	-
	Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
	Insurance claims	-	-
		<u>12,554</u>	<u>10,619</u>
Investment assets	Investments	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Non monetary asset for charity's own use	Scouting equipment, furniture etc	5,494	5,456
	Badge stock	-	-
		<u>5,494</u>	<u>5,456</u>
LIABILITIES			
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Current liabilities	Accounts not yet paid	172	50
	Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
	Camp and activity fees received in advance	-	-
	Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
	Loans	-	-
	Other liabilities	-	-
		<u>172</u>	<u>50</u>
Contingent liabilities and future obligations		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Michael Roome
Group Chair

David Rogers
Group Treasurer

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CHARITY DETAILS

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association
7165

Charity Registration Number
303709

Principal Bankers
Lloyds Bank plc
Market Place Romford Branch

Contact Name and Address
David Rogers
11 Deyncourt Gardens
Upminster, RM14 1DF

TRUSTEE BOARD

Trustees

<u>Trustee name</u>	<u>Office (if any)</u>	<u>Date acted if not for whole year</u>
Michael Roome	Group Chair	
David Rogers	Group Treasurer	
Julia Rogers	Group Secretary	
Michelle Barkwith		
Debbie Carter		
Olly Clark		
Rebecca Cox		From 30/06/2023
James Jaques		
Nicola Newton		
Lee Owen		

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document

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

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

Transformation

In April 2023, Executive Committees and Executive Committee Members were renamed as Trustee Boards and Trustees respectively. Doing this brings us in line with good practice guidance set by charity regulators. It also clarifies purpose.

Trustee responsibilities

2nd Upminster Scouts is an educational charity, and the Trustee Board has overall control of the charity and is responsible for making sure the Group is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules.

Trustee Board membership and appointments

From 1 April 2024, trustee boards in Scouting are making changes to their membership. These include how trustees are appointed, term limits, who can be a trustee and how many trustees they have.

Trustees may be ex officio, appointed, or co-opted. An ex officio trustee is automatically a member of the Trustee Board because of their role in Scouts. At 2nd Upminster the Group Lead Volunteer (the new name for the Group Scout Leader) is an ex officio trustee. The Chair, Treasurer and other appointed trustees are all appointed at Annual General Meetings (AGMs) by the Scout Council, based on the outcome of an open selection process. Co-opted trustees may be appointed by the board during the year to do a particular task, or to bring new skills to the mix.

Trustee selection methods

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

How the charity is managed

Historically, the Group has been managed by a Group Executive Committee whose members were also our charity trustees. In April 2023, Executive Committees and Executive Committee Members in Scout Groups, Scout Districts and Scout Counties were redesignated as Trustee Boards and Trustees respectively. This change brought Scouting into line with good practice guidance set by charity regulators underlining the difference between governance and support tasks.

A new Trustee Board purpose has been included in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation, and Rules (POR) to make sure Trustee Boards are focused on governance tasks, rather than operational tasks. This means Trustee Boards will focus only on good charity governance and responsibility for support and operational tasks will sit with other volunteers such as the Group Leadership Team.

During the year under review, we have been working towards the separation of the governance and support roles, but this transition is currently still work in progress.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group Trustee Board 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:

Safeguarding incidents involving Scouting members.

This is mitigated by following The Scout Association's adult appointment process which includes carrying out DBS checks for those performing regulated activity; a national vetting process; and a clear system for reporting concerns. Volunteers are required to complete mandatory safeguarding training within the timeframes set out in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Training completion and renewal is monitored within the Group and by the District Trustee Board.

Risk to the health and safety of leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

This is mitigated through mandatory safety training for volunteers, which is monitored by the District Trustee Board through monthly reporting of completion and renewal data; adherence to the requirements of the adventurous activity permit scheme; and following the provisions of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Related financial risks are mitigated through capitation fees contributed to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy and other insurances arranged through Scout Insurance Services Limited. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Damage to the buildings, property and equipment.

The Group has buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against these potential losses.

Reduced income.

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from youth member subscriptions. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the Group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders.

The Group is wholly reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If the number of volunteers reduced to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Group, this would lead to a contraction, consolidation or closure of the affected section or in the worst case to the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members.

The Group provides activities for all young people aged four to 14. If the number of youth members in a particular section or the Group reduced to an unacceptable level, this would lead to a contraction, consolidation or closure of the affected section or in the worst case to the complete closure of the Group.

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 2 signatories for all bank payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- 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 their Promise.

Our place in Scouting

2nd Upminster Scouts is a 'unit' of Scouting in the United Kingdom offering Scouting to boys and girls between the ages of four and 14. We have a sponsorship agreement with St. Laurence Church, Upminster and hold our usual weekly meetings in halls at the Church.

Our organisation

We currently operate one Squirrels Drey, two Beaver Colonies, Two Cub Packs and once Scout Troop.

Charity Commission's public benefit criteria

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.

Achievements and performance

The Lead Volunteers' Report below describes the overall activities of the Group during the year. This is followed by a list of volunteers and section reports giving an insight into the main activities and achievements of the individual sections.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results

Overall receipts for the year exceeded payments by £1,970 and this surplus has been added to accumulated funds resulting in a carried forward balance at the end of the year of £14,842.

The main contributors to the result for the year were:

Receipts		
Membership subscriptions	£19,051	67.1%
Scouting activity charges	£4,256	15.0%
Gift Aid tax refund	£4,310	15.2%
Other	£766	2.7%
Total	28,383	100.0%
Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on	6,261	23.7%
Youth programme expenses	15,898	60.2%
Programme support expenses	4,254	16.1%
Total	£26,413	100.0%

Gift Aid continues to make a significant contribution to the Group's income. The reclaim in 2023/24 in respect of subscriptions received in the previous year represented almost 95% of the theoretical maximum we could have claimed.

Details of the Group's receipts and payments, and assets and liabilities are reported on pages 13 and 14.

Financial controls

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 bank payments and insurance policies to ensure insurable risks are covered.

Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient cash funds and monetary assets to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months' running costs, circa £10,000.

Investment policy

The Group's income and expenditure is relatively small and consequently it 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 for 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 Trustees regularly monitor 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24 June 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Michael Roome
Group Chair

LEAD VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

Meetings, meetings, meetings...

2nd Upminster continues to thrive, offering Scouting to boys and girls between the ages of four and 14. In addition to our usual weekly meetings in the Church Halls, we continue to organise diverse and valuable Section outings and camps, and participate in District events.

Programme

Our programme is based around weekly section meetings delivered in the Church halls supplemented by camps and outdoor activities and opportunities to join with other local Scout Groups in larger events organised by the local Scout District and County. We offer activities, badges and nights away opportunities designed to develop skills for life for our young people delivered by our amazing team of volunteers.

Membership

The Group continues to attract applications from more young people than can be accommodated by the existing leadership team and the existing sections. Actual membership numbers change frequently as members join, move between sections and leave, but the numbers reported in our annual census provide a useful insight:

	January 2024	January 2023
Squirrels	19	-
Beavers	26	33
Cubs	41	53
Scouts	34	24
Total youth members	120	110
Young leaders	2	4
Adults – uniformed leaders	33	26
Adults – others	5	7
Total	160	147

Sections

In April 2023, we added a new Squirrels section which extends the Scouting formula to young people between four and six years old. The new section began with about a dozen youth members but has since grown materially.

Volunteering

Scouting at 2nd Upminster is made possible by the teamwork of our leaders and helpers who are all parents of current or past youth members or who were themselves members in their childhood. We rely on new parents joining this team effort to ensure our continued success and as a result we give priority to applications with an adult family member who can help.

During the last year, Scouting in the UK has introduced a transformation programme aimed at making volunteering with Scouts easier, more enjoyable and rewarding. This change includes moving to teams-based volunteering which effectively formalises what we have been doing in some of our sections for several years. We operate very flexible volunteering arrangements: some people get involved almost every week, some help once or twice a month and others less frequently. Our philosophy is that 'many hands make light work'.

As always, we want to thank our uniformed leaders (both adults and Young Leaders) and supporters for their hard work and dedication during the year under review; without them the Group would not exist and would not be able to continue to deliver such high-quality Scouting.

Our History

2nd Upminster Scouts first opened in 1924. We will be holding a family camp in July as part of our centenary celebrations and hope to include lots of past members and leaders. If you have been involved with the Group in past years, please do get in touch via our website to tell us about your place in our history.

Mike Roome & David Rogers
(Acting Lead Volunteers)

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS

This is a list of adult volunteers and young leaders (YL) working in the Group at the time this report was prepared.

Programme Delivery

Squirrels

Bex Cox
Georgina Delaney
Joanna Edge
Louise Hardy
Paula Winter
Natalie Chestnutt
Natalie Jeeves

Gridiron Beavers

Waiman Tang
Iris Huard
Thomas Kent
Bex Cox
Sarah Read
Simon Gerrish

Holden Beavers

Sukh Nahr
Carl Jacobs
David Hayward
Stuart Martin
Michelle Cutter
Mariam Ahmed

Travis James (YL)

Tampa Bay Cubs

James Jaques
Lee Owen
Ben Carter
Natalie Jeeves
Chris Plume
Jo Gutteridge
Rob Bowker

Isaac Horsley (YL)

Derham Cubs

Michelle Barkwith
Nicola Newton
Sukh Nahr
Brett Emblin
Lauren Broadhurst
Leah Featherstone
June Brown
Suzie Carpenter

Samuel Etherington (YL)

Scouts

Olly Clark
Louise Horsley
Sarah Chapman
Kate French
James Jaques

Harry Constantinou (YL)
Thomas Wood (YL)
Jack Talwar (YL)
Matthew Fendt-Brown (YL)

Programme Support

Debbie Carter (Training)
Marie Sugrue (Membership Secretary)

SECTION REPORTS

Squirrels Report

What an amazing first year for Squirrels! We started our Drey with just 12 young people in April 2023 and have been busy ever since! We've been on bug hunts, built a bug hotel, made our own dens both indoors & outdoors, we did an animal encounter with our Beaver friends, and we've explored lots of things that Thriftwood has to offer including the cross bows, demolition ball, Inflata-BULL, assault course and of course, many a campfire. Our Squirrels have certainly found their singing voices, starting every meeting with our squirrel song and learning lots of new songs to sing round the campfire. We've visited the library, played crazy golf, went on the Thames Rocket in London and celebrated Christmas at the pantomime with our families. We've done lots of crafting, cooked lots of food including pizzas and pancakes and were lucky enough to have a firefighter, nurse and the police come to visit us too.

It's been a fantastic year for Squirrels, not only getting our Drey up and running but seeing the confidence the children have gained from trying different activities, making new friends and becoming part of our 2nd Upminster family. It was an incredible achievement to have 13 Squirrels earn their Chief Scout Acorn Award as well and we're really excited to welcome our new Squirrels and see what adventures the next year has in store for our Drey.

Gridiron Beavers Report

This year, the Gridiron Beavers experienced a variety of exciting activities including the cresta run, pedal bikes, and the tag arena, which enhanced their coordination, balance, and teamwork. They also enjoyed nature days, participating in pond dipping, den building and fire making, fostering a respect for the environment and basic survival skills.

The Beavers delved into science by learning how to make invisible ink, homemade lava lamps and bottle rockets and developed teamwork skills through a Task Master style session.

The Beavers celebrated the King's Coronation by singing the national anthem and engaged in many creative craft days like morse code bracelets, personalised photo frames and kiln-fired ceramic Christmas decorations. They also learned about different cultures by celebrating Diwali, Chinese New Year and Independence Day.

A significant achievement was taking home the District Beaver Challenge for the first time in years which demonstrated great problem solving and teamwork.

Nine brave Beavers participated in a joint science sleepover with the Tampa Bay Cubs contributing to their nights away badge which is incredible since some of them have just turned six!

Finally, we bid a big thank you and farewell to Leaders Jo, Jodie, and Rob who have moved on as their children swam up to Cubs. We warmly welcome new leaders Bex and Simon who have hit the ground running after joining us from Squirrels. This year has been full of fun, learning, and adventure and we look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Holden Beavers Report

Over the past year, the Holden Beaver Colony has soared to new heights, achieving a series of remarkable milestones and making substantial progress across a diverse array of activities. Our young members have been immersed in an educational journey filled with adventure and character development.

Our Beavers have ventured outdoors, deepening their appreciation for the environment and contributing to ecological preservation. They've delved into the wonders of local parks, gaining insights into wildlife conservation.

In our quest to nurture well-rounded individuals, the Beavers have engaged in science experiments, sparking their curiosity and analytical skills. They've tackled the Lighthouse Game, which not only illuminated their strategic thinking but also highlighted the importance of teamwork and communication.

Creativity and craftsmanship have been at the forefront, with our Beavers taking delight in arts and crafts. They've also reached out to the community, crafting Christmas cards for the residents of Derham House, spreading joy and festive cheer. Moreover, our Group has embraced scouting traditions with vigour, participating in flag ceremonies, badge work, and various Church Parade events. These activities have been instrumental in cultivating leadership, self-discipline, and mutual respect.

Excitingly, our Beaver Colony has recently welcomed five new leaders into our fold. Their expertise and diverse backgrounds have injected fresh perspectives, adding depth and knowledge to our already vibrant community. With their guidance, we're poised for even greater adventures and growth in the coming year.

We stand immensely proud of our Beavers' achievements and the personal growth they've demonstrated. Their zest, commitment, and thirst for knowledge have not only enriched our community but have also set a strong foundation for their future pursuits.

Tampa Bay Cubs Report

It has been another busy year for Tampa Bay Cubs. Although we are a large cub Group of 31 cubs, it doesn't stop us or the cubs from trying lots of activities new and old. We have litter picked, tubed, active tagged, cooked, hiked, ice skated to name but a few!

The cubs had a great time at the space sleepover, which was nice to share the experience with Gridiron beavers. Although we do have a lot of cubs of different ages and different abilities, it's great to see them all come together to produce some great evenings and hopefully some fantastic memories.

We have quite a few cubs pushing for silver awards which will be a great achievement, and also younger cubs that have joined the pack and haven't looked back.

Derham Cubs Report

There have been numerous highlights for Derham Cubs over the last twelve months. We've encouraged the Cubs to be socially responsible (whilst having fun!) so we undertook a sponsored litter pick to support the "Big Help Out" initiative, as part of the Coronation celebrations, and we took on personal challenges to support Children in Need. We also made the most of our local green spaces as we went on hikes around the Thames Chase Community Forest and Cranham Nature Reserve. We've enjoyed other sessions out in nature, as we had a great summer evening river dipping to see what creatures call the Ingrebourne Valley home, and made a night time visit to Parklands to detect the bats swooping over the lake.

Throughout the year we've worked towards numerous badges and developed our skills, such as cycling proficiency at St Andrews Park and improving our cooking with campfire evenings at Thriftwood. Eleven Derham Cubs made fantastic memories and friendships whilst engaging in loads of outdoor activities and team challenges at the annual District Cub Camp in May.

But the fun wasn't limited to outdoors, as we had an eye-opening evening in the hall when we met several fascinating creatures (e.g. snakes and owls) brought to us by Animal Encounters. We embraced other cultures and traditions, particularly as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations when we were fortunate to have a Martial Arts tutorial. We've tried new activities, including slime making in the hall and Tag Active at King George's Park. We sought the Cubs' input to plan the programme, so we returned for climbing at Rock Up at Christmas and have held plenty of themed game nights and scavenger hunts throughout the year.

It's been a busy twelve months and plenty more fun still to come!

Scout Troop Report

The scout section currently has experienced an increased level of retention throughout the year with 35 members. This is in large part due to the exciting programme but also likely to be due to the legacy of having two beaver colonies for four years now. As such there are plans in place to increase capacity. We have also benefited from having more of our former scouts return as young leaders. One of whom was awarded the Jack Petchey award, congratulations to Harry Constantinou. Two scouts received their chief scout gold award so congratulations also to Thomas Keiler and Sophia Ivanovich Machado.

The scout section have camped at the Secret Nuclear Bunker where they had an introduction to obstacle course racing and we camped at Thriftwood for a re run of the Traitor Camp which saw guest appearances from multiple Claudia Winkleman impersonators. Torrential rain saw the campsite turning into a quagmire and a special thank you to the parents that helped us break camp a little early.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 2ND UPMINSTER (ST. LAURENCE) SCOUT GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group 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 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group 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 2nd Upminster (St. Laurence) Scout Group 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.

Name	Richard Davies
Qualification	Chartered Accountant
Address	9 Goirle Avenue Canvey Island Essex SS8 8BJ
Date	29 May 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024		2023/24	2022/23
		Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
RECEIPTS			
Donations, legacies and similar income	Membership subscriptions	19,051	18,323
	Donations	253	291
	Gift Aid	4,310	3,145
	Other similar income	182	264
		<u>23,796</u>	<u>22,023</u>
Grants	Grants	300	-
		<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>
Scouting activities	Camp receipts	3,410	1,534
	Other activity receipts	846	1,014
		<u>4,256</u>	<u>2,548</u>
Fundraising (gross)	Fundraising activities	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment income	Interest received	31	18
		<u>31</u>	<u>18</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>28,383</u>	<u>24,589</u>
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Payments	Membership subscriptions paid on	6,261	5,582
	Youth programme and activities	10,452	9,217
	Adult support and training	-	10
	Hall hire	3,622	2,826
	Electricity	401	293
	Insurance - building and contents	612	573
	Insurance - accident and injury	1,756	1,036
	Banking services	512	463
	Uniforms	527	674
	Purchase of badges	1,482	933
	Equipment purchases (major items)	-	600
	Maintenance, repairs and renewals	342	88
	AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
	Miscellaneous expenses	446	484
	<u>26,413</u>	<u>22,779</u>	
Fundraising expenses	Fundraising expenses	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>26,413</u>	<u>22,779</u>
CASH FUNDS			
	Cash funds last year end	12,872	11,062
	Net receipts/(payments)	<u>1,970</u>	<u>1,810</u>
	Cash funds this year end	<u>14,842</u>	<u>12,872</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2024		2023/24	2022/23
		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		funds £	funds £
ASSETS			
Cash funds	Bank current accounts	14,842	12,872
	Bank deposit accounts	-	-
	Cash/Floats	-	-
		<u>14,842</u>	<u>12,872</u>
Other monetary assets	Tax reclaims	4,258	4,094
	Camp and activity fees paid in advance	100	-
	Capitation fees paid in advance	6,261	5,582
	Uniform purchased available for resale	-	-
	Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
	Insurance claims	-	-
		<u>10,619</u>	<u>9,676</u>
Investment assets	Investments	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Non monetary asset for charity's own use	Scouting equipment, furniture etc	5,456	6,062
	Badge stock	-	-
		<u>5,456</u>	<u>6,062</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities	Accounts not yet paid	50	-
	Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
	Camp and activity fees received in advance	-	-
	Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
	Loans	-	-
	Other liabilities	-	-
		<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>
Contingent liabilities and future obligations		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees
24 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Michael Roome
Group Chair

David Rogers
Group Treasurer