

2ND MOLESEY (ST PAUL'S) SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2ND MOLESEY (ST PAUL'S) SCOUT GROUP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

2nd Molesey (St Paul's) Scout Group's charitable objectives are aligned with those of The Scout Association which are "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".

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

2nd Molesey Scout Group runs four sections from beavers, the youngest, through cubs then scouts and finally explorer scouts, the oldest. Scouting is a voluntary organisation and we have a fantastic team of section leaders and assistant leaders, ably supported by many parents and carers.

Anyone who has been with one of the sections when out and about cannot fail to be proud of how our young people conduct themselves as representatives of our scouting and Molesey community.

Much is made of "value added" and "enrichment" in the context of a young person's schooling, but here at 2nd Molesey our scout group adds so much more than those narrow concepts to make a positive difference to the lives of all our section members and their families.

Everyone involved in 2nd Molesey Scout Group extends a massive vote of thanks and appreciation to all of the leaders, assistant leaders and other supporters who enable our group to run such a vibrant and diverse programme. We are always keen to welcome new supporters and helpers, so if you are interested in joining our group please do get in touch.

Individual section reports for beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers are available at the charity's annual general meeting or on request from the charity's trustees.

Fundraising performance

Fundraising Achievements

We enjoyed a full year of fundraising activities and were able to replace our entrance gates and carry out standard hut maintenance using this income and some of our ring-fenced funds.

We remain committed to reinvesting in new equipment and activities for all of our sections so long as our core reserves are maintained.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 5 months' running costs, circa £12,000 (2023 £12,000).

Investment policy

Investment Policy. The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. All funds are held in cash current accounts and instant access cash deposits.

Major risks

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is created and governed by a trust deed dated 29th July 1964, a trust deed which operates under rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The general running of the scout group is managed by the volunteer leaders supported by parent helpers and the group executive committee.

2nd Molesey (St Paul's) Scout Group is registered with the Scout Association with group number 05986.

The governing document of The Scout Association, which also governs 2nd Molesey (St Paul's) Scout Group, is the Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912 and supplemental charters dated 28th March 1949, 18th February 1959, 5th May 1967, 19th July 1991 as amended on 8th February 2018 as amended on 30th April 2019 as amended on 12th February 2020.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs P Escott

Ms A Sawell

Mr J Horsburgh

Mr A Nicholson FFA FIPA ATT(Fellow) FFTA (Resigned 31 January 2024)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees of the charity comprise the group scout leader, the honorary treasurer, the honorary secretary, the leaders in each section of the group (beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers) and the chair of the executive committee.

Organisational structure

The executive committee consists of independent representatives from the the Group Council (parents and carers of members), the chair, treasurer and secretary, and the group's section leaders. Assistant leaders and section assistants are also invited to attend meetings which are approximately five times each year.

The individual section leaders who served during the year were :

Beaver Leader - Pam Escott

Cub Leader - Andrew McIver

Scout Leader - Pam Escott

Explorer Leader - James Horsburgh

We greatly appreciate the efforts of everyone who has supported the group as leaders, assistant leaders and section assistants.

A new beaver section leader is needed to work with the existing teams, and new assistants would help to support the leaders in all sections. Please contact the group if you are interested.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Induction and training of trustees

The executive committee supports the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the Scout Group and is responsible for, inter alia:

- The maintenance of the Scout Group's property
- The raising of funds and administration of Group finance
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment
- Scout Group public occasions
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Appointing advisors other than those who are elected.

Decisions are made by the executive committee on a simple show of hands where a vote is deemed necessary, otherwise decisions are made by consensus.

Risk Assessment

The Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed.

These have been reviewed and systems exist to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

-Damage to the building and equipment.

The Group would request the use of buildings and equipment from neighbouring organisations.

The Group has sufficient building and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss

-Injury to leaders, members and helpers.

The Group, through the capitation fees, contributes to The Scout Association's 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 fund raising.

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 either temporarily or permanently.

-Reduction or loss of leaders and members.

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in leadership or membership in a particular section or the Group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section, or in the worst case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

-Financial Controls.

The Group requires two signatories for all payments to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss of money and holds comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Ms A Sawell

Trustee

12 July 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF 2ND MOLESEY (ST PAUL'S) SCOUT GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of 2nd Molesey (St Paul's) Scout Group (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Elizabeth Crowley FCA

Dated: 12 July 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	12,345	-	12,345	19,782	-	19,782
Charitable activities	4	12,069	1,635	13,704	14,195	6,877	21,072
Other trading activities	5	8,111	-	8,111	8,100	-	8,100
Investments	6	293	-	293	162	-	162
Total income		32,818	1,635	34,453	42,239	6,877	49,116
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	4,992	-	4,992	1,669	-	1,669
Charitable activities	8	34,124	4,202	38,326	30,747	1,600	32,347
Total expenditure		39,116	4,202	43,318	32,416	1,600	34,016
Net income/(expenditure)		(6,298)	(2,567)	(8,865)	9,823	5,277	15,100
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(2,201)	2,201	-
Net movement in funds		(6,298)	(2,567)	(8,865)	7,622	7,478	15,100
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		44,810	15,111	59,921	37,188	7,633	44,821
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		38,512	12,544	51,056	44,810	15,111	59,921

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		51,056		59,921	
Net current assets			51,056		59,921
Net assets excluding pension liability			51,056		59,921
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	12		12,544		15,111
Unrestricted funds			38,512		44,810
			51,056		59,921

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12 July 2024

Mrs P Escott
Trustee

Ms A Sawell
Trustee

2ND MOLESEY (ST PAUL'S) SCOUT GROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

2nd Molesey (St Paul's) Scout Group is a charity created by a trust deed dated 29th July 1964 and registered on 21st June 1967.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised when reimbursed to the Charity.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Costs and expenses of running the charity and its charitable activities are recognised when paid.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income From Donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	325	500
Membership fees	12,020	19,282
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Income From Charitable activities

	Scouting Activities 2024 £	Scouting Activities 2023 £	World Jamboree 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable rental income	375	-	-	-
Other income	13,329	21,022	50	21,072
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	13,704	21,022	50	21,072
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	12,069	14,195	-	14,195
Restricted funds	1,635	6,827	50	6,877
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	13,704	21,022	50	21,072
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Income from other fundraising activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	8,111	8,100
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	293	162

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	4,992	1,669

8 Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Scouting Activities 2024 £	Scout Hut Costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Scouting Activities 2023 £
Scouting activities programme	4,889	-	4,889	5,351
Camp costs	8,110	-	8,110	12,167
Equipment for scouting activities	4,893	-	4,893	2,874
	17,892	-	17,892	20,392
Costs of the scout hut and group	5,404	3,954	9,358	2,760
Administrative expenses and group overheads	11,076	-	11,076	9,195
	34,372	3,954	38,326	32,347
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	34,124	-	34,124	30,747
Restricted funds	248	3,954	4,202	1,600
	34,372	3,954	38,326	32,347

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10 Employees

There were no employees during the year. The Scout Group is run entirely by volunteer leaders, supported by parents and carers of the members of the group, and other supporters of 2nd Molesey (St Paul's) Scout Group.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Minibus	11,157	272	-	-	11,429
World scout jamboree	-	1,363	(248)	-	1,115
Hut re-opening	2,954	-	(2,954)	-	-
Defibrillator grant	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>15,111</u>	<u>1,635</u>	<u>(4,202)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,544</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Minibus	3,353	6,827	-	977	11,157
World scout jamboree	326	50	(1,600)	1,224	-
Hut re-opening	2,954	-	-	-	2,954
Defibrillator grant	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>7,633</u>	<u>6,877</u>	<u>(1,600)</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>15,111</u>

The trustees have determined that a proportion of funds recovered from Gift Aid claims made during each year should be allocated to restricted funds so as to assist with future replacement of a minibus. A transfer of £272 (2023 £977) has therefore been made.

The group had one young person selected by Esher District to attend the World Scout Jamboree in summer 2023 hosted by South Korea.

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13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	44,810	32,818	(39,116)	-	38,512
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	37,188	42,239	(32,416)	(2,201)	44,810
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	38,512	12,544	51,056
	=====	=====	=====
	38,512	12,544	51,056
	=====	=====	=====
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 March 2023:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	44,810	15,111	59,921
	=====	=====	=====
	44,810	15,111	59,921
	=====	=====	=====

15 Transfers between funds

The group had one young person selected by Esher District to attend the World Scout Jamboree in summer 2023 hosted by South Korea. Due to the impact of the pandemic which delayed both the district selection process and the subsequent necessary fundraising, the group had temporarily supported fundraising for our young person and a transfer of £1,224 was made from unrestricted funds in the 2023 accounts. This restricted World Scout Jamboree fund was restored to a positive balance during this year's accounts.

The trustees have determined that a proportion of funds recovered from Gift Aid claims made during each year should be transferred to restricted funds so as to assist with future replacement of a minibus.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).