

St Nicolas 9th Guildford Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account, 1/4/23 to 31/3/24

Receipts for the year to 31 March	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	10,610.84	7,908.50	8,346.50	7,572.75	7,833.75
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to District	<u>-5,346.00</u>	<u>-5,928.00</u>	<u>-4,259.00</u>	<u>-5,582.50</u>	<u>-4,441.50</u>
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,264.84	1,980.50	4,087.50	1,990.25	3,392.25
Donations & grants	669.68	0.00	74.25	37.00	1,502.44
Gift Aid	1,769.33	2,984.28	0.00	1,701.06	1,759.38
Sub total	7,703.85	4,964.78	4,161.75	3,728.31	6,654.07
Other income					
Activities - Beavers	1,485.00	266.00	288.00	0.00	3.00
Activities - Cubs	1,782.50	1,119.00	527.24	0.00	495.00
Activities - Scouts	6,687.38	4,037.60	3,010.00	360.75	2,780.57
Activities - Explorers	6,149.01	5,201.51	1,768.50	302.50	6,838.55
Activities - Group (incl. GFB, Family Camp)	6406.87	6183.38	3,622.00	53.00	4,263.75
Sub total	22,861.31	16,857.32	9,277.74	716.25	14,380.87
Total Gross Income	30,565.16	21,822.10	13,439.49	4,444.56	21,039.44
Total receipts	30,565.16	21,822.10	13,651.09	4,444.56	21,039.44

Payments for the year to 31 March	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
Charitable Payments					
Activity payments - Beavers	2,941.05	682.79	919.82	590.63	715.11
Activity payments - Cubs	2,188.95	3091.94	1,236.45	184.52	1,438.14
Activity payments - Scouts	5,323.89	2869.68	2,829.03	592.87	3,819.14
Activity payments - Explorers	6,376.53	5141.71	538.00	10.00	7,258.04
Activity payments - Group (incl. GFB, Family Camp)	4408.97	3934.64	2,244.73	62.47	1,784.71
Uniform and training	757.70	274.15	38.00	0.00	67.50
Insurance	206.74	430.4	845.04	689.02	646.32
Donations	250.00	702.97	500.00	1,027.50	717.00
Post, stationery & Internet	0.00	103.07	275.48	468.11	146.09
Purchase of badges	1,444.66	1898.87	1,381.02	1,176.16	917.23
Bank Charges	60.00	90.01	96.00	69.00	60.00
AGM & accounting expenses	144.40	233.79	397.22	84.50	0.00
Sundry Payments	6310.14	2902.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	30,413.03	22,356.78	11,300.79	4,954.78	17,569.28
 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	 1,392.00	 2840.4	 863.31	 1,445.55	 2,315.73
 Total payments	 31,805.03	 25,197.18	 12,164.10	 6,400.33	 19,885.01
 Net of receipts/(payments)	 -1,239.87	 -3,375.08	 1,486.99	 -1,955.77	 1,154.43
Cash funds last year end	10,464.00	13,839.08	12,352.09	14,307.86	13,153.43
Cash funds this year end	9,224.13	10,464.00	13,839.08	12,352.09	14,307.86

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	9,224	10,464	13,839.08	11,664.10	13,419.87
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	887.99	887.99
Total cash funds	9,224.13	10,464.00	13,839.08	12,552.09	14,307.86
Other monetary assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	9,224.13	10,464.00	13,839.08	12,552.09	14,307.86
Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	9,224.13	10,464.00	13,839.08	12,352.09	14,307.86

Non-monetary assets include: a large number of hiking & patrol tents, a mess tent, gazebos and event shelter, as well as cooking and catering equipment. Total insured value: £26,300. The group also has three historic stained glass

The above Receipts & Payments account and Statement of Assets & Liabilities were approved by the Trustees at the Executive Committee meeting on 03/07/24 and signed

Signature

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Print Name

HELEN HARSHAM
JASON GREEN treasurer

St Nicolas 9th Guildford Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administration details

Scout Association Registration Number	5947	Charity Registration Number	305756
Charity's principal contact & address	Helen Marsh 35 St Johns Road, Guildford, GU2 7UQ chairman@stnics9th.org.uk		
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Ave, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4QJ		

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Catherine Anderson	BSL	
Jonathan Attwood	ESL	
Fergus Bell	ASL	Until 31.08.23
Margaret Brown	CSL	
Peter Carter	ESL	
Anthony Davies	subs manager	Until 03.10.23
James Faulkner	subs manager	From 03.10.23
Josh Goodwin	GSL	
Jason Green	Treasurer	
Kim Heffernan	Explorers Admin Lead	
Angeline Lee	SSL	From 01.09.23
Helen Marsh	Chair	
Pip Moore	Social Media Manager	
Els Piffinger	Secretary	
Jamie Willis	Safety lead	Until 16.01.24

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the group set out in its governing document The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. This aim is achieved by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Summary of main activities

St Nicolas 9th Guildford Scout Group is run and managed by unpaid volunteers and offers a wide programme of activities to young people aged 6-18. There are 4 sections: Beavers (age 6-8), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (10-14) and Explorers (14-18). The Explorer Scout Unit (ESU) was set up in 2014 and has a Partnership Agreement with the main group. This Annual Report covers all four sections of the group, including the ESU. The group is very grateful for the support of the Guildford United Reformed Church, which grants the use of its lower hall for meetings.

Achievements and performance

Main achievements during the year

Group: We have run a full programme of activities across all four sections. We have no problems in recruiting young people and currently hold waiting lists for a couple of sections. We would like to recruit more leaders, especially Explorers and Scouts. Angie Lee has very ably stepped up to run the Scout section and we have recruited some new cubs assistant leaders to take her place. The Trustee Board is strong but we could always do with more representatives. Since the pandemic, we have yet to have a full financial year without any exceptional payments. Last year we ran to a deficit of over three thousand pounds so we increased the termly subs amount for the first time in ten years. Our deficit for this year is less at just over one thousand pounds. Next financial year we will have a full year of the increased subs, so should finish the year in credit and can fully evaluate our finances post-pandemic. Overall a good year on which to form the foundations of next year.

Beavers: Last year I was pleased to report that we had awarded 256 badges - this year it's 345! This included 13 Chief Scout Bronze Awards, the highest award that we aim for every Beaver to achieve by providing a broad and balanced programme. They worked on the Builder, Communicator, Cook, Disability Awareness, Experiment and Navigator badges. We visited Disability Challengers in Stoke Park, found our way through the maze and along the Nightline at Walton Firs, enjoyed Survival Camp with the rest of the Group and danced vigorously with a Scottish country dancing teacher to celebrate Burns' Night, as well as the usual crafts and games. All this has been achieved with our Leadership Team (4 now in uniform) and young leaders and Duke of Edinburgh helpers. Here's to another busy year!

Cubs: Currently 32 Cubs, 11F 21M with numbers moving on to Scouts replaced by Beavers moving up, so no spaces. For Monday meetings we usually have 2 leaders plus one SA, and 3 YLs. We also have 3 SAs for weekend activities. However for the Summer Term 24 Akela is on sabbatical so the meetings are being run by the other leaders.

We had a full programme through the year, with Cubs taking part in 4 camps plus Family Camp, and our 'Summer' camp 24 is in early Oct at Broadstone Warren. The programme and subs are now on OSM. Large numbers of badges have been gained through the year with ten Cubs earning their Chief Scouts Silver Jan 23 to Jan 24 and 3 more since then.

Scouts: We ended the financial year with 35 Scouts; 22 boys and 13 girls. We have been able to invite some new members to join from the waiting list, but this is now on pause as we're due to have 40 Scouts this September and potentially 50 Scouts in 2026!

The Leadership team was joined by Angie Lee (Hathi) in September, but unfortunately at the same time we lost one of our Assistant Leaders, Jemma Holloway, who has moved to 1st Chiddingfold Scout Troop following a house move.

Over the year the Scouts earned 460 badges, including four Chief Scout Gold Awards, one Silver Dragon Award and five Bronze Dragon Awards. Between them the Scouts took part in 211 nights away and we've now awarded two of our new 50 Nights Away woggles and three of the 25 Nights Away woggles. We've also discovered a few new badges, including the SubZero badge and the Scottish Zodiac awards, which the Scouts are now working towards.

We have continued with our weekend, outdoor-focused programme, with highlights from the past year including a trip to the Netherlands with other troops from our District, another great Christmas dinner camp with the Explorers (when all attendees earned the SubZero badge!) and Frost Camp in February (which was relatively warm!).

Last September our older Scouts (those in Year 9) were invited to start their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award with the Explorers, whilst still remaining a part of the Scout troop. This worked very well as they were able to progress their own skills whilst still supporting the younger Scouts and developing their leadership skills.

We practised our navigating in the Spring term; navigating across Guildford, across the North Downs and across London. It was our first time taking the Scouts on the Monopoly Run and, as well as being great fun, it was a great chance for the Scouts to learn about navigating in a city. It's not what would usually come to mind when you think about Scouts and navigating, but being able to read the tube map, navigate the underground and knowing how to find a bus stop are all definitely skills for life!

Explorers: The Explorer Unit has continued its weekends only, outdoors and expedition focussed programme. We have 31 Explorers and 4 leaders.

Leadership: Peter, Jonathan (joint leaders), Jenna, plus Kim running admin and DofE. We have Scouts and Explorers from other local troops taking part in some of our events, including our DofE bronze programme.

Activities completed over the last 12 months (2023/24):

Downsman Hike (Oct)
DofE Silver qualifying (Oct)
Survival weekend (Nov)
Xmas dinner joint attendance with Scouts (Dec)
Camp skills and cookout (Jan)
Red Flare hike (Feb)
DofE training (March)
Monopoly Run (March)
Arm Challenge Day (March)
DofE Silver qualifying (March)
Lightweight hike and camp (March)
Good Friday Breakfast (April)
St George Days (April)
DofE Bronze qualifying expedition - New Forest (May)

Activities planned this year:

Explorer presentation evening (June)
Night hike (June)
Balsam Bash (June)
Dartmoor Expedition (August)
Gorge walking (Sept)
DofE Silver and gold practice (Oct)
Group camp (Nov)
Xmas dinner joint attendance with Scouts (Dec)

Financial Review

Policy on reserves

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income fall short, as well as to allow for contingencies. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 2 to 6 months' running costs, being £2,000 - £6,000.

The Group held reserves of £9,224.13 at year end (2023: £10,464.00) which is higher than the group's policy.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name

Position

Date

HELEN MARSH

JASON GREEN

CHAIR

TREASURER

13th July 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of St Nicolas 9th Guildford Scout Group (Charity No. 305756)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Nicolas 9th Guildford Scout Group (Charity No. 305756) (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's 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 Trust 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 being reached.

Signed:

Name:

Address:

Date:

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13/07/2024