

34TH REIGATE (MEADVALE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 305788

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-02-19

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

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Activities

Objects: PURPOSES OF THE 34TH REIGATE (MEADVALE) SCOUT GROUP

Activities: SCOUTING

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** REIGATE AND DISTRICT
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,120	£36,554	-	-
2024-03-31	£34,929	£35,662	-	-
2023-03-31	£29,955	£27,160	-	-
2022-03-31	£14,646	£8,350	-	-
2021-03-31	£9,870	£5,502	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Simon Kitchen	Chair	2023-05-17
Ewa Townsend		2024-05-14
Harry John Michael Scotton		2025-06-22
James King		2024-05-14
Leonard Stevens		2024-05-14
Liz Boadella-Burton		2025-05-14
ROBIN CHARLES SUNDT		2025-06-06

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Annual General Meeting

14 May 2025

Group Trustee Board Chair's Report

I will be brief in my report for the year, as the reports of the treasurer, the GSL and the section leaders cover much of what the 34th has been up to over the past twelve months.

This meeting sees the 34th in good health. We now have 88 children in our four sections, and a solid waiting list for our Beavers section, which brings fresh blood to the group. Our membership has grown over 10% the past year in spite of the rival attractions of football, swimming, and even GCSEs. The success of the 34th is a tribute to the commitment and hard work of our Section Leaders – Ben Cornish, Robert Walker, Kate Milton and Mark Warner – their assistants, and all of our parent volunteers. Robert Walker – Baggy – deserves particularly recognition in 2025, as this is his Silver Jubilee year with the 34th – he has been with us for 25 years.

I also want to pay tribute to my fellow trustees, who work tirelessly – and often invisibly – to support the work of the 34th. James King, our GSL; Ewa Townsend, our secretary; Leonard Stevens, our head of fundraising; and last but absolutely not least, Gill Harley, who stepped into the breach in early 2024, and who works so hard to look after our cash and make sure that it goes where it should. Gill leaves the 34th this year, and I want to thank her for her many years of service.

The 34th is an important institution in the Meadvale community. Our summer fete is, I dare say, a highlight of Meadvale summers, and we are looking forward to this year's edition on 5 July. Our Christmas tree sale is – for those prepared to brave the weather – a wonderful chance to choose your own tree and then walk home with it. Our meetings support that Meadvale institution, the Old Oak. And of course many many people living in Meadvale and beyond have done some of their growing up here, learning responsibility and making friends, spending winter evenings in this hut and summer evenings venturing forth.

This year is one of change. The St John's PCC formally announced a few months ago that it was looking to sell the Meadvale Hall site. For the trustees of the 34th, it is a priority that

scouting continue in Meadvale. We have been in contact with the PCC since they first began considering this sale, and have also held two public meetings to gauge local support for keeping the site in community hands. Unfortunately, the Community Ownership Fund, which we had thought would help us to buy the site, has been suspended.

Right now, we are working to raise money from other sources, and continue to talk with the PCC. Ultimately, we as trustees want to focus on supporting scouting in Meadvale. We'd prefer not to manage the broader Meadvale site, and we want to get the broader community involved in the site's future. We are also considering other options, such as operating from another site, but our preference is to stay put on Somerset Road. We will keep you informed of our progress.

The future of the Meadvale site has raised the question of the financial sustainability of the 34th. We have cash in the bank, but we will likely have to use a lot of those funds to secure the future of the 34th. Meanwhile, our subs of £32 a term are the lowest in the district. No-one at the 34th can remember when we had the last increase. With reluctance, the trustees have decided that subs will increase to £120 a year, payable by monthly standing order, with effect from September. We will still endeavour to support those who cannot pay, but costs have risen a lot in recent years and we need to take note of that.

A final word on what you – the members of the 34th - can do to support our work. The lifeblood of the scouts is volunteering. I have already paid tribute to our section leaders, their assistants, their volunteers, and to our trustees. They give a great deal to make scouting in Meadvale possible.

I wrote to many of you last week to ask your help in finding a new Treasurer – without a treasurer, we cannot operate. Thankfully, Liz Boadella-Burton has stepped up, and I believe that we have some volunteers to share her duties. But you can always do with a bit more help. So please consider giving up an hour or two to support the work of the 34th – to help run a stall at the fete, or help counting cash, or selling Christmas trees, or helping at your child's weekly meeting. A little of your time can make a huge difference. Don't be shy.

With that, I would like to thank District and County for their continuing support, and once again pay tribute to all of our volunteers – uniformed and 'civilian' – without whom none of this would be possible.

Thank you.

Simon Kitchen

Chair, 34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scouts

Annexes

Group Scout Leader report

“As you will see from the individual section reports, the group has been very active putting on activities from regular weekly meetings, weekend events, and camps for your children. Under the leadership of Bat, and his incredible leader recruitment drive, Beavers has been able to put on a jam packed itinerary for our children over the last 3 terms, and many have, or will imminently get their Chief Scout Bronze award. Two new Young Leaders from Explorers have supplemented the leadership team”

“5 Cubs have got their Chief Scout Silver award over the last year. In Scouts, our section leader, Kate, has now qualified as a Duke of Edinburgh Award leader. This will enable us to not only work in conjunction with schools to help your children attain the Duke of Edinburgh Award, but mean we can do it fully in house (Across all age levels for the DofE award) ,offering further opportunities for personal development for our children. 5 Scouts have attained their Chief Scout Gold award over the last year, 2 also getting the Duke of Edinburgh silver award.”

“We have Explorers imminently doing their Diamond and Platinum hikes, with three currently looking to achieve the Kings Scout Award (Equivalent to Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award). We also have one Explorer - the first in district - who has achieved the Senior Explorer Scout Young Leader Award, and a BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community, through this Scout Group.”

“Finally, on the scout hut - you will appreciate the complexity of the situation with the church looking to sell this site. We are in regular communication with the church, and retain an interest in trying to ensure the whole site remains in community use. These discussions, of course, have potential to be commercially sensitive. As soon as we can, we will share more information.”

Group Treasurer Report

Gill presented her report as follows:

The Accounts for the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 have been “Approved” by the Group Executive Committee and now must be presented for

“Adoption” by the 34th Reigate (Meadvale) Group Scout at the AGM. The receipts and payments accounts based on the Group’s accounting records as at 31st March 2025 are available for review and will be independently examined post AGM

The Receipts and Payments accounts are presented to you using the Scout Association recommended multi fund template for groups, districts and counties/areas, where annual income is equal to or less than £249,999 in England, Wales and Scotland.

On the income side:

- Gift Aid contributed £1888 from Subscriptions, £9,030 of subscriptions were received. We paid the full Group subscription to the district at a cost of £4,176.00 in April 2024 for 2024/25 and £4,664 for 2025/26 in March 2025.
- Fundraising contributed an additional £3,940 raised from the Meadvale Village Fayre and Xmas tree sales. We also received £1,017 from donations and £751 bank interest.

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On the expenditure side:

- Section activity/event costs are usually expected to balance income and expenditure as much as possible. This year there is a shortfall of approximately £3,341 and the group covered this with subsidies for some activities.
- Summer Camp – These costs relate to the final payments and expenses for 2024 and deposits and payments received for the 2025 Barcelona camp.
- Facilities & other expenditure is down on last year at £4,377,
- The group made payments of £3,300 in relation to saving the Meadvale Village Hall and scout hut site to try to ensure the group has a home going forward

The closing accumulated cash funds have decreased from last year £67,901 (2024) to £67,821 (2025).

The cash funds are held in two Group accounts:

- £51,367 is held in the Group Savings account which is primarily reserved for capital investment in buildings or vehicles.
- £16454 is held in the Group account which is the primary account for Group and section income and expenditure.
- As announced at the previous AGM the Cub account was closed in April 2024 and it's balance of £2,421 was transferred to the group account.

The underlying finances of the Group have remained stable

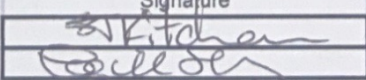
This really is my last AGM and I am very grateful to Liz Boadella Burton who has agreed to be treasurer and Sarah Goodson who has agreed to support her it will be good to leave knowing that the group is in safe hands and can continue to provide the wonderful experiences it does to its members I have said I will be happy to support Liz and Sarah while the transition takes place.

34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date		
	For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	
	2024/25				2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	9030	0	0	9030	4,928
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-8840	0	0	-8840	0
Net membership subscriptions retained	190	0	0	190	4,928
Gift Aid	1888	0	0	1888	944
Donations (General)	765	0	0	765	540
Fundraising	8329	0	0	8329	8,081
Uniform	304	0	0	304	348
Other similar income	252	0	0	252	0
Sub total	11,728	0	0	11,728	14,841
Grants					
Maintenance grant	0	0	0	0	0
Other grants	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Section Activities & Camps					
Section Activities	4273	0	0	4273	5892
Summer Camp	20368	0	0	20368	12,605
Sub total	24,641	0	0	24,641	18,497
Investment income					
Bank interest	751	0	0	751	591
Building Society interest	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	751	0	0	751	591
Total Gross Income	37,120	0	0	37,120	33,929
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0	0	0	0	1000
Total receipts	37,120	0	0	37,120	34,929

	2024/25				2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	0	0	0	0	0
Adult support and training	492	0	0	492	315
Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Council Rates	0	0	0	0	0
Water and Sewerage (shared with village hall)	0	0	0	0	247
Electricity and Gas	657	0	0	657	691
Insurance	622	0	0	622	618
Repairs and Renewals	33	0	0	33	129
Materials and equipment	0	0	0	0	315
Financing costs	408	0	0	408	207
Meadvale Village Hall	3300	0	0	3300	0
Minibus	0	0	0	0	91
Badges	1224	0	0	1224	1293
AGM and trustee expenses	0	0	0	0	86
Uniform	941	0	0	941	968
Fundraising Expenses	4389	0	0	4389	4598
Sub total	12,066	0	0	12,066	9,558
Section Activities & Camps					
Section Activities	7614	0	0	7614	7115
Summer Camp	16884	0	0	16884	18,989
Sub total	24,498	0	0	24,498	26,104
Total Gross Expenditure	36,564	0	0	36,564	35,662
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	636	0	0	636	150
Total payments	37,200	0	0	37,200	35,812
Net of receipts/(payments)	-80	0	0	-80	-883
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	67,901	0	0	67,901	68,784
Cash funds this year end	67,821	0	0	67,821	67,901

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year					
	31st March 2025				31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Cub Account	0	0	0	0	2421
Savings Account	51367	0	0	51367	50616
Group Account	16454	0	0	16454	14,864
Cash/Floats	0	0	0	0	0
Total cash funds	67,821	0	0	67,821	67,901
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	0	0	0	0	0
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance claim	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Quoted investments	0	0	0	0	0
Other investments - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	0	0	0	0	0
Shop stock	0	0	0	0	0
Land and buildings	1459	0	0	1459	1,717
Motor vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
Camping Equipment	10859	0	0	10859	10,419
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	693	0	0	693	770
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	13,011	0	0	13,011	12,906
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0	0	0	0
Loan - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Other liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Contingent liabilities and future obligations					
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14th May 2024(the date of the Annual General Meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by					
	Signature	Print Name			
		SIMON KITCHEN		Chair	
		GILL HARLEY		Treasurer	

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scout Group** for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **34th Reigate (Meadvale) 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 **34th Reigate (Meadvale) 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.

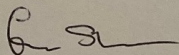
Independent examiner's statement

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 **34th Reigate (Meadvale) 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.

Signed:



Name:

GEOFFREY MARK STEARN

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): NONE

Address: 62 SOMERSET ROAD, REDHILL, RH1 6LT

Date: 30/01/2026

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Annual General Meeting

14 May 2024

Group Trustee Board Chair's Report

2024 will see some further changes in the way that scouting in Meadvale is overseen. At the instruction of the Scout Association, there will be a separation between the Group Trustee Board, which will be focused on good governance, and the Group Leadership Team, which will focus on operations and support. A key change is that section leaders will no longer be automatically on the Group Trustee Board.

This change is not unique to the 34th – it is being rolled out across the Scout Association over the year. The change shouldn't mean much change in the experience of scouting for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, but it should allow the Group Trustees to focus on longer-term issues – this is particularly important today as the Parish pushes ahead with plans to sell the Meadvale Hall site.

As a first order of business, I propose that the Group adopt the revised constitution, in line with Chapter 5 of the most recent March 2024 version of the Scouts' Association Policy, Organisation and Rules, which lays out the separate role of the board.

CAN I HAVE A SECOND? ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? CAN WE HAVE A SHOW OF HANDS TO APPROVE?

A second order of business is for Group Scout Council members to note that the Group's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March. We will hear from Gill, our treasurer, shortly.

A third order of business is to agree the number of members of the Group Trustee Board. The Scout Association's POR recommends a minimum of 5 people, a maximum of 12. The outgoing board proposes that five people be appointed to the board for the forthcoming year.

CAN I HAVE A SECOND? ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? CAN WE HAVE A SHOW OF HANDS TO APPROVE?

A fourth order of business is to agree a quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (not including today's meeting). The outgoing board proposes 20 Group Scout Council members should be present at future meetings.

CAN I HAVE A SECOND? ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? CAN WE HAVE A SHOW OF HANDS TO APPROVE?

We'll take a break now from procedural matters to brief you on the group's activities. The 34th remains a thriving Scout Group, one of the largest and longest-established groups in the district, offering wonderful experiences to over 80 boys and girls in the Meadvale area. This is thanks to the extraordinary generosity and dedication of our section leaders and volunteers.

Our Beaver section is at close to full strength, with 17 members currently active under the leadership of Ben Cornish, assisted by Philippa Paget (deputy leader) and Paul Rhodes, Steven Duncan and Yas Daudjee (team members). The section will be having a one-night camp in early June at Bentley Copse, and three Beavers – Dylan Betts, Jack Cornish and George Lee – received their Bronze Chief Scout Awards this year.

Our Cubs section has had a very active year, including camps in the Summer and August 2023 terms. We have 20 cubs, most of them quite young with 5 moving up from Beavers over the year. Our Bagheera, Robert Walker, is assisted by Paul Corcoran (Baloo) and Paul Crotch-Harvey (Chil). Eleven cubs received their Silver Chief Scout Awards over the year,

We have 29 members of the Scouts section, led by Kate Milton with support from four ASLs – Niklas, Phill, Charlie and Nikki - and two young leaders, Evie and Nat. Scouts have had 16 nights of camping over the year, including the weeklong trip to the Netherlands last summer (12 Scouts plus 6 Explorers). 11 scouts took part in the October expedition (for the Gold Award), and 11 Gold Chief Scout Awards were awarded this year. The Scouts have also raised an awesome £2,350 towards the cost of this year's summer camp through bag-packing.

Last but not least, our 15 Explorers have had a very busy year, under the leadership of Mark Warner, who is supported by Pete Martin and Roger Lee, as well as Phill Marks and Robert Walker who have supported Explorers as well as their own sections. Highlights of the year include First Prize in the District quiz, second place (very close) in the District archery, and raising £890 from backpacking to help finance attendance at this year's summer camp.

Before we hear from Gill Harley, our treasurer, some words of thanks and farewell.

First of all, a huge thank you to Gill Harley, who stepped into the breach earlier this year, replacing her successor at short notice. Gill said goodbye to us at last year's AGM after a stint of more than five years. Her return this year has helped the group out of a tight spot, and we are enormously grateful. We are looking for a deputy treasurer to support Gill over the next few months.

Second, we say farewell to Claire Patterson, group secretary for the last three years. Claire has brought structure to our meetings, and has helped us to keep our institutional memory even if our human memories sometimes fail us. She leaves now that her children have moved on from scouting, and we thank her for her contributions.

As Claire leaves, we welcome Ewa Townsend as incoming Group Secretary. Ewa brings a wealth of experience in the private and not-for-profit sector to the group, and we are glad to welcome her aboard.

We also welcome Leonard Stevens, our head of fundraising who joined the 34th in late 2023, picking up from Caroline Richardson. Len is a man of many parts, and he is currently working hard with his team to organise the fete in early July. He is still looking for volunteers, so please don't be shy about introducing yourselves.

I don't want to steal James's time, but I briefly want to thank the section leaders for their unstinting efforts, and for the warm welcome they have given me in this, my first year as chair. I also want to thank the ASLs, young leaders, and all other volunteers for ensuring that scouting in Meadvale continues to thrive. I would like to thank Jonathan Bradbourne for looking after the scout hut. Finally, I would also like to thank District for their support over the year, particularly Adrian Jackson and Tony Brown.

The Group Trustee Board has approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, and we are waiting to receive the report on the account from Geoff Stearn, the independent examiner.

I WILL ASK GILL HARLEY TO EXPLAIN THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE MEETING ABOUT THE ACCOUNTS?

FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, THE CHAIR THANKS THE TREASURER – NO VOTE NECESSARY

The next order of business is to appoint a Group Trustee Board to oversee good governance for the charity for the next year. Under the new constitution provided by the Scout Association, Trustees serve for three-year terms, which can be renewed a maximum of two times.

CAN I HAND OVER TO JAMES KING OR ALTERNATE TO NOMINATE A CHAIR FOR THE NEW YEAR?

NOMINATE, SECOND, SHOW OF HANDS

CHAIR THEN NOMINATES GILL HARLEY AS TREASURER AND TRUSTEE – SECOND, SHOW OF HANDS

CHAIR THEN NOMINATES EWA TOWNSEND AS SECRETARY AND TRUSTEE – SECOND, SHOW OF HANDS

CHAIR THEN NOTES THAT JAMES KING, AS GSL, WILL BE EX EFFICIO A MEMBER OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

CHAIR THEN NOMINATES LEONARD STEVENS AS HEAD OF FUNDRAISING AND TRUSTEE – SECOND, SHOW OF HANDS

CHAIR INVITES THE TREASURER TO PROPOSE AN EXTERNAL EXAMINER FOR THE ACCOUNTS
SECOND, SHOW OF HANDS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS, THANKS TO ALL FOR ATTENDING

34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

	For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024	
		2023/24			2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	4928	0	0	4928	8,762
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	0	0	0	0	-3,420
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,928	0	0	4,928	5,342
Gift Aid	944	0	0	944	1867
Donations (General)	540	0	0	540	1
Fundraising	8081	0	0	8081	6,880
Uniform	348	0	0	348	50
Other similar income	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	14,841	0	0	14,841	14,140
Grants					
Maintenance grant	0	0	0	0	0
Other grants	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Section Activities & Camps					
Section Activities	5892	0	0	5892	4302
Summer Camp	12605	0	0	12605	11,345
Sub total	18,497	0	0	18,497	15,647
Investment income					
Bank interest	591	0	0	591	168
Building Society interest	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	591	0	0	591	168
Total Gross Income	33,929	0	0	33,929	29,955
Asset and investment sales, etc.	1000	0	0	1000	0
Total receipts	34,929	0	0	34,929	29,955

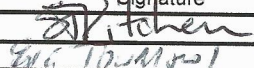
	2023/24			2022/23	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	0	0	0	0	0
Adult support and training	315	0	0	315	278
Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Council Rates	0	0	0	0	23
Water and Sewerage (shared with village hall)	247	0	0	247	410
Electricity and Gas	691	0	0	691	1306
Insurance	618	0	0	618	782
Repairs and Renewals	129	0	0	129	1975
Materials and equipment	315	0	0	315	72
Financing costs	207	0	0	207	425
Contribution to camp costs	0	0	0	0	0
Minibus	91	0	0	91	2,594
Badges	1293	0	0	1293	919
AGM and trustee expenses	86	0	0	86	135
Uniform	968	0	0	968	0
Fundraising Expenses	4598	0	0	4598	2713
Sub total	9,558	0	0	9,558	11,632
Section Activities & Camps					
Section Activities	7115	0	0	7115	5126
Summer Camp	18989	0	0	18989	10,402
Sub total	26,104	0	0	26,104	15,528
Total Gross Expenditure	35,662	0	0	35,662	27,160
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	150	0	0	150	4104
Total payments	35,812	0	0	35,812	31,264
Net of receipts/(payments)	-883	0	0	-883	-1,309
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	68,784	0	0	68784	70,093
Cash funds this year end	67,901	0	0	67,901	68,784

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024				31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Cub Account	2421	0	0	2421	2577
Savings Account	50616	0	0	50616	50024.55
Group Account	14864	0	0	14864	16,182
Cash/Floats	0	0	0	0	0
Total cash funds	67,901	0	0	67,901	68,784
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	0	0	0	0	0
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance claim	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Quoted investments	0	0	0	0	0
Other investments - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	0	0	0	0	0
Shop stock	0	0	0	0	0
Land and buildings	1717	0	0	1717	2,020
Motor vehicles	0	0	0	0	865
Camping Equipment	10419	0	0	10419	10,399
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	770	0	0	770	855
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	12,906	0	0	12,906	14,139
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0	0	0	0
Loan - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Other liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 14th May 2024 (the date of the Annual General Meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	SIMON KITCHEN	Chair
	EVA TOWNSEND	Secretary

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The accounts are prepared using QuickBooks which utilises open banking to pull in transactions electronically because the 31st March 2024 was Easter Sunday some transactions pulled through before they appeared on the bank statements which led to a difference between the group account balance in the accounts £14,864 and the balance per the bank statement £13,648 the transactions making up this difference are included as income in y/e 31 March 2024 and will be excluded from income in y/e 31 March 2025

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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:

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Signed:



Name:

GEOFFREY MARK STEARN

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34TH REIGATE (MEADVALE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305788

Accounts

**34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scout Group
Annual General Meeting
17 May 2023**

Group Trustee Board Chair Report

2023 is a year of considerable change at the 34th, with several people taking on new responsibilities as a few long-standing members of the Group Executive Committee step down from their positions.

In fact, one of the changes we are enacting tonight is that the Group Executive Committee as we have known it for so many years will now be known as the Group Trustee Board.

This change has been put forward by the Scout Association to make it clear that the members of the Trustee Board, including the GSL, Group Chairperson, Group Treasurer, Group Secretary and the Scout, Cub and Beaver Section Leaders are all trustees of the Group as a registered charity.

This does not represent a change in responsibility for the people in each of those posts, as members of the Executive Committee have all been named and have acted as trustees of the 34th since their induction in post. However, the change in nomenclature from Group Executive Committee to Group Trustee Board is meant to reinforce those roles as trustees and to make that clear to the community as a whole.

I want to point out that this change is not particular to the 34th, but is being adopted by Groups and Districts across the entire UK Scouting movement.

With that, I propose that we formally adopt the name Group Trustee Board to replace the term Group Executive Committee.

REQUEST FOR A SECOND, ASK IF THERE ARE ANY OBJECTIONS, CONFIRM AS ADOPTED

Another formal order of business necessary tonight is the formal adoption of our Constitution as a Scout Group.

This, too, comes as an instruction from the Scout Association to ensure that all Groups have formally taken on a constitution as a set of rules and procedures for operation and governance of the Group.

We have always operated according to the tenets of the constitution as spelled out in the Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR), but we have not, to my knowledge ever formally adopted the constitution as such.

Accordingly, that is our next order of business. The members of the Trustee Board have all been asked in the last few weeks to review the [Constitution text as published in POR](#), and I now propose its adoption by the Group.

REQUEST FOR A SECOND, ASK IF THERE ARE ANY OBJECTIONS, CONFIRM AS ADOPTED.

Finally on procedural matters, the constitution specifies that in addition to the Ex Officio membership of the Trustee Board – those people who are trustees because of their office with the Group – we confirm a number of *elected* members of the Trustee Board, who can be nominated at the AGM and voted into membership.

In previous years, we have usually three such elected members, including those people who have led our fundraising efforts, been responsible for maintenance of the hut, and managed issues such as sorting out uniform orders and other matters.

Our current elected members are Caroline Richardson, fundraising lead; and Jonathan Bradbourne, Hut Master. As noted at last year's AGM, Caroline will be stepping down from the post after the Meadvale Fete. Jonathan has expressed his willingness to remain in post. Nikki Mackay was our third elected member of the Executive Committee providing a range of ad-hoc support on tasks, but she stepped down from that role earlier this year.

POR states that we can have no more than six elected members of the Trustee Board. I would therefore like to propose that we specify three elected posts to the Trustee Board, in keeping with the previous practice of the Group.

REQUEST FOR A SECOND, ASK IF THERE ARE OBJECTIONS, CONFIRM AS ADOPTED

Now that we have addressed those procedural matters, I am glad to report that the 34th continues to offer outstanding experiences in Scouting to 80 young people in our community, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our section leaders, ASLs and young leaders.

Thanks to the commitment of our leadership teams and the enthusiasm of our members, we have had plenty of activity and engagement across each of our sections, as will be detailed in James King's GSL report shortly.

As chairman, it is my responsibility to update you on the overall administrative health of the Group. The team formerly known as Group Executive Committee worked very effectively together over the last year to ensure that sections are supported, vehicles and premises taken care of, uniforms provided and that our paperwork with the Scout Association and the Charities Commission is kept up to date.

As I noted at the start, 2023 is a year of significant change for the Group, with new people taking on key roles. First, I am very glad to welcome Jonathan White, who will be put forward this evening to take on the role of Group Treasurer. A chartered accountant, Jonathan is an experienced financial professional who has helped many businesses prosper and grow. He is also extremely community-minded, having served as a local councillor.

Jonathan will be taking over from Gill Harley, who will be stepping down from the post as of this evening. Gill has been our Group Treasurer for more than five years, and she has done a sterling job managing our accounts. Not only is the Group in good financial health, as Gill will report this evening, but we are in a much tidier administrative state than when she took on the role. Gill, speaking on my own behalf but also as a representative of the Trustee Board and the Group as a whole I want to say thank you for everything you have done for the 34th.

Also stepping down from a key role, officially as of this evening, but in practice after the Meadvale Fete on 24 June, is Caroline Richardson. Caroline took over organisation of our fundraising events back in 2019, leading the planning and execution of three Meadvale Fetes and three Christmas Tree sales. Caroline has mobilised volunteers to make these events both fantastic days out and highly successful fundraisers. Our financial health and our ability to make sure that Scouting can be accessible to all owe a great deal to Caroline's efforts. Please join me in thanking Caroline for her many contributions to the 34th.

The post of fundraising lead is now open. We need a volunteer to put themselves forward for election to the Trustee Board for this key role. Thanks to the efforts of Ruth Grey, Amy Miller, Vicky Ward and now Caroline, we have a clear process for pulling together the fete and the Christmas tree sale each year, but we do need a volunteer to drive it. Nominations are most welcome!

Next, I want to welcome Simon Kitchen to the Trustee Board. Simon is an experienced professional and leading strategist in financial markets. Locally, he has served as chairperson of the Friends of Reigate Priory School and he is now taking on the role of Group Chair of the 34th. Simon has joined the last two meetings of the Group Executive Committee to become familiar with our operations and he's spent time getting to know the rest of the leadership team. We are very glad to have him with us. Let's give Simon a very warm welcome to the Group.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to share a few thoughts as I complete ten years as Chair. I have spent a lot of my time at these meetings and in emails and in conversations encouraging people to get involved with the 34th. Of course, we always still need more volunteers, but tonight I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the many people who give so generously of their time and spirit to keep the 34th thriving.

James King, you've been part of this organisation since you were 6 years old. You started as a Beaver and now you are GSL. Keep ascending the Scouting ranks at this rate and Bear Grylls will need to watch his back. I am hugely grateful to you for stepping up to be our GSL. You've brought a commitment to Scouting and to our young people that makes a huge difference.

I also want to express my thanks to Jon Lowther, who served as GSL from 2013-2020. Jon and I came into our posts together and worked very closely over those years. I truly valued Jon's friendship and partnership, and I am glad that the Lowthers remain both members of the 34th and great friends of the Group.

Mark Warner, as both Bandar among the Cubs and as de-facto leader of our Explorer Unit, and the head of the 34th Motor Pool, you have been an absolutely crucial member of this team. Not only are you there for every camp and every event, but you always bring enthusiasm, kindness and warmth no matter what the circumstances might be. I have been very grateful to know you. Thank you for all that you do.

Kate Milton, our erstwhile Scout Section leader and one-time Group Secretary, your determination to keep Scouting going strong in our community has been fantastic. You stepped into the breach several years ago to get into uniform and support the Cubs – where you did a great job indeed. Then, when our Scout section needed a leader, you took on the

charge. You have helped take Scouts to the next level, providing great experiences for our young people, and doing so with true generosity of spirit. Thank you.

Robert Walker. Baggy, you are the institutional memory and the foundation of the 34th. You are the keeper of our kit and the master of our lore. You have seen hundreds of young people through the group over the years. Think how many members of this community have had the chance to learn, grow and have great fun with you over so many years. But your contributions go way beyond Cubs. You are always willing to help every section. You support activity at District and County level. You received the Silver Acorn award for your decades of service to Scouting, and it was more than deserved. Thank you, Robert.

Niklas Richardson, I must confess that I bear a deep resentment toward you. Niklas, like all Beaver leaders, has a section name. Niklas is known to our Beavers as “Eagle.” The majestic lord of the skies. The emblem of freedom, determination, nobility and strength. When leading a section evening back in 2013, I, too was given a moniker by our Beavers, one of whom was my own son. Would I be Bear, Hawk, Wolf, Fox? No, the name bestowed upon me by those youngsters and used for years by some of them: Chicken. So when Nik came along and got Eagle, my hackles were well and truly raised. But Niklas, you have deserved the title indeed. You have been strong in the face of adversity and change. You have kept the Beavers going through challenging times, and most recently, you have rallied together a new team of leaders who will keep the colony thriving. Not only have you led Beavers, but you’ve been a fantastic support to Scouts as well. And, as with all of your fellow section leaders, you do so with so much kindness and warmth. Thank you, Niklas.

There are so many more to whom I am grateful – all of our Leaders and ASLs, past and present, Roger Lee, Ruth Grey, Phill Marks, Simon Kruger, Gulshan Khan, Spencer Mitchell, Liz Timbrell, Liz Sales (may she rest in peace), John Davies, Julian Gribble, Pete Schofield, Nick Wilks, Nicky Shreeve, Kelly Musk, and so many more. Our current and previous Exec members, Gill, Claire Patterson, Richard Cox, Aidan Smithson, John Adams, Alin Memet, Vicky Hookway, Vicky Ward, Teresa Craig, Amy Miller, and others.

I am grateful to the team at District, Alan Osborn, Chris Davis, Margaret Tilford and Adrian Jackson who have provided such helpful guidance, direction and support to the 34th.

I’m thankful for our Hut Master Jonathan Bradbourne, who has kept this place standing, and thanks to whom we just had a brilliant turnout of 20+ people for our maintenance day last weekend, all of whom also deserve thanks for doing such a great job.

I have hugely appreciated the commitment and support of so many parents and carers who step up and get involved – in particular, master chef Peter Grey who keeps us all in burgers and buns; Phil & Kerry Rolaston who are always here to lend a hand and helped make summer camp such a success last year. And of course Paula and Dave Munro and Luke and Leila Doughty who can always be counted on to pitch in when things need doing.

All of you, and I’m sure there are more I’ve not mentioned that I should have, have helped keep the 34th running and providing the adventure of scouting to so many hundreds of young people for so many years. I have greatly enjoyed serving with such an outstanding group of people.

34th Reigate (Meadvale) Scout Group **Receipts and Payments Account**

	For the year from	Year start date	To	Year end date	
		01/04/2022		31/03/2023	
Receipts and payments					
	2022/23				2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	8762	0	0	8762	3,418
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-3420	0	0	-3420	-3,676
Net membership subscriptions retained	5342	0	0	5342	-258
Gift Aid	1867	0	0	1867	761
Donations (General)	1	0	0	1	56
Donations (CAF)	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising	6880	0	0	6880	2,197
Uniform	50	0	0	50	0
Other similar income	0	0	0	0	86
Sub total	14,140	0	0	14,140	2,842
Grants					
Maintenance grant	0	0	0	0	0
Other grants	0	0	0	0	8,000
Sub total	0	0	0	0	8,000
Section Activities & Camps					
Beavers	0	0	0	0	0
Cubs	2002	0	0	2002	1,140
Scouts	1390	0	0	1390	0
Explorers	910	0	0	910	969
Summer Camp	11345	0	0	11345	1,691
Sub total	15,647	0	0	15,647	3,800
Investment income					
Bank interest	168	0	0	168	4
Building Society interest	0	0	0	0	0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0	0	0	0	0

Property Rent income	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	168	0	0	168	4
Total Gross Income	29,955	0	0	29,955	14,646
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	29,955	0	0	29,955	14,646

For the year from	Year start date	To	Year end date
	01/04/2022		31/03/2023

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	2021/22
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	0	0	0	0	0
Adult support and training	278	0	0	278	98
Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Council Rates	23	0	0	23	65
Water and Sewerage (shared with village hall)	410	0	0	410	0
Electricity and Gas	1306	0	0	1306	687
Insurance	782	0	0	782	738
Repairs and Renewals	1975	0	0	1975	92
Materials and equipment	72	0	0	72	253
Financing costs	425	0	0	425	54
Contribution to camp costs	0	0	0	0	0
Minibus	2594	0	0	2594	1,551
Badges	919	0	0	919	131
AGM and trustee expenses	135	0	0	135	0
Uniform	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising Expenses	2713	0	0	2713	-524
Sub total	11,632	0	0	11,632	3,145
Section Activities & Camps					
Beavers Expenditure	188	0	0	188	58
Cubs Expenditure	1592	0	0	1592	1,553

Scouts Expenditure	2454	0	0	2454	323
Explorers Expenditure	892	0	0	892	966
Summer Camp	10402	0	0	10402	2,305
Sub total	15,528	0	0	15,528	5,205
Total Gross Expenditure	27,160	0	0	27,160	8,350
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	4104	0	0	4104	0
Total payments	31,264	0	0	31,264	8,350
Net of receipts/(payments)	-1,309	0	0	-1,309	6,296
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	70,093	0	0	0	63,797
Cash funds this year end	68,784	0	0	0	70,093

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2023				31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Cub Account	2577	0	0	0	429
Savings Account	50025	0	0	0	0
Group Account	16182	0	0	0	45,761
CAF Account	0	0	0	0	23,903
Cash/Floats	0	0	0	0	0
Total cash funds	68,784	0	0	0	70,093
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	0	0	0	0	0
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance claim	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Quoted investments	0	0	0	0	0
Other investments - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	0	0	0	0	0
Shop stock	0	0	0	0	0

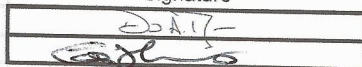
Other stock	0	0	0	0	0
Land and buildings	2020	0	0	0	2,375
Motor vehicles	865	0	0	0	865
Camping Equipment	10399	0	0	0	7,835
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	855	0	0	0	950
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	14,139	0	0	0	12,025

Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions not yet paid	0	0	0	0	0
Loan - detail	0	0	0	0	0
Other liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

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Signature



Print Name

David Thompson

Chair

GILL HARLEY

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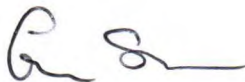
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