

8TH ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305792

Details

Other names 8TH ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-01-07

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

Contact

Address 24 Princes Road
Ashford
TW15 2LT

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Website www.8thashfordscouts.co.uk

Activities

Objects: 8TH ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) BOY SCOUT GROUP

Activities: we offer a full range of scouting activities to local children aged between 6 and 14.5

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£778,227	£762,661	£255,229	0
2024-03-31	£30,733	£24,736	-	-
2023-03-31	£29,137	£24,714	-	-
2022-03-31	£37,518	£19,377	-	-
2021-03-31	£26,521	£10,277	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
HOWARD WEETCH SL		
Julie Anne Daniel		2022-06-17
LOUISE SEARS TREASURER		
RICHARD MEDDELTON		2019-06-14
SIOBHAN EDGAR		

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

8th Ashford Scout Group (24100)

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

c/o 24 Princes Road

Town Tree Hall

Ashford

Convent Road

Middlesex

Ashford TW15 2EW

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Board Members		
2	Mrs J Reed	Group Lead Volunteer	
3	Mrs J Daniel	Group Chair	
4	Mrs L Sears	Treasurer	
5	Mr H Weetch	Facilities	
6	Mr J Daniel	Operational Integrity	
7	Mrs S Edgar	Information M'gmt	
8	Mr R Meddelton	Landlord Liaison	
9	Mr A Daniel	Scouting Connections	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	High Street, Staines
	Barclays Bank Plc	Leicester LE87 2BB
	Virgin Money	Gosforth NE3 4TG
Auditor	TBC	

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

Trustee selection methods

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Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board as specified above meets every other month. It exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
Group public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing Group Adms and Advisors other than those elected.

There is also a Leadership and Operations team which meets every other month and makes decisions about day-to-day, operational matters. This is chaired by the Group Lead Volunteer.

Risk and Internal Control

The Board of Trustees 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:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

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Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

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

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Financial Review

Reserves Policy

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Further financial review details (optional information)

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Investment Policy
 The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Board of Trustees regularly monitors 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 Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

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

The Group has taken up the long term lease of land at Ashford Sports Club, and is building a new HQ which will also serve as a community centre for a wide range of other groups in the area. The building is almost complete. A grant of £899,645 by Surrey County Council had almost all been drawn down, a further grant of £50,000 from St. Faith's Charitable Trust has been paid and the group is now using its own funds to finish the project. Fundraising continues.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Julie Daniel</i>	<i>Louise Sears</i>
Full name(s)	JULIE DANIEL	LOUISE SEARS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	0 1 0 6 2 5	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
8th Ashford Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

305792

Set out on pages

1 - 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

22/01/2026

Name:

Deborah Pennington

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

AAT, CIMA

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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1	Ex- officio		
2	Mrs J Reed	Group Scout Leader	23/06/2023
3	Mr K Edgar	Assistant GSL	
4	Mr H Weetch	Assistant GSL	
5	Mrs A Collier	Beaver Scout Leader	
6	Mrs T Muckian	Beaver Scout Leader	
7	Mr J Logan	Cub Scout Leader	31/07/2023
8	Mr H Paine	Scout Leader	
9			
10	Nominated		
11	Mrs H Litvak	Group Chair	
12	Mr D Crowe	Asst Cub Scout Leader	
13	Mr A Muckian	Asst Beaver Scout Lead	
14	Mr S Collier	Asst Scout Leader	
15	Mr A Mizen	Asst Scout Leader	
16	Elected Members		
17	Mrs L Weetch	Secretary	
18	Mrs L Sears	Treasurer	
19	Mrs F Brown	Scout Parent	
20	Mrs R Smith	Cub Parent	
21	Mrs K Salter	Beaver Parent	
22	Mr P Teague	Beaver Parent	
23	Mrs J Daniel	100 Club Organiser	
24	Mrs J Wallbanks	Group Admin	
25	Mrs C Logan	Group Admin	
26	Mr R Meddelton	New HQ Support	

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Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

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The Group Executive regularly monitors 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 Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

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

The Group has been offered a long term lease of land at Ashford Sports Club, we have been granted permission to build and our fundraising is now underway. We have been granted a sum of £899,645 by Surrey County Council and our build will begin within the forthcoming financial year.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)


HELEN LITVAK	LOUISE SEARS
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR	TREASURER
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Date

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8th Ashford Scouts		Statement of Financial Activities			
Author: Louise Sears		28/05/2024			
Adviser: Laurie Mutch					
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (£)					
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024			1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		
GRANTS		0	0	2900	
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Activities	2,022		2,022	1,529	
Camping	3,305		3,305	4,806	
Donations	4,064		4,064	590	
Gift Aid	3,528		3,528	2,425	
Interest	1,723		1,723	391	
Misc	2,304		2,304	2,829	
Subscriptions	12,851		12,851	15,969	
100 Club	936		936	598	
Total incoming resources	30,733	0	30,733	32,037	
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities					
Activities	2,762		2,762	3,148	
Camping	3,145	0	3,145	4,123	
Equipment	577	1,540	2,116	1,616	
Trophies	70		70	92	
100 Club	586		586	420	
New HQ	1,349		1,349	0	
Repairs & existing HQ	432		432	265	
Subscriptions	3,693		3,693	4,118	
Supplies & Materials	1,543		1,543	1,616	
	14,157	1,540	15,696	15,398	
Support costs					
Utilities	1,315		1,315	1,433	
Gas	0		0	260	
Insurance	1,612		1,612	1,439	
Motor	4,359		4,359	6,087	
	7,286	0	7,286	9,219	
Information Technology					
Computer, IT and web services	225		225	793	
Other					
Postage	5		5	11	
Donations	759		759	294	
Misc	764	0	764	360	
	1,528	0	1,528	665	
Total resources expended	23,196	1,540	24,736	26,075	
Net income	7,537	-1,540	5,997	5,962	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within 1 year					
Fund balance brought forward	£233,666		£233,666	£227,704	
Fund balance carried forward	£241,203	-£1,540	£239,663	£233,666	
Transfer from unrestricted to restricted		£0	£0	£0	
Depreciation			£0		
	£241,203	-£1,540	£239,663	Okay	£233,666
BALANCE SHEET	At 31 March 2023				
Fixed Assets					
	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Current Assets					
Bank and cash balances	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total		
Bank Current Accounts				£61,401	
Bank Deposit Account				£92,548	
Bond				£75,000	
Cash				£4,717	
	£0	£0	£0	£233,666	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				£0	

B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

-
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Current value (optional)

-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details
Badge Stock
Motor Vehicles
Scouting Equipment, furniture etc
trailer
Land & Buildings

Fund to which asset belongs

115
7,000
76366
4388
269842

Cost (optional)

-

Current value (optional)

B5 Liabilities

Details
Unpresented Cheques (Fundraisers account)

Fund to which liability relates

85

Amount due (optional)

-
-
-
-
-

When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Helen Litvak-Chair
Louise Sears-Treasurer

Date of approval

7 June
2024

England & Wales

Template 1: 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 8th Ashford Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 8th Ashford Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signed:



Name: Stewart Holmes

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 60 Brightside Avenue, Staines, TW18 1NQ

Date: 22/5/2024

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Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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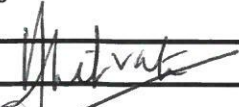

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	HELEN LITVAK	LOUISE SEARS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	21 06 23	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Activities	1,529	-	-	1,529	3,586
Camping	4,806	-	-	4,806	-
Donations	590	-	-	590	3,340
Gift Aid	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,395
Interest	391	-	-	391	108
Misc	2,829	-	-	2,829	1,415
Subscriptions	15,969	-	-	15,969	11,148
100 Club	598	-	-	598	887
Grants	-	2,900	-	2,900	20,108
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,137	2,900	-	32,037	41,985
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,137	2,900	-	32,037	41,985
A3 Payments					
Activities	3,148	-	-	3,148	3,295
Camping	4,123	-	-	4,123	-
Equipment	255	1,361	-	1,616	-
Trophies	92	-	-	92	326
100 Club	420	-	-	420	455
New HQ	-	-	-	-	2,704
Existing HQ repairs	265	-	-	265	1,520
Subscriptions	4,118	-	-	4,118	4,466
Supplies & Materials	1,616	-	-	1,616	25
Utilities	1,433	-	-	1,433	466
Gas	260	-	-	260	-
Insurance	1,439	-	-	1,439	1,336
Motor	6,087	-	-	6,087	7,172
Computer, IT and web services	793	-	-	793	300
Donations	294	-	-	294	69
Postage	11	-	-	11	-
Misc	360	-	-	360	585
Sub total	24,714	1,361	-	26,075	22,719
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,714	1,361	-	26,075	22,719
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,423	1,540	-	5,962	19,266
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Add back Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	227,704	-	-	227,704	-
Cash funds this year end	232,126	1,540	-	233,666	227,704

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Accounts	59,861	1,540	-
	Bank Deposit Accounts	92548	-	-
	Bond	75000	-	-
	Cash	4717	-	-
	Total cash funds	232,126	1,540	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Tax Claim	3,528	-	2,425
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

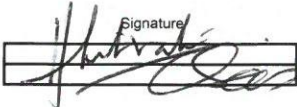
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Badge Stock	Non monetary		90
Motor Vehicles	Non monetary		8,000
Scouting Equipment, furniture etc	Non monetary		52,397
trailer	Non monetary		3,828
Land & Buildings	Non monetary		242,228
		-	306,543

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Unpresented Cheques (Fundraisers account)	unrestricted	145	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


Print Name
 H. LITVAK
 L. SEARS

Date of approval
 2/16/23
 2/16/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....8th Ashford Scout Group.....

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended31st March 2023.....

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1- 9

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

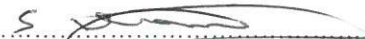
Name:Stewart Holmes.....

Qualification: ...Independent Examiner

Address: 60 Brightside Avenue.....

.....Staines, TW18 1NQ.....

Date: 20/6/2023

Signed: 

8TH ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305792

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

8th Ashford Scout Group (24100)

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

c/o 24 Princes Road

Town Tree Hall

Ashford

Convent Road

Surrey

Ashford TW15 2EW

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Ex- officio		
2	Mrs J Reed	Group Scout Leader	
3	Mr K Edgar	Assistant GSL	
4	Mr H Weetch	Assistant GSL	
5	Mrs A Collier	Beaver Scout Leader	
6	Mrs T Muckian	Beaver Scout Leader	
7	Mr J Logan	Cub Scout Leader	
8	Nominated		
9	Mrs H Litvak	Group Chair	
10	Mr D Crowe	Asst Cub Scout Leader	
11	Mr H Paine	Asst Scout Leader	
12	Mr S Collier	Asst Scout Leader	
13	Mr A Mizen	Asst Scout Leader	
14			
15			
16	Elected Members		
17	Mrs L Weetch	Secretary	
18	Mrs L Sears	Treasurer	
19	Mr R Meddelton	Scout Parent	
20	Mrs H Hogan	Cub Parent	
21	Mr N Ackroyd	Beaver Parent	
22	Mrs J Daniel	100 Club Organiser	
23	Mrs J Wallbanks	Group Admin	
24	Mrs C Logan	Group Admin	
25	Mrs F Brown	Parent rep	
26			

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

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	High Street, Staines
	Barclays Bank Plc	Leicester LE87 2BB
	Virgin Money	Gosforth NE3 4TG
Auditor	Stewart Holmes	Staines TW18 1NQ

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every month except August and December.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

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- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
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- Group public occasions;
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Signature(s)



Full name(s)

HELEN LITVAK LOUISE SEARS

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR TREASURER

Date

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8th Ashford Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Receipts and payments

	2021/22			2020/21	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	11,148	-	-	11,148	6,321
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	4,466	-	-	4,466	4,308
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,682	-	-	6,682	2,013
Donations	3,340	-	-	3,340	3,942
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,395	-	-	1,395	3,984
Transport Donations		-	-	-	
Sub total	11,417	-	-	11,417	9,939
Grants					
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	20,108	-	-	20,108	11,334
Sub total	20,108	-	-	20,108	11,334
Fundraising (gross)					
BAG PACKING	-	-	-	-	
100 CLUB	887	-	-	887	994
QUIZ NIGHT	-	-	-	-	
Fireworks	1,410	-	-	1,410	
Sub total	2,297	-	-	2,297	994
Investment income					
Bank interest	106	-	-	106	427
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	106	-	-	106	427
Youth Program Activities					
Group		0	0	0	75
Beaver Colony	856	0	0	856	0
Cub Pack	1585	0	0	1585	0
Scout Troop	1145	0	0	1145	0
Sub total	3586	0	0	3586	75
Sundry Receipts					
Uniform Sales	5	0	0	5	0
Equipment/Badge Sales	0	0	0	0	100
Sub total	5	0	0	5	100

Total Gross Income 37,518 - - 37,518 22,869

Asset and investment sales, etc. - - - - -

Total receipts 37,518 - - 37,518 22,869

8th Ashford Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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Receipts and payments


	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021/22 Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2020/21 Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	3,295	-	-	3,295	163
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-
New Build expenses	2,704	-	-	2,704	-
Water and Sewerage	78	-	-	78	139
Electricity and Gas	388	-	-	388	263
Insurance	1,336	-	-	1,336	1,230
Repairs and Renewals	1,520	-	-	1,520	418
Materials and equipment	25	-	-	25	14
ICT, Printing and photocopying	300	-	-	300	282
Camp Gas	-	-	-	-	600
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	8	-	-	8	135
Badges and Trophies	326	-	-	326	371
Donations	69	-	-	69	244
Transport	7,172	-	-	7,172	2,090
Sub total	17,219	-	-	17,219	5,950
Fundraising expenses					
General	20	-	-	20	20
Fireworks	557	-	-	557	-
100 Club	455	-	-	455	655
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,032	-	-	1,032	675
Total Gross Expenditure	18,251	-	-	18,251	6,625
Less Cheques issued not yet presented	110	-	-	110	-
Asset and investment purchases. etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,141	-	-	18,141	6,625
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,377	-	-	19,377	16,244
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	208,327	-	-	208,327	192,083
Cash funds this year end	227,704	-	-	227,704	208,327

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2021/22				2020/21
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	99,214	-	-	99,214	81,328
Bank deposit account	75,000	-	-	75,000	75,000
Bank deposit account	50,010	-	-	50,010	50,005
The Scout Association Short Term	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	3,480	-	-	3,480	1,994
Total cash funds	227,704	-	-	227,704	208,327
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,395
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,395
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for					
Badge stock	80	-	-	80	150
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	50
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	242,228	-	-	242,228	-
Motor vehicles	9,000	-	-	9,000	12,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	67,108	-	-	67,108	49,061
Trailer	3,828	-	-	3,828	3,500
Sub total	322,244	-	-	322,244	64,761
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on

Signature


Print Name
 Helen Litvak-Chair
 Louise Sears-Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....8th Ashford Scout Group.....

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended31st March 2022.....

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1- 9

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Name:Stewart Holmes.....

Qualification: ...Independent Examiner

Address: .60 Brightside Avenue.....

.....Staines, TW18 1NQ.....

Date: 9/6/22

Signed: 

8TH ASHFORD (MIDDLESEX) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305792

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) to end date

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

8th Ashford Scout Group (24100)

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 5 7 9 2

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

c/o 24 Princes Road

Town Tree Hall

Ashford

Convent Road

Surrey

Ashford TW15 2EW

Postcode T W 1 5 2 L T

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Ex- officio		
2	Mrs J Reed	Group Scout Leader	
3	Mr K Edgar	Assistant GSL	
4	Mr H Weetch	Assistant GSL	
5	Mrs A Collier	Beaver Scout Leader	from 1/11/20
6	Mrs T Muckian	Beaver Scout Leader	from 1/1/21
7	Mr J Logan	Cub Scout Leader	
8	Nominated		
9	Mrs H Litvak	Group Chair	
10	Mr D Crowe	Asst Cub Scout Leader	
11	Mr H Paine	Asst Scout Leader	
12	Mr S Collier	Asst Scout Leader	
13	Mr A Mizen	Asst Scout Leader	
14			
15			
16	Elected Members		
17	Mrs L Weetch	Secretary	
18	Mrs L Sears	Treasurer	
19	Mr R Meddleton	Scout Parent	
20	Mrs H Hogan	Cub Parent	
21	Mr N Ackroyd	Beaver Parent	
22	Mrs J Daniel	100 Club Organiser	
23	Mrs J Wallbanks	Group Admin	
24	Mrs C Logan	Group Admin	
25			
26			

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

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	High Street, Staines
	Barclays Bank Plc	Leicester LE87 2BB
	Virgin Money	Gosforth NE3 4TG
Auditor	David Slader	Parkland Grove, Ashford

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
 a) the induction and training of trustees;
 b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every month except August and December.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Adms and Advisors other than those elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations 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 fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14.5. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

All sections take part in regular camping activities, with the exception of younger Beaver Scouts who sleep indoors and also undertake a number of outings and activities. There are various programmes of fund raising across the Group for both the Group itself and local, national and Scouting charities. The sectional Leader teams ensure that the termly programmes are planned to provide a suitable balance of activities.

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

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

The Group is not a grantmaking organisation and therefore has no such policy. The contribution made by volunteers cannot be overemphasised. The Group relies entirely on volunteer Leaders and helpers.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The total membership of the Group as at 31st January 2021 was 88 with 31 names on the waiting list. The Leaders and helpers involved continue to provide a progressive and challenging programme of events and activities. Fund raising including Gift Aid has continued to provide the necessary finance for the Group's activities.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to between 6 and 12 months running costs, circa £15000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £208,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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

The Group Executive regularly monitors 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 Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

- investment policy and objectives

Section F Other Optional Information

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

The Group has been offered a long term lease of land at Ashford Sports Club, we have been granted permission to build and our fundraising is now underway.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

HELEN LITVAK LOUISE SEARS

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR TREASURER

Date

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8th Ashford Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21				2019/20
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	6,321	-	-	6,321	15,939
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	4,308	-	-	4,308	4,653
Net membership subscriptions retained	2,013	-	-	2,013	11,286
Donations	3,942	-	-	3,942	42,263
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	3,984	-	-	3,984	3,091
Transport Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,939	-	-	9,939	56,640
Grants					
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	11,334	-	-	11,334	-
Sub total	11,334	-	-	11,334	-
Fundraising (gross)					
BAG PACKING	-	-	-	-	1,654
100 CLUB	994	-	-	994	1,175
QUIZ NIGHT	-	-	-	-	1,045
Fireworks	-	-	-	-	1,941
Sub total	994	-	-	994	5,816
Investment income					
Bank interest	427	-	-	427	563
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	427	-	-	427	563
Youth Program Activities					
Group	75	0	0	75	2844
Beaver Colony	0	0	0	0	110
Cub Pack	0	0	0	0	2184
Scout Troop	0	0	0	0	3461
Sub total	75	0	0	75	8598
Sundry Receipts					
Uniform Sales	-	0	0	0	0
Equipment/Badge Sales	100	0	0	100	0
Sub total	100	0	0	100	0

Total Gross Income	22,869	-	-	22,869	71,616
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,869	-	-	22,869	71,616

8th Ashford Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Receipts and payments

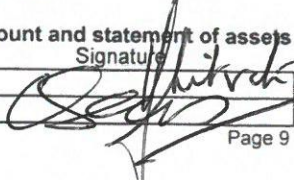
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020/21 Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	163	-	-	163	8,361
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	48
New Build expenses	-	-	-	-	834
Water and Sewerage	139	-	-	139	-
Electricity and Gas	263	-	-	263	27
Insurance	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,190
Repairs and Renewals	418	-	-	418	804
Materials and equipment	14	-	-	14	906
ICT, Printing and photocopying	282	-	-	282	397
Camp Gas	600	-	-	600	-
Uniforms	-	-	-	-	-
AGM and trustee expenses	135	-	-	135	421
Badges and Trophies	371	-	-	371	538
Donations	244	-	-	244	234
Transport	2,090	-	-	2,090	6,756
Sub total	5,950	-	-	5,950	20,516
Fundraising expenses					
General	20	-	-	20	20
Fireworks	-	-	-	-	715
100 Club	655	-	-	655	632
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	675	-	-	675	1,367
Total Gross Expenditure	6,625	-	-	6,625	21,883
Asset and investment purchases. etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,625	-	-	6,625	21,883
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,244	-	-	16,244	49,733
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	16,244	-	-	16,244	49,733

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2020/21			Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £		
Cash funds					
Bank current account	81,328	-	-	81,328	115,126
Bank deposit account	75,000	-	-	75,000	75,000
Bank deposit account	50,005	-	-	50,005	-
The Scout Association Short Term	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	1,994	-	-	1,994	1,957
Total cash funds	208,327	-	-	208,327	192,083
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	1,394	-	-	1,394	3,984
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,394	-	-	1,394	3,984
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for					
Badge stock	150	-	-	150	180
Shop stock	50	-	-	50	150
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	12,000	-	-	12,000	12,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	49,061	-	-	49,061	48,575
Trailer	3,500	-	-	3,500	3,678
Sub total	64,761	-	-	64,761	64,583
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth

Signature 	Print Name
Louise Sears	Helen Litvak-Chair Louise Sears-Treasurer