



**THE 64th BIRMINGHAM SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT
&
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER 2022**

AGENDA

- 1 Group Chair's welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Approval of minutes of the last Group AGM held on 22nd November 2021
- 4 Consideration of Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31/03/22
- 5 Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chair
- 6 Approval and Election of 2022 Group Executive members
- 7 Appointment of Accounts Scrutineer
- 8 Group Scout Leader's Report
- 9 Any Other Business, relative to the AGM (pre-notified only)
- 10 Group Chair's closing remarks



Charity number: 503482
TSA HQ Reg. No: 05684

64TH BIRMINGHAM SCOUT GROUP CHARITY STATEMENTS

The Purpose of 64th Birmingham Scout Group

The 64th Birmingham Scout Group provides a weekly Scouting provision across all Scouting Sections with volunteers actively engage & support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society through giving the young people we work with Skills For Life.

As Scouts we are guided by Scouting values

- **Integrity** We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy & loyal.
- **Respect** We have self-respect & respect for others.
- **Care** We support others & take care of the world in which we live.
- **Belief** We explore our faiths, beliefs & attitudes.
- **Co-operation** Make a positive difference; co-operate with others & make friends.

The Scouting Method means that Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting & :-

- Enjoy what they are doing & have fun
- Take part in activities indoors & outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take responsibility & make choices
- Undertake new & challenging activities
- Make & live by their Promise.

Public benefit statements

The 64th Birmingham Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education & the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

The Group has in place systems of risk & internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments & a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Structure, governance & management

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. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts & making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer & Secretary together with elected, nominated & co-opted representation & meets regularly through the year. The Group Executive exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments & is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property
- The raising of funds & the administration of District finance
- The insurance of persons, property & equipment
- Group public occasions
- Assisting the recruitment of leaders & other adult support
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required
- Appointing District administrators / advisors other than those who are elected

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of The Association & The Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association. The Scout Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts.

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 18 months running costs for the building and an £15k emergency building work fund, circa £35k.

The Group held reserves of approx £82k of General Funds against this at year-end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by on going building development projects, planned equipment purchases within the Group over the next 12 months and the Covid recovery plan.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22nd NOVEMBER 2021

Present

37 members & friends attended the AGM which was held on zoom.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognised the apologies.

It was recognised that we did not have an AGM in 2020 due to the pandemic. Our previous AGM was therefore in 2019.

The GSL explained how zoom and how the polls would work. The GSL ensured that the AGM was quorate. The Scout Council unanimously approved to keep the Quorum numbers of at least 12 for a Council Meeting, 5 for an Executive Meeting and 3 for a Sub-Committee Meeting. The Scout Council unanimously approved that the Group keep the standard Scout Group Constitution as laid out in POR 3.24.

Consideration of Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts for year ending 31/03/22

Copies of the minutes of the AGM in 2019 were distributed & were duly approved.

The Trustees' Annual Accounts relating to the year ending 31st March 2021 and the Reserves Policy were presented by the Group Scout Leader on behalf of the Group Treasurer (Celvon Binns). The Accounts and Reserves Policy were duly adopted.

There were no questions relating to the Trustees' Annual Report.

Nominations & Elections of Officers

Group Scout Leaders Nomination of Group Chair

The GSL re-nominated the Group Chair, Keith Hemmings. Keith was duly appointed.

Election of Group Executive

The Council unanimously agreed to increase the number of Elected Trustees from 4 to 5 to reflect our new Squirrel section. As only one nomination per seat on the Executive had been received the following elected and nominated members were approved by mass by show of hands:

Ex-officio members:

Chair	Keith Hemmings	Squirrel Leader	Saroj Watton
Secretary	Louise White	Beaver Leader	Claire Bakhshi
Treasurer	Celvon Binns	Cub Leader	Chas LeMaistre
GSL	Paul Little	Scout Leader	Stuart Granger
Deputy GSL	Amy Keogh	Explorer Leader	Jamie Burrell

Elected members:

Squirrel parent	Joan Hamilton
Beaver parent	Elizabeth Agunbiade
Cub parent	Bal Madhar
Scout parent	Debbie King
Explorer parent rep.	Sabra Saheed

GSL nominations:

Young person rep.	Callum Peyton
GDPR lead	Emma Ray
GSL nomination	Martin White

Appointment of Auditor

Jeff Swann agreed to continue in the role of Group Auditor & was duly re-appointed.

Group Scout Leader's Report

Paul shared that our Group membership had fluctuated since our last AGM in 2019 from; 58 young people in January 2020 (prior to lockdown), to 32 young people in January 2021 (after 9 months of no face to face Scouting), to 72 young people in October 2021 (after just a few months of face to face Scouting). The Group is currently at 222% of our membership compared to the end of the lock downs and amazingly at 122% of our pre-lockdown membership.

This amazing growth shows just how much Scouting is now needed and how well our volunteers, families and young people responded both during the lockdown, with awesome online provisions, and since being back face to face, with adventurous and engaging programmes.

It was shared that Squirrels is now a permanent Scouting provision within UK Scouting and the Group is thrilled that our Drey is flourishing.

Special mention was given to 3 Group members who passed over the last year. Michael Richardson, a long standing Group Chair for 30 years, Jane Phillips, part of our Cub team for 44 years, and Kip Freshwater, one of our Hedgehogs.

Kip was recognised for his bravery with The Chief Scout's Medal for Meritorious Conduct just prior to his passing. In Kip's memory the Group has created The Kip Cup, awarded annually to a young person who has shown strength through adversity. Michael's widow, Maureen, donated £500 to award each Kip Cup recipient a £50 gift.

The GSL thanked everyone for all that they did within the Group.

Awards

The following awards were gained by members of the Group over the year:

Bronze CSA: Lesley Agunbiade, Jacob Davis, Mya Henry, Simran Malhi, Xavier McIntosh, Joshua McKenzie, Chanan Sandhu, Rudi Sandhu & Belina Shergill

Silver CSA: Harry Bakhshi, Alexander Enchev, Anjali Sehjal & Pheobe Sharma

Platinum CSA & Bronze DofE: Joel Crowe & Excellence Oboh

Diamond CSA & Silver DofE: Alice Boshell, Aaron Dyson & Jarnail Sehjal

Queen's Scout Award & Gold DofE: Michaela Cummings, Corbin Elliot, Callum Peyton & Callum White

Duke of Edinburgh Awards: Dalpreet Dhillon (Bronze), Reo Christopher (Bronze & Silver), Callum White (Silver) & Kris Simpson (Gold)

Bill Askew Award: Elodie Lancaster (presented at our Christmas party)

Kip Cup: Millie Freshwater (presented at our Christmas party)

Any Other Business

Martin White shared his appreciation, and that of all the parents, for the dedication and commitment the Group's leaders had shown over a very tough two years.

Group Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair, Keith Hemmings, thanked everyone for their efforts over the last two years and paid special tribute to the three members of the Group who had passed over the last year.

Keith declared the closure of the meeting.

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the year from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Income	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Donations and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	6,132.07	2,820.08
Gift Aid	1,920.87	
Group income	300.00	
Funds from 84th merger	2,541.34	
Utility & shop refunds	219.56	308.80
Insurance payout	1,315.00	
Award donations	1,000.00	
Clem Dench letting income	5,701.00	1,960.00
Sub Total	19,129.84	5,088.88
Fundraising & Activities		
Covid Recovery Grants	10,667.00	21,737.07
Camp & activity income	4,270.84	910.00
Youth United Foundation Funding	17,353.00	
Jamboree Fundraising	14,520.59	
Sub Total	46,811.43	22,647.07
Investment Income		
Bank interest	2.43	36.23
Sub Total	2.43	36.23
Total Gross Income	65,943.70	27,772.18
Expenditure	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Charitable Payments		
Utilities	1,813.67	1,534.57
Insurances	1,039.65	986.41
Building maintenance	1,787.93	678.00
Building cleaning & gardening	1,320.00	
Capitation (members subs paid on)	4,257.00	1,824.50
Group expenses	111.45	270.27
Sub Total	10,329.70	5,293.75
Activities & Donations		
Youth Programme & activities	5,221.64	169.40
Jamboree Fundraising	8,905.69	
Camp expenditure	4,769.95	
Community Artwork	3,450.00	
Scout Award	500.00	
Equipment purchases	7,459.57	
Covid Recovery Refunds	1,304.00	
Sub total	31,610.85	169.40
Total gross expenditure	41,940.55	5,463.15
Difference between income & expenditure (note 1)	24,003.15	22,309.03

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current accounts	31,947.17	27,948.97
Bank deposit account	51,009.45	20,632.06
Investment account	20,000.00	30,372.44
Total cash funds in bank	102,956.62	78,953.47
Restricted Funds (note 2)	20,567.90	550.00
General Funds	82,388.72	78,403.47
Total Group assets	102,956.62	78,953.47

Note 1: Surplus explanation

The £24,0003.15 surplus includes £20,017.90 increase in Restricted Funds. Resulting in a General Fund surplus of £4985.25

Note 2: Restricted Funds

Refundable deposit Kumon	200.00	200.00
Refundable deposit Crossroads Care	200.00	200.00
Youth United Foundation Funding	13,903.00	0.00
Peter Pinches Trust	150.00	150.00
Michael Richardson Trust	500.00	0.00
Jamboree Fundraising	5,614.90	0.00
Total	20,567.90	550.00

Note 3: Contra payments

£8000 was paid on the Group's behalf by Birmingham Council Youth Services to Birmingham Council Property Services to cover the building rental.

2022 GROUP TRUSTEES

Ex-Officio Trustees

Chair	Keith Hemmings	Deputy GSL	Amy Keogh
Secretary	Louise White	Squirrel Leader	Saroj Watton
Treasurer	Celvon Binns	Cub Leader	Paris Potter
GSL	Paul Little	Explorer Leader	Jamie Burrell

Elected Trustees from the Group Scout Council

Squirrel parent	Karan Samra-Harris	Scout parent	Debbie King
Beaver parent	Paris Dawkins	Explorer parent	Narjis Shah
Cub parent	Elizabeth Agunbiade		

Group Scout Leader Nominated Trustees

GSL Nom.	Claire Bakhshi	GSL Nom.	Emma Ray
GSL Nom.	Martin White	GSL Nom.	Stuart Granger

2021 & 2022 YOUTH SCOUT AWARDS

Acorn Chief Scout's Award

Gurveer Shergill, Zane Ozoemena, Sevak Chana, Yusuf Ali & Ryan Khan

Bronze Chief Scout's Award

Aydin Khan, Millie Freshwater & Herman Wheeler

Gold Chief Scout's Award

Lucas Elliott

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Sophia Watton

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We would also like to thank all our volunteers who work so hard, we would also like to give special congratulations to those who gained specific awards.

Kip Freshwater (Chief Scout Commendation for Meritorious Conduct)

Simon Lonsdale (Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service)

Amy Keogh (Bear Grylls Unsung Hero Award)

Debbie King (5 years)

**Thank you for coming today
& for your continued support
of our Scout Group**