

# 3RD WOODTHORPE (ST MARK'S) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 507206

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1978-01-31

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

**Activities:** Scouting for young people, including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

## Classification

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

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WOODTHORPE
- Nottinghamshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£35,578	£45,125	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,496	£38,389	-	-
2023-03-31	£34,211	£36,842	-	-
2022-03-31	£35,946	£25,909	-	-
2021-03-31	£30,887	£14,375	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew George Burger		2024-01-15
DEREK CORKE		2011-11-21
Jonathan Graham Wilson		2020-01-01
Kevin Eltoft-Prest		2025-07-04
Lawrence Allan Staniforth		2021-07-23
Rebecca Anne Mellors		2022-07-22
Robert Douglas Powley		2020-09-02
Rosalie Hawks		2020-03-30
Simeon Scott Ractliffe		2019-04-03
TRACEY BOX		2012-07-06
Tara Louise Rose		2022-07-22

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## Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024/25

**SCOUT GROUP REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 32167

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 507206

**CHAIR & PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:** Rebecca Mellors, 9A Breckhill Rd, Woodthorpe, Nottingham, NG5 4GP.

**CHARITY TRUSTEES ACTING DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025:**

Rebecca Mellors (Chair), Tracey Box, Andy Burger, Derek Corke (Treasurer), Ben Danvers (GSL), Roz Hawks, Rob Powley, Simeon Ractliffe, Tara Rose, Mike Smith, Lawrence Staniforth, Jonathan Wilson.

**HOLDING TRUSTEE OF PEPPERPOTS:** Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

**LEADERS AND SECTION ASSISTANTS DURING THE YEAR:**

**Group Scout Leader:** Ben Danvers.

**Assistant Group Scout Leader:** Andy Burger.

**Squirrel Drey:** Danielle Blackman, Lizzie Mullins, Isobel Robinson.

**Beaver Colonies:** Emma Benner, Danielle Blackman, Tracey Box, Chris Dove, Heather Hattersley, Joan Hodges, Sintija Macqueen, Hannah Wilson.

**Cub Packs:** Trish Adams, Louise Carey, Tony Danvers, Fred Perkins, Lawrence Staniforth, Mark Woolley, Marc Wright, Lisa Whistance.

**Scout Troops:** Andy Burger, Ben Danvers, James Dunn, Graham Johnson, Sophie Lin, Lawrence Staniforth.

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**The associated Peppers Explorer Scout Unit:** Fiona Green, Matt Etchells-Jones, Rob Powley.

Welcome to our Annual Report, covering the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **GOVERNANCE & LEGISLATION**

The Trustees have had regard to the UK Charity Commission's public benefit guidance during the year. The Trustees are satisfied that the objectives of the Group fall within the description of charitable purposes set out in the Charities Act 2011, and that in delivering these objectives the Group provides public benefit as required by the Act. Membership of the Group is open to young people of all faiths and ethnicities. Arrangements ensure that membership of young people and their participation in activities is not restricted as a result of economic factors. Pepperpots is made available for use by other Scouting and community organisations on a non-profit basis, subject to health and safety provisions and to limitations contained in planning legislation.

We have followed the Scout Association requirements relating to the appointment of Trustees, offering an 'open selection' facility whereby any person entitled to attend and vote at the Group's AGM is allowed to put their name forward to be elected as a Trustee. The size of our Board of Trustees is limited to twelve members. Trustees may resign at any time without notice.

We take the Board of Trustees as responsible for overseeing the development of Group resources, securing financial stability and ensuring that major risks are appropriately identified and managed. The Leadership Team holds responsibility for running safe and successful Scouting programmes for our young members.

### **TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES**

This year the Trustees have focussed on the maintenance of our existing building and grounds to ensure safety, improve energy efficiency and make the outdoor space more usable. Some of the fire doors have been replaced as have some of the windows, and new lighting and heating have been installed recently. There has not been any progress with plans for the new field. This is due in part to the necessity of ensuring the above tasks were completed, although other contributing factors are the need for it to be re-seeded again and the simple fact that none of the Trustees had enough time to oversee such a big project.

In terms of fundraising, the Trustees assessed the feasibility of holding a Bonfire Party and decided that as we are now located between 2 major roads this is no longer possible from a safety point of view. The Beer Festival is therefore now our only significant fundraising event, and whilst it was a great success once again we will be working to try and diversify our fundraising over the next 12 months.

If anyone would like to assist us with fundraising (no need to become a Trustee) all help will be gratefully accepted. We are also still in need of a Secretary (this is a Trustee role) – if you are interested in either of these areas then please contact any of the Trustees or speak to your section leader, who will be able to pass on a message to the Trustees on your behalf.

The Trustees would like to thank all of our volunteers for their support over the past year, especially those running or assisting with sections.

### **FROM THE GSL**

3rd Woodthorpe continues to go from strength to strength. We currently provide Scouting for 135 young people - the highest numbers since the pandemic years saw a number of members drift away from the group. This is thanks in part to a healthy Squirrels section feeding enthusiastic young people into Beavers,

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improving retention rates in those sections, and leading to an increase year on year in the number of top awards (Chief Scout Gold, Silver, Bronze and Acorn Awards).

We also have a healthy 85 people on our waiting list - as much as we would like to reduce that number by offering more young people the chance to join in with us, this is very dependent on the support of our 26 strong Leadership team, who work tirelessly to create the excellent environment at the group. With more support we could do so much more!

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone associated with this group for making this such a special place for all the young people entrusted into our care.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Group's financial statements are shown on pages 5 to 7 of this report. The accounts have been examined by George Alex Weatherall FCA, our honorary Independent Examiner. His report is on page 4. We are most indebted to Alex for his continuing support as our Independent Examiner and a resolution to reappoint him will be tabled at the AGM.

The Group's income and expenditure are detailed on page 6. The accounts reflect the growth of 3W with the advent of our Squirrel section during the period. The accounts show that the Group had an excess of expenditure over income of £9,514, however if we remove depreciation which is not a cash item, this figure is reduced to £1,057. This situation has come about because we have finished receiving bonfire compensation, which we have benefited from over the past few years and also we have not received any Gift Aid payments during the period. We have some technical difficulties with this which we are currently trying to resolve and should recover back payments from HMRC.

The accounts also show that we have spent more on maintenance items this year, after previous years of spending very little. The majority of this expenditure was in respect of the new windows installed in the Ellis Building costing £5,442.

The trustees have sought to limit the extent of subscription increases as we recognise the difficulties caused by the cost of living. The trustees therefore carefully consider increases alongside the annual budget planning process to ensure that the Group has sufficient income to operate and this is monitored throughout the year.

Our statement of financial position is shown on page 7 and this shows our net assets and reserve funds totalling some £278,000 at 31st March 2025. These designated reserves and our strong asset base show that the Group is in a satisfactory financial position going forward as we look to develop Pepperpots HQ.

A charity is required to determine and disclose its policy for the maintenance of reserves. The policy adopted is to maintain free reserves of at least twelve months of expected normal levels of expenditure. The actual level of free reserves at 31st March 2025 was 9.3 months of such expenditure (last year 11.5 months).

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

***Rebecca Mellors***

Rebecca Mellors, Chair of the Board of Trustees  
2nd July 2025

***Ben Danvers***

Ben Danvers, Group Scout Leader

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### STATEMENT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts set out on pages 5 to 7 have been prepared on behalf of the Trustees of the Group and they were approved by the Trustees on 12 May 2025.

*Rebecca Mellors*

Rebecca Mellors, Chair

*Derek Corke*

Derek Corke, Treasurer

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 set out on pages 5 to 7.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of the independent examiner's statement**

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 charity 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **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:
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Act.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*George Weatherall*

George Weatherall, FCA

Nottingham

12th May 2025

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#### **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

##### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of land and buildings at Pepperpots, which is explained under 'Fixed Assets' below. The financial statements cover general Group activities and those of our squirrel, beaver, cubs and scout sections, but not of the Peppers Explorer Scout Unit as that is a separate and independent Unit within the Central Nottinghamshire Scout District. The financial statements adopt the going concern assumption as the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Scout Group will continue its operational existence in the foreseeable future.

##### Recognition of Income

Membership subscriptions are due at the start of each school term and are recognised when received. Gift aid is recognised as income when it is received. Income from hiring of Pepperpots is recognised when the hiring period has been completed. Income from donated goods is recognised only when those goods are sold. The Scout Group benefits greatly from the involvement and support its volunteers. The monetary value of the time provided by volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

Grants and compensation are recognised when the Scout Group becomes unconditionally entitled to income. Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted income. Grants and compensation relating to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised as income in those periods. If a grant or compensation received is due to be repaid it is recognised as a current liability.

##### Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party and the amount of that obligation can be measured reliably.

##### Fixed assets

The land and buildings of the Pepperpots site have been professionally valued. Additional land, transferred to us in November 2023, is based upon a valuation undertaken for Charities Act purposes in April 2020. Other land and buildings were professionally valued in March 2021. Land is assessed using a market valuation based upon its Existing Use Value. Buildings are assessed using the Depreciated Replacement Cost basis.

Fixtures & fittings and tents & camping equipment are recognised in the statement of financial position at their historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Heritage assets are not recognised in the balance sheet as the Trustees believe that there is no reliable method to determine their cost or value to the Scout Group.

##### Depreciation of fixed assets

Land is not depreciated. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 buildings have been depreciated on a straight-line basis, based upon their useful lives which were estimated at the date of their valuation, typically over 20 to 30 years. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a reducing balance basis of 15% per annum for fixtures and fittings and 25% per annum for tents and equipment. Assets no longer in use are removed from the balance sheet.

##### Reserves

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund available for use to resource any activities in conformity with the Scout Group's charitable objectives. The Development Fund and the Environmental Fund are designated by the Trustees to be used to support the future development and environmental sustainability of the Pepperpots site. Restricted Funds are those earmarked for a special purpose by donors; the Scout Group currently has no Restricted Funds. The Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve records the unrealised surplus on the revaluation of land and buildings.

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#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

	2024			
<b>Income from Scouting Activities</b>	£.p	£.p	£.p	£
Subscriptions received			17,892.00	14,963
Gift Aid received on subscriptions			0.00	623
Camp fees and section income			7,646.60	8,524
Pepperpots and equipment hire			676.00	636
			26,214.60	24,746
 <b>Fundraising and Other Income</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Expenses</b>		
Compensation in lieu of Bonfire Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,543
Beer Festival	7,830.49	3,827.68	4,002.81	3,133
Sale of clothing and neckers	292.00	260.00	32.00	0
Bank interest received	1,511.24	0.00	1,511.24	1,441
Grants and donations received	21.67	0.00	21.97	132
	9,363.40	3,827.68	5,568.02	8,249
<b>Total Net Income</b>			<b>31,782.62</b>	<b>32,995</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Section and camp expenditure			9,390.27	10,323
National, County and District capitation fees			6,669.00	6,283
Rent of church hall			831.00	784
Broadband, website, card and OSM charges			2,043.55	1,752
Insurance			1,136.51	1,089
Electricity charges			1,726.84	1,112
Water charges			178.86	195
Badges, uniforms & training			1,704.31	1,035
Cleaning and maintenance			8,604.83	1,887
Banking and finance charges			60.00	82
Donations paid			0.00	300
AGM costs and sundry expenses			494.61	253
Depreciation of buildings, fixtures and equipment (includes £4,501 relating to revaluations)			8,457.53	7,693
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<b>41,297.31</b>	<b>34,888</b>
 <b>Excess of expenditure over income</b>			<b>9,514.69</b>	<b>1,893</b>

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

	2024	
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM SCOUTING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>	£.p	£
Excess of expenditure over income for the year	-9,514.69	-1,893
Depreciation expenses	8,457.53	7,693
	-1,057.16	5,800
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks of clothing	69.00	-158
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors and prepayments	-1,843.50	-5,794
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors and accrued expenses	159.89	-979
Net cash outflow from Scouting and fundraising activities	2,671.77	1,131
 <b>NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash outflow on the purchase of fixed assets	1,643.53	7,533
<b>NET CASH OUTFLOW FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>4,315.30</b>	<b>8,664</b>
 Decrease in bank deposit account (increase in 2024)	2,753.72	9,952
Decrease in current account	1,561.58	18,616
<b>DECREASE IN TOTAL BANK AND CASH BALANCES</b>	<b>4,315.30</b>	<b>8,664</b>

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

	£.p	£.p	£.p	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation		
Land and buildings at Pepperpots	225,000.00	25,500.00	199,500.00	205,875
Pepperpots fixtures and fittings	13,375.00	6,233.00	7,142.00	8,725
Tents and equipment	4,683.00	2,410.00	2,273.00	1,129
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>243,058.00</b>	<b>34,143.00</b>	<b>208,915.00</b>	<b>215,729</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks of clothing			170.10	283
Debtors and prepayments			8,766.50	6,879
Deposit account			57,839.61	60,593
Current account			3,216.25	4,778
<b>Total current assets</b>			<b>69,992.46</b>	<b>72,533</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors, accrued expenses and deferred income			816.61	657
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>69,175.85</b>	<b>71,876</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>278,090.85</b>	<b>287,605</b>
<b>Reserves</b>				
General Fund			46,933.24	46,947
Pepperpots Development Designated Fund			33,500.00	38,500
Pepperpots Environmental Designated Fund			10,281.61	10,282
Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve			187,376.00	191,877
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>278,090.85</b>	<b>287,606</b>

#### CHANGES IN GROUP RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

Name of Fund	General Fund	Pepperpots Development	Pepperpots Environmenta l	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	(Unrestricted)	(Designated)	(Designated)	(Permanent)	
	£.p	£.p	£.p	£.p	£.p
Funds at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	46,946.93	38,500.00	10,281.61	191,877.00	287,605.54
Excess of Expenditure	-5,013.69			-4,501.00	-9,514.69
Transfer from Designated Funds	5,000.00	-5,000.00			
<b>Funds at 31st March 2025</b>	<b>46,933.24</b>	<b>33,500.00</b>	<b>10,281.61</b>	<b>187,376.00</b>	<b>287,090.54</b>

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements 2023/24

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**SECRETARY & PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:** Ron Hodges, 2 Knighton Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham, NG5 4FL.

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES ACTING DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024**

Rebecca Mellors (Chair), Tracey Box, Andrew Burger (from 15 January 2024), Derek Corke (Treasurer), Paul Collier, Ben Danvers (Group Scout Leader), Rosalie Hawks, Ron Hodges (to 31 December 2023), Ellie Hopkins, Lawrence Staniforth, Rob Powley, Simeon Ractliffe, Tara Rose, Mike Smith, Jonathan Wilson.

**HOLDING TRUSTEE OF PEPPERPOTS** Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

### **LEADERS AND SECTION ASSISTANTS DURING THE YEAR**

**Group Scout Leader:** Ben Danvers.

**Assistant Group Scout Leader:** Andy Burger.

**Squirrel Drey:** Izzy Robinson

**Beaver Colonies:** Emma Benner, Danielle Blackman, Tracey Box, Heather Hattersley, Joan Hodges, Sintija Macqueen, Amy White, Vicky Wright.

**Cub Packs:** Trish Adams, Louise Carey, Tony Danvers, Fred Perkins, Lawrence Staniforth, Mark Woolley, Marc Wright, Lisa Whistance.

**Scout Troops:** Andrew Burger, James Dunn, Ellie Hopkins, Graham Johnson, Sophie Lin, Lawrence Staniforth.

**The associated Peppers Explorer Scout Unit:** Fiona Green, Matt Etchells-Jones, Rob Powley.

## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

Welcome to our Annual Report, covering the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

It has been a very busy year once again at 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodthorpe. Some key points are covered in the course of this report, but hopefully you will have heard all about the many other wonderful activities via the young people. Thanks, as ever, go to our leaders, trustees and all of you for your continuing support to the group.

As promised in last year's annual report, the trustees oversaw the completion of the transfer of our new land alongside Arnold Lane. I am pleased to report that legal ownership was completed in November 2023. The land has been fenced, and re-seeded and has hedgerow planted along the edge. The planning has now begun to develop the site to best suit our needs – if anyone would like to look at proposals so far, please see the 'Project 2030 Pepperpots' display. The delay in the transfer led to the cancellation of our annual Bonfire Party in 2023 and we were able to recover compensation for our loss of income for yet another year. We do not expect to recover any further compensation now that the transfer of the land to us has been completed.

Another land issue to give an update on concerns the land to the left of Pepperpots as you look from Mapperley Plains. We provided a written and verbal report to the amended plans by Gedling Borough Council's deadline. The application for the development to proceed was approved, as we had expected. We were able to put the Group's concerns into the public record and we will continue to monitor the situation as the development progresses.

On a scouting front, the Group continues to thrive, with numbers in all sections slowly returning to pre-covid levels. New leaders have joined us in Trojan Scouts, Friday Beavers and Squirrels.

We have been pleased this year to welcome the Group's first ever Squirrel Drey, providing scouting activities for 4 to 6 year-olds. The section has started with 15 members, and the interest in this age category has caused our waiting lists to spike to close to 50 members across all age groups. There are enough young people interested in joining us that we could start a second drey and a third beaver colony although, as usual, we struggle to attract enough adult volunteers to do so.

The Group has taken part in many district activities and competitions, putting in a good showing at the Swimming Gala, Scout Archery Competition, Cub Cyclocross, and Trojan Scouts acquitted themselves admirably at Night Owl, winning the Staff. Sadly, low attendance figures hampered our chances of winning a Metcalfe colour at St George's Day Parade, but we would like to thank all those who did attend: you were a credit to the group and made us proud.

Lastly I would like to thank Andy Burger, who has stepped up to help me run the group as Assistant GSL – a large group such as ours, with 7 individual sections, many leaders and helpers, a closely integrated Explorer unit and a large activity centre is not an easy thing to run, and his help has been invaluable, as has that of all of the group's excellent leadership team.

The Scout Association introduced new requirements relating to the appointment of Trustees, effective from 2024. This requires that we offer an 'open selection' facility whereby any person entitled to attend and vote at the Group's AGM is allowed to put their name forward to be elected as a trustee. The size of our Board of Trustees is limited to twelve members under the new regulations. We applied that process this year, although we only received applications from those who are currently trustees. Trustees will normally be eligible to stay in their role for three years, although they may resign at any time without notice. We continue to take the Board of Trustees as responsible for overseeing the development of Group resources, securing financial stability and ensuring that major risks are appropriately identified and managed. The Leadership Team holds responsibility for running safe and successful Scouting programmes for our young members.

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The Group's income and expenditure are detailed on page 6. This shows that income from Scouting activities has slightly increased over the previous year, due to the Group enjoying a full programme of varied activities. Fundraising income was again boosted by our most successful Beer Festival to date and we received our final compensation payment for the cancellation of our Bonfire Party due to delays in the construction of the Gedling Access Road. 3W has continued to benefit from increased interest rates on bank deposits as a result of the economic conditions over the past year.

Expenditure is slightly higher than in the previous year, with some items having increased over last year and others not. Electricity charges were significant over the year. However, these were to be expected as our tariff was expensive due to energy market conditions over the period.

The trustees have sought to limit the extent of subscription increases as we recognise the difficulties caused by the cost of living. The trustees therefore carefully consider increases alongside the annual budget planning process to ensure that the Group has sufficient income to operate and this is monitored throughout the year.

Our statement of financial position is shown on page 7 and this shows our net assets and reserve funds totalling some £287,000 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The trustees approved a transfer to designated reserves for development works at Pepperpots of £3,000 towards site improvements. These designated reserves and our strong asset base show that the Group is in a satisfactory financial position going forward as we look to develop the site further.

A charity is required to determine and disclose its policy for the maintenance of reserves. The policy adopted is to maintain free reserves of at least twelve months of expected normal levels of expenditure. The actual level of free reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was 10.2 months of such expenditure (last year 9.1 months).

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

*Rebecca Mellors*

Rebecca Mellors, Chair of the Board of Trustees  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*Ben Danvers*

Ben Danvers, Group Scout Leader

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*Rebecca Mellors*

Rebecca Mellors, Chair

*Derek Corke*

Derek Corke, Treasurer

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#### **Basis of the independent examiner's statement**

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5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

	2023			
	£.p	£.p	£.p	£
<b>Income from Scouting Activities</b>				
Subscriptions received			14,962.50	14,183
Gift Aid received on subscriptions			623.32	0
Camp fees and section income			8,524.20	9,003
Pepperpots and equipment hire			636.00	660
			24,746.02	23,846
<b>Fundraising and Other Income</b>				
	Gross	Expenses		
Compensation in lieu of Bonfire Party	3,543.00	0.00	3,543.00	3,543
Beer Festival	6,633.80	3,500.89	3,132.91	2,855
Winter Fair and other fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	99
Bank interest received	1,441.30	0.00	1,441.30	354
Grants and donations received (Note 1)	131.65	0.00	131.65	1,400
	11,749.75	3,500.89	8,248.86	8,251
<b>Total Net Income</b>			<b>32,994.88</b>	<b>32,097</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Section and camp expenditure			10,322.97	10,375
National, County and District capitation fees			6,382.50	6,268
Rent of church hall			784.00	760
Broadband, website, card and OSM charges			1,752.25	1,803
Insurance			1,089.64	1,004
Electricity charges			3,112.37	1,391
Water charges			194.92	59
Badges, flags, uniforms & training			1,035.30	1,763
Cleaning and maintenance			1,886.73	3,008
Banking and finance charges			81.72	72
Donations paid (Note 2)			300.00	700
AGM costs and sundry expenses			252.59	229
Depreciation of buildings, fixtures and equipment (includes £4,501 relating to revaluations)			7,693.14	7,296
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<b>34,888.13</b>	<b>34,728</b>
<b>Excess of expenditure over income</b>			<b>1,893.25</b>	<b>2,631</b>

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

	2023	
	£.p	£
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM SCOUTING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of expenditure over income for the year	-1,893.25	-2,631
Depreciation expenses	7,693.14	7,296
	5,799.89	4,665
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks of clothing	-157.70	50
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors and prepayments	-5,794.08	5,963
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors and accrued expenses	-979.10	-105
Net cash outflow (inflow in 2023) from Scouting and fundraising activities	1,130.99	10,573
<b>NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash outflow on the purchase of fixed assets	7,553.14	281
<b>NET CASH OUTFLOW FOR THE YEAR (INFLOW IN 2023)</b>	<b>8,664.13</b>	<b>10,292</b>
Increase in bank deposit account	9,952.30	25,312
Decrease in current account	18,616.43	15,020
<b>DECREASE IN TOTAL BANK AND CASH BALANCES (INCREASE IN 2023)</b>	<b>8,664.13</b>	<b>10,292</b>

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

	£.p	£.p	£.p	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation		
Land and buildings at Pepperpots	225,000.00	19,125.00	205,875.00	192,250
Pepperpots fixtures and fittings	13,760.00	5,035.00	8,725.00	1,800
Tents and equipment	3,590.00	2,461.00	1,129.00	1,839
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>219,981.00</b>	<b>24,092.00</b>	<b>215,729.00</b>	<b>195,889</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks of clothing			283.10	125
Debtors and prepayments			6,879.00	1,085
Deposit account			60,593.33	50,641
Current account			4,777.83	23,395
<b>Total current assets</b>			<b>72,533.26</b>	<b>75,246</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors, accrued expenses and deferred income			656.72	1,636
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>71,876.54</b>	<b>73,610</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>287,605.54</b>	<b>269,499</b>
<b>Reserves</b>				
General Fund			49,946.93	40,339
Pepperpots Development Designated Fund			35,500.00	42,500
Pepperpots Environmental Designated Fund			10,281.61	10,282
Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve			191,877.00	176,378
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>287,605.54</b>	<b>269,499</b>

#### CHANGES IN GROUP RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

Name of Fund	General Fund (Unrestricted) £.p	Pepperpots Development (Designated) £.p	Pepperpots Environmental (Designated) £.p	Revaluation Reserve (Permanent) £.p	Total £.p
Funds at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	40,339.18	42,500.00	10,281.61	176,378.00	269,498.79
Income and Expenditure	2,607.75			-4,501.00	-1,893.25
Transfer from Designated Funds	7,000.00	-7,000.00			
Transfer to Designated Funds	-3,000.00	3,000.00			
Transfer of new land in the year				20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Funds at 31st March 2023</b>	<b>46,946.93</b>	<b>38,500.00</b>	<b>10,281.61</b>	<b>191,877.00</b>	<b>287,605.54</b>

#### **Note 1: Other grants and donations received**

	2024 £.p	2023 £
Arnold Clarke Community Fund (Pepperpots Environmental Fund for hedgerow planting)		1,000.00
Leslie Sell Charitable Trust (Restricted income toward World Scout Jamboree)		150.00
Cllr. Bob Collis of Gedling B.C. (Restricted income toward World Scout Jamboree)		100.00
Other donations	131.65	150.42
	<b>1,400.42</b>	<b>1,400.42</b>

#### **Note 2: Donations paid**

3W Scout Member World Scout Jamboree costs (includes £250 from restricted income)		600.00
Ellie Hopkins towards attending Roverway in Norway	200.00	
St. Mark's Church for hosting our Remembrance Service	100.00	100.00
	<b>300.00</b>	<b>700.00</b>

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England & Wales - Charity number 507206

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/23

**SCOUT GROUP REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 32167

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 507206

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:** c/o Ron Hodges, 2 Knighton Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4FL.

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES ACTING DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

Rebecca Mellors (Chair from 22 July 2022), Dean Robinson (Chair to 22 July 2022), Tracey Box, Derek Corke (Treasurer), Paul Collier (from 22 July 2022), Ben Danvers (Group Scout Leader), Rosalie Hawks, Ron Hodges (Secretary), Ellie Hopkins, Lawrence Staniforth, Rob Powley, Simeon Ractliffe, Tara Rose (from 22 July 2022), Mike Smith, Jonathan Wilson.

**HOLDING TRUSTEE OF PEPPERPOTS** Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

### **LEADERS AND SECTION ASSISTANTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023**

**Group Scout Leader:** Ben Danvers.

**Beaver Colonies:** Danielle Blackman, Tracey Box, Heather Hattersley, Joan Hodges, Sintija Macqueen, Amy White, Vicky Wright.

**Cub Packs:** Trish Adams, Louise Carey, Tony Danvers, Fred Perkins, Lawrence Staniforth, Mark Woolley, Marc Wright, Lisa Whistance.

**Scout Troops:** Andrew Burger, James Dunn, Ellie Hopkins, Lawrence Staniforth.

**The associated Peppers Explorer Scout Unit:** Matt Etchells-Jones, Rob Powley, Neil Smith, William Walker.

## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

Welcome to our Annual Report, covering the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The year seems to have flown by in a whirl of section meetings, camps, badgework, sleepovers, crafts and seasonal activities to name a few things - and that's just the young people! Our leaders of course are the ones making all of it happen, for which they have our greatest thanks. There have inevitably been some slightly less exciting but no less important aspects of the year as well, such as regular trustee and leader meetings and continuing maintenance activities of our building and the rest of the Pepperpots site. Thanks to everyone who got involved with those. One final round of thanks too for all of the continued support from parents / carers.

Many of you may be wondering what is happening regarding our new land alongside Arnold Lane. Some may have seen that the land is now fenced, grassed and has had hedgerow planted along the edge; this is not something that we have done, rather the developers are contractually obliged to undertake this work. We were anticipating that ownership of the new land would be transferred to us during 2022/23, but this has not happened and so we have been unable to make a start on moulding it to best suit our needs. We do not currently have a specific date for expected completion of the transfer due to legal complications, but please be assured that we are increasing pressure on Nottinghamshire County Council for a resolution of this matter. This delay may result in the cancellation of our annual Bonfire Party for yet another year, in which case we will advance our case for compensation for this loss from the developers and the Council. It is our sincere hope that the transfer will take place at some point during the course of this year so that all of our young people can finally benefit from our expanded site and we can start working to develop it to its full potential.

Another land issue to give an update on is the situation around the land to the left of Pepperpots as you look from Mapperley Plains. A planning application was lodged with Gedling Borough Council some years ago for it to be developed as a residential site, but there was no further action on this until early in 2023 when amended plans were received by the council. We provided a response to the amended plans by the council deadline, but the application is yet to be discussed by the council planning committee. We will continue to monitor the situation just as we will continue to plan and oversee the future development of Pepperpots.

Activities have increased over the year as the impact of the pandemic has reduced. We estimate that time contributed by leaders, helpers, committee members and parents & carers during the year, was in the region of 4,400 hours (last year 3,800 hours). This was driven largely by the additional hours contributed by our leaders and section assistants at camps and overnight activities, which have been pushed back to pre-Covid levels. There remains a need to expand voluntary work on the Pepperpots site and the Trustees are taking action to increase the opportunities for parents and carers at the site. However, this cannot be fully realised until we obtain our due legal ownership of the new land from Nottinghamshire County Council.

The UK Scout Association is introducing changes to the constitution of Scout Groups, which will require certain additional resolutions to be passed or noted at this year's AGM. The changes are primarily to emphasise the strategic role of the Board of Trustees. We do not believe that this will result in significant changes to way in which the Group is governed and run. We take the Board of Trustees as responsible for overseeing the development of Group resources, securing financial stability and ensuring that major risks are appropriately identified and managed. The Leadership Team holds responsibility for running safe and successful Scouting programmes for our young members.

The Trustees have had regard to the UK Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. The Trustees are satisfied that the objectives of the Group fall within the description of charitable purposes set out in the Charities Act 2011, and that in delivering these objectives the Group provides public benefit as required by the Act. Membership of the Group is open to young people of all faiths and ethnicities. Arrangements ensure that membership of young people and their participation in activities is not restricted as a result of economic

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factors. Pepperpots is made available for use by other Scouting and community organisations on a non-profit basis, subject to health and safety provisions and to limitations contained in planning legislation.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Group's financial statements are shown on pages 5 to 7 of this report. The accounts have been examined by George Alex Weatherall FCA, our honorary Independent Examiner. His report is on page 4. We are most indebted to Alex for his continuing support as our Independent Examiner and a resolution to reappoint him will be tabled at the AGM.

The Group's income and expenditure are detailed on page 6. This shows that income from Scouting activities has increased over the previous year, mainly due to the resumption of full Section programmes, camps and sleepovers as Covid restrictions were eased. Fundraising income was boosted by our most successful Beer Festival to date and we were compensated for the cancellation of our Bonfire Party due to delays in the construction of the Gedling Access Road. We are grateful for several grants and donations received during the year, which are outline in Note 1 on page 7 of the accounts. We have also benefitted from increased interest rates on bank deposits.

Inevitably, our expenditure is also higher than in the previous year. Most of the increase is due to the resumption of section and camping activities post-Covid. A fixed rate energy contract negotiated two years ago by Derek Corke, our Treasurer, ended towards the end of the 2022/23 financial year and so we are now suffering from the much higher energy costs that will be familiar to everyone. However, Derek was able to negotiate a reduced cost for our building insurances, and water charges were also lower as a result of inaccurate billing by our supplier last year. The depreciation charge includes £4,501 relating to the recent revaluations of the buildings on the Pepperpots site.

The Trustees have sought to limit the extent of subscription increases for 2023/24 as we recognise the difficulties caused by current rates of inflation and, as a result, the Group has budgeted for a loss in cash terms in 2023/24. We believe that this a reasonable position to take in the short term, but the financial position will be carefully monitored by the Trustees during the year and, ultimately, higher costs will need to be reflected in future levels of subscriptions.

Our statement of financial position is shown on page 7 and this shows our net assets and reserve funds totalling some £269,000 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The trustees approved transfers to designated reserves for development works of £7,500 towards improvements to kitchen facilities in the Ellis Building and work on the enlarged Pepperpots site. These designated reserves and our strong asset base show that the Group is in a satisfactory financial position going forward. A charity is required to determine and disclose its policy for the maintenance of reserves. The policy adopted is to maintain free reserves of at least twelve months of expected normal levels of expenditure. The actual level of free reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was 9.1 months of such expenditure (last year 12.5 months).

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

*Rebecca Mellors*

Rebecca Mellors, Chair of the Board of Trustees  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

*Ben Danvers*

Ben Danvers, Group Scout Leader

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### STATEMENT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts set out on pages 5 to 7 have been prepared on behalf of the Trustees of the Group and they were approved at the Executive Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

*Rebecca Mellors*

Rebecca Mellors, Chair

*Derek Corke*

Derek Corke, Treasurer

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 set out on pages 5 to 7.

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#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

	<b>2022</b>			
	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income from Scouting Activities</b>				
Subscriptions received			14,183.00	12,440
Gift Aid received on subscriptions			0.00	0
Camp fees and section income			9,003.47	2,829
Pepperpots and equipment hire			660.00	2,656
Loss on the sale of clothing (profit in 2022)			-1.80	65
			<u>23,844.67</u>	<u>17,990</u>
<b>Fundraising and Other Income</b>	Gross	Expenses		
Compensation in lieu of Bonfire Party	3,543.00	0.00	3,543.00	3,543
Beer Festival	4,899.15	2,043.83	2,855.32	1,342
Winter Fair and other fundraising	169.30	70.41	98.89	182
Bank interest received	354.17	0.00	354.17	2
Government Covid-19 Grants Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,667
Other grants and donations received (Note 1)	1,400.42	0.00	1,400.42	243
	<u>10,366.04</u>	<u>2,114.24</u>	<u>8,251.80</u>	<u>15,979</u>
<b>Total Net Income</b>			<b><u>32,096.47</u></b>	<b><u>33,969</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Section and camp expenditure			10,375.43	4,124
National, County and District capitation fees			6,267.50	4,300
Rent of church hall			759.50	462
Broadband, website, card and OSM charges			1,803.25	1,271
Insurance			1,004.44	1,346
Electricity charges			1,390.82	837
Water charges			58.74	222
Badges, flags, uniforms & training			1,762.34	1,150
Cleaning and maintenance (includes £1,008 to Environment Designated Fund in 2021/22)			3,008.19	2,345
Banking and finance charges less recoveries			72.50	-14
Donations paid (Note 2)			700.00	
AGM costs and sundry expenses			229.01	344
Depreciation of buildings, fixtures and equipment (includes £4,501 relating to revaluations)			7,295.73	7,545
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<u>34,727.45</u>	<u>23,932</u>
<b>Excess of expenditure over income (surplus in 2021/22)</b>			<b><u>-2,630.98</u></b>	<b><u>10,037</u></b>

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

	<b>2022</b>	
	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM SCOUTING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of expenditure over income for the year (surplus in 2021/22)	-2,630.98	10,037
Depreciation expenses	7,295.73	7,545
	<u>4,664.75</u>	<u>17,582</u>
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks of clothing	50.40	32
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors and prepayments	5,962.58	-2,743
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors and accrued expenses	-105.27	-2,091
Net cash inflow from Scouting and fundraising activities	<u>10,572.46</u>	<u>12,780</u>
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash outflow on the purchase of fixed assets	280.73	1,479
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>10,291.73</u></b>	<b><u>11,301</u></b>
Increase in bank deposit account	25,311.96	13,701
Decrease in current account	15,020.23	2,400
<b>INCREASE IN TOTAL BANK AND CASH BALANCES</b>	<b><u>10,291.73</u></b>	<b><u>11,301</u></b>

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

	£.p	£.p	£.p	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation		
Land and buildings at Pepperpots	205,000.00	12,750.00	192,250.00	198,625
Pepperpots fixtures and fittings	6,798.00	4,998.00	1,800.00	1,832
Tents and equipment	8,183.00	6,344.00	1,839.00	2,447
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>219,981.00</b>	<b>24,092.00</b>	<b>195,889.00</b>	<b>202,904</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks of clothing			125.40	176
Debtors and prepayments			1,084.92	7,048
Deposit account			50,641.03	25,329
Current account			23,394.26	38,414
<b>Total current assets</b>			<b>75,245.61</b>	<b>70,967</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors, accrued expenses and deferred income			1,635.82	1,741
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>73,609.79</b>	<b>69,226</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>269,498.79</b>	<b>272,130</b>
<b>Reserves</b>				
General Fund			40,339.18	46,969
Pepperpots Development Designated Fund			42,500.00	35,000
Pepperpots Environmental Designated Fund			10,281.61	9,282
Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve			176,378.00	180,879
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>269,498.79</b>	<b>272,130</b>

#### CHANGES IN GROUP RESERVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

Name of Fund	General Fund (Unrestricted) £.p	Pepperpots Development (Designated) £.p	Pepperpots Environmental (Designated) £.p	Revaluation Reserve (Permanent) £.p	Total £.p
Funds at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	46,969.16	35,000.00	9,281.61	180,879.00	272,129.77
Income and Expenditure	870.02		1,000.00	-4,501.00	-2,630.98
Transfer to Designated Funds	-7,500.00	7,500.00			
<b>Funds at 31st March 2023</b>	<b>40,339.18</b>	<b>42,500.00</b>	<b>10,281.61</b>	<b>176,378.00</b>	<b>269,498.79</b>

	2023 £.p	2022 £
<b>Note 1: Other grants and donations received</b>		
Arnold Clarke Community Fund (Pepperpots Environmental Fund for hedgerow planting)	1,000.00	
Leslie Sell Charitable Trust (Restricted income toward World Scout Jamboree)	150.00	
Cllr. Bob Collis of Gedling B.C. (Restricted income toward World Scout Jamboree)	100.00	
Other donations	150.42	243
	<b>1,400.42</b>	<b>243</b>

#### **Note 2: Donations paid**

To a 3W Scout Member towards World Scout Jamboree costs (from restricted income)	250.00	
To a 3W Scout Member towards World Scout Jamboree costs (Group donation)	350.00	
St. Mark's Church for hosting our Remembrance Service	100.00	
	<b>700.00</b>	<b>0</b>

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodthorpe (St Mark's) Scout Group



## Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021/22

**SCOUT GROUP REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 32167

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 507206

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:** c/o Ron Hodges, 2 Knighton Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4FL.

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES ACTING DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022**

Dean Robinson (Chair), Chris Ashton (to 23 July 2021), Tracey Box, Derek Corke (Treasurer), Ben Danvers, Rosalie Hawks, Ron Hodges (Secretary), Ellie Hopkins (from 23 July 2021), Lawrence Staniforth (from 23 July 2021), Rob Powley, Simeon Ractliffe, Mike Smith, Jonathan Wilson.

In attendance: Jack Lilley (Young Leader).

**HOLDING TRUSTEE OF PEPPERPOTS** Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

### **LEADERS AND SECTION ASSISTANTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022**

**Group Scout Leader:** Ben Danvers.

**Beaver Colonies:** Danielle Blackman, Tracey Box, Heather Hattersley, Joan Hodges, Sintija Macqueen, Amy White, Vicky Wright.

**Cub Packs:** Trish Adams, Louise Carey, Tony Danvers, Fred Perkins, Lawrence Staniforth, Marc Wright.

**Scout Troops:** Andrew Burger, James Dunn, Ellie Hopkins, Lawrence Staniforth.

**Peppers Explorer Scout Unit:** Matt Etchells-Jones, Rob Powley, Neil Smith, William Walker.

## **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

Welcome to our Annual Report, covering the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Once again, our activities during the year have been affected considerably by the COVID pandemic and by the construction of the Gedling Access Road. The second year of the COVID pandemic led to restrictions on activities in the early part of 2021 and through into the Spring. However, all of our sections were able to continue to provide the benefits of Scouting to our young members and there was a gradual return to outdoor Scouting as the year progressed. Our membership numbers had fallen during the pandemic, similar to the experiences of most Scout Groups across the UK. There has been a good recovery in the membership position so that, by the end of the year, our Beavers Colonies and Cub Packs were close to full and our Scout Troop numbers are also well on the way to full recovery.

There have been some changes in the Leadership Team since April 2021. Sintija Macqueen and Amy White have joined Friday Beavers. Lawrence Staniforth and James Dunn have taken over leadership of the Tuesday Scout Troop. Mike and Fiona Smith stepped down after many years of highly effective leadership of the Wednesday Scout Troop, although they continue with roles within the Central Notts Scout District and Mike was elected onto the 3W Committee last July. Ellie Hopkins took over the leadership of the Wednesday Troop and was helped, initially by our GSL Ben Danvers and later, by Andy Burger who has joined our Leadership Team. Meanwhile our other leaders and assistants, Dani Blackman, Tracey Box, Heather Hattersley, Vicky Wright, Trish Adams, Louise Carey, Tony Danvers, Fred Perkins and Marc Wright, have continued to support and develop their sections to provide excellent Scouting experiences for all our young members. We are sure that all parents and carers would wish to join the Trustees in thanking our leaders for their commitment and expertise during what has sometimes been a difficult year.

The opening of the Gedling Access Road (now renamed Colliery Way) was delayed until late in March 2022. Work continues on land around the bottom Pepperpot and at the top of the site alongside Mapperley Plains. Our new land, alongside Arnold Lane, is now expected to be transferred to us in October 2022. This will result in the cancellation of our annual Bonfire Party in 2022 and we anticipate that we will receive compensation for this loss from the developers. Clearly, there will be much to do in the development of the site in the years ahead and the Trustees anticipate that young people, their parents and other volunteers will be given ample opportunities to help make Pepperpots an even better location for Scouting activities.

The delay in the transfer of the new land to us has meant that we have been unable to proceed with work on the new site as originally planned. Nevertheless, we have been able to oversee some improvements to our existing site. A new surface had been laid on our car park and white-lining work to designate parking spaces more clearly is expected to be completed soon. New hawthorn plants have been laid alongside the main path to the bottom of the site, which should improve the hedgerow along that side of the site in the years ahead. The Trustees will continue to plan and oversee the future development of the site.

The Committee of Trustees is responsible for providing strategic direction of the Group's activities and for ensuring that Group resources are protected and used to support our charitable objectives. The Committee has been chaired in the last three years by Dean Robinson and we are grateful to Dean (and Carol) for their commitment to the Group while their children have been active members. The Robinsons will be leaving us soon as they are moving to another part of the country, so Dean will be stepping down as Chair at the AGM. Jack Lilley has held a role as an observer on the committee, while being a Young Leader and a member of the Peppers Explorer Scout Unit. Jack stepped down from this role on reaching adult age and we are now seeking his replacement. Rebecca Mellors will be nominated by GSL Ben Danvers as our new Chair for 2022/23. She has good experience of Scouting with 4<sup>th</sup> Carlton Scout Group and the Central Notts District. There are opportunities for parents or carers to become new Trustees on the Committee by putting their names forward before the AGM.

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More generally, there were fewer opportunities for helpers to support the Group than in most years due to the aftermath of the Covid pandemic. Activities increased later in the year so that the time contributed was greater than during 2020/21. We estimate that time contributed by leaders, helpers, committee members and parents during the year, was in the region of 3,800 hours (last year 2,700 hours).

The Trustees have had regard to the UK Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. The Trustees are satisfied that the objectives of the Group fall within the description of charitable purposes set out in the Charities Act 2011, and that in delivering these objectives the Group provides public benefit as required by the Act. Membership of the Group is open to young people of all faiths and ethnicities. Arrangements ensure that membership of young people and their participation in activities is not restricted as a result of economic factors. Pepperpots is made available for use by other Scouting and community organisations on a non-profit basis, subject to health and safety provisions and to limitations contained in planning legislation.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Group's financial statements are shown on pages 5 to 7 of this report. The accounts have been examined by George Alex Weatherall FCA, our honorary Independent Examiner. His report is on page 4. We are most indebted to Alex for his continued support as our Independent Examiner and a resolution to reappoint him will be tabled at the AGM.

The Group's income and expenditure are detailed on page 6. This shows that income has increased over the previous year, mainly due to the resumption of normal Scouting activities and the collection of full subscriptions as COVID restrictions were eased. Income was boosted by a very successful beer festival and we were compensated for the cancellation of our Bonfire Party due to the construction of the Gedling Access Road. Additionally, the Group applied successfully for COVID grant payments in excess of £10,000. Expenditure is also higher than the previous year. Most of our costs increased due to the resumption of activities post-COVID. The depreciation charge of £7,544 was also considerably higher than the previous year as it includes £4,501 relating to the recent revaluations of our buildings on the Pepperpots site.

Our statement of financial position is shown on page 7 and this shows our net assets and reserve funds totalling some £272,000 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The trustees have approved transfers to designated reserves for development works (£15,000) and environmental works (£5,000). These designated reserves and our strong asset base show that the Group is in a good financial position going forward. Following the recent opening of the Gedling Access Road, the group will soon acquire additional land and we look forward to developing the site in the years ahead to continue to provide quality Scouting activities for young people.

A charity is required to determine and disclose its policy for the maintenance of reserves. The policy adopted is to maintain free reserves of at least twelve months of expected normal levels of expenditure. The actual level of free reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was 12.5 months of such expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

*Dean Robinson*

Dean Robinson, Chairman

*Ben Danvers*

Ben Danvers, Group Scout Leader

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#### STATEMENT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts set out on pages 5 to 7 have been prepared on behalf of the Trustees of the Group and they were approved at the Executive Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

*Dean Robinson*

*Derek Corke*

Dean Robinson, Chair

Derek Corke, Treasurer

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 set out on pages 5 to 7.

##### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

##### **Basis of the independent examiner's statement**

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 charity 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

##### **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:
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Act.have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*George Weatherall*

George Weatherall, FCA  
Nottingham  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

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### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of land and buildings at Pepperpots, which is explained under 'Fixed Assets' below. The financial statements cover general Group activities and those of our beaver, cubs and scout sections, but not of the Peppers Explorer Scout Unit as that is a separate and independent Unit within the Central Nottinghamshire Scout District. The financial statements adopt the going concern assumption as the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Scout Group will continue its operational existence in the foreseeable future.

#### Recognition of Income

Membership subscriptions are due at the start of each school term and are generally recognised when received. Gift aid is recognised as income when it is received. Income from hiring of Pepperpots is recognised when the hiring period has been completed. Income from donated goods is recognised only when those goods are sold. The Scout Group benefits greatly from the involvement and support its volunteers. The monetary value of the time provided by volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

Grants and compensation are recognised when the Scout Group becomes unconditionally entitled to income. Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted income. Grants and compensation relating to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised as income in those periods. If a grant or compensation received is due to be repaid it is recognised as a current liability.

#### Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party and the amount of that obligation can be measured reliably.

#### Fixed assets

The land and buildings of the Pepperpots site were professionally valued in March 2021 and the valuations have been recognised in the statement of financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and 2022. Land was assessed using a market valuation based upon its Existing Use Value. Buildings were assessed using the Depreciated Replacement Cost basis.

Fixtures & fittings and tents & camping equipment are recognised in the statement of financial position at their historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Heritage assets are not recognised in the balance sheet as the Trustees believe that there is no reliable method to determine their costs or value to the Scout Group.

#### Depreciation of fixed assets

Land is not depreciated. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 buildings are depreciated on a straight-line basis, based upon their useful lives which were estimated at the date of their valuation, typically over 20 to 30 years. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a reducing balance basis of 15% per annum for fixtures and fittings and 25% per annum for tents and equipment. Assets no longer in use are removed from the balance sheet.

#### Reserves

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund available for use to resource any activities in conformity with the Scout Group's charitable objectives. The Development Fund and the Environmental Fund are designated by the Trustees to be used to support the future development and environmental sustainability of the Pepperpots site. Restricted Funds are those earmarked for a special purpose by donors; the Scout Group currently has no Restricted Funds. The Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve records the unrealised surplus on the revaluation of land and buildings.

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#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

			<b>2021</b>	
<b>Income from Scouting Activities</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions received			12,440.00	3,310
Gift Aid received on subscriptions			0.00	2,504
Camp fees and section income			2,829.45	0
Pepperpots and equipment hire			2,656.00	1,750
Profit on the sale of clothing (loss in 2021)			64.52	-32
			17,989.97	7,532
 <b>Fundraising and Other Income</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Expenses</b>		
Compensation in lieu of Bonfire Party	3,543.00	-	3,543.00	3,543
Beer Festival (event cancelled in 20/21)	3,329.90	1,987.81	1,342.09	-
Winter Fair and other fundraising	225.50	43.63	181.87	-
Bank interest received	1.80	-	1.80	6
Government Covid-19 Grants Received	10,667.00	-	10,667.00	19,669
Donations received	188.41	-	188.41	137
	17,955.61	2,031.44	15,924.17	23,355
<b>Total Net Income</b>			<b>33,914.14</b>	<b>30,887</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Section and camp expenditure			4,123.90	164
National, County and District capitation fees			4,300.00	5,591
Rent of church hall			462.50	0
Broadband, website, card and OSM charges			1,271.24	803
Insurance			1,345.83	1,009
Electricity charges			837.09	575
Water charges			222.07	215
Badges, flags, uniforms & training materials			1,150.25	517
Cleaning and maintenance (includes £1,008 of Environment Designated Fund expenditure)			2,344.83	3,870
Banking and finance charges less recoveries			-13.79	0
AGM costs and sundry expenses			289.07	0
Depreciation of buildings, fixtures and equipment (includes £4,501 relating to revaluations)			7,544.65	1,631
<b>Total expenditure</b>			23,877.64	14,375
 <b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>			<b>10,036.50</b>	<b>16,512</b>

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

		<b>2021</b>	
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM SCOUTING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£</b>	
Excess of income over expenses for the year	10,036.50	10,036.50	16,512
Depreciation expenses	7,544.65	7,544.65	1,631
		17,581.15	18,143
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks of clothing		32.20	-23
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors and prepayments		-2,742.50	2,075
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors and accrued expenses		-2,091.41	3,526
Net cash inflow from Scouting and fundraising activities		12,779.44	23,721
 <b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash outflow on the purchase of fixed assets (inflow from disposals in 20/21)		1,478.65	1
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>11,300.79</b>	<b>23,722</b>
 Increase in bank deposit account		13,700.80	557
Decrease in current account		2,400.01	23,165
<b>INCREASE IN TOTAL BANK AND CASH BALANCES</b>		<b>11,300.79</b>	<b>23,722</b>

### 3<sup>RD</sup> WOODTHORPE (ST MARKS) SCOUT GROUP

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

	£.p	£.p	£.p	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets (note 1)</b>	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation		
Land and buildings at Pepperpots	205,000.00	6,375.00	198,625.00	205,000
Pepperpots fixtures and fittings	6,518.00	4,686.00	1,832.00	2,150
Tents and equipment	8,183.00	5,736.00	2,447.00	1,820
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>219,701.00</b>	<b>16,797.00</b>	<b>202,904.00</b>	<b>208,970</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks of clothing			175.80	208
Debtors and prepayments			7,047.50	4,305
Deposit account			25,329.07	11,628
Current account			38,414.49	40,815
<b>Total current assets</b>			<b>70,966.86</b>	<b>56,956</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors, accrued expenses and deferred income			1,741.09	3,833
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>69,225.77</b>	<b>53,123</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>272,129.77</b>	<b>262,093</b>
<b>Reserves</b>				
General Fund			46,969.16	51,424
Pepperpots Development Designated Fund			35,000.00	20,000
Pepperpots Environmental Designated Fund			9,281.61	5,289
Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve			180,879.00	185,380
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>272,129.77</b>	<b>262,093</b>

#### CHANGES IN GROUP RESERVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

Name of Fund	General Fund (Unrestricted) £.p	Pepperpots Development (Designated) £.p	Pepperpots Environmental (Designated) £.p	Revaluation Reserve (Permanent) £.p	Total £.p
Funds at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	51,423.65	20,000.00	5,289.62	185,380.00	262,093.27
Income and Expenditure	15,545.51		-1,008.01	-4,501.00	10,036.50
Transfer to Designated Funds	-20,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00		
<b>Funds at 31st March 2022</b>	<b>46,969.16</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>9,281.61</b>	<b>180,879.00</b>	<b>272,129.77</b>

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## Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020/21

**SCOUT GROUP REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 32167

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 507206

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:** c/o Ron Hodges, 2 Knighton Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4FL.

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES ACTING DURING THE YEAR**

Dean Robinson (Chair), Chris Ashton, Tracey Box, Derek Corke (Treasurer), Ben Danvers, Rosalie Hawks, Ron Hodges (Secretary), Rob Powley (from 1 September 2020), Simeon Ractliffe, Mike Smith, Jonathan Wilson.

In attendance: Jack Lilley (Young Leader).

**HOLDING TRUSTEE OF PEPPERPOTS** Scout Association Trust Corporation Limited.

### **LEADERS AND SECTION ASSISTANTS DURING THE YEAR**

**Group Scout Leader:** Ben Danvers. **Beaver Leaders:** Tracey Box, Danielle Blackman, Heather Hattersley, Joan Hodges, Sanna Menzano, Vicky Wright. **Cub Leaders and Section Assistants:** Trish Adams, Louise Carey, Tony Danvers, Lawrence Staniforth, Fred Perkins, Marc Wright. **Scout Leaders:** Andrew Cranston, James Dunn, Sarah Gregorczyk, Ellie Hopkins, Sintija MacQueen, Fiona Smith, Mike Smith, Leo Thomas. **Peppers Explorer Scout Unit Leaders and Section Assistants:** Matt Etchells-Jones, Rob Powley, Neil Smith, William Walker.

## **3<sup>RD</sup> WOODTHORPE (ST MARKS) SCOUT GROUP**

### **ANNUAL REVIEW**

Welcome to our Annual Report, covering the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Scouting activities in 2020/21 have been dominated by the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All face-to-face Scouting activities were stopped from March 2020 and recommenced later in the year, although still under many restrictions. All camps and overnight activities were cancelled during the year covered by this report. Despite this, 3<sup>rd</sup> Woodthorpe sections continued to operate either on-line or in face-to-face activities throughout the year. The Trustees wish to put on record our admiration and thanks to our Leadership team who have kept 3W Scouting going in these most difficult of circumstances. We also thank all our young members who have stayed with us and to their parents and carers who supported them during this period. Our membership numbers have fallen during the year, but we are already starting to refill places with new and returning members.

The construction of the Gedling Access Road has had a significant effect on the Pepperpots site during the year. Land at the bottom of the site around the bottom Pepperpot and at the top of the site alongside Mapperley Plains was transferred to Nottinghamshire County Council during the year. We anticipate that construction activities will continue throughout 2021 and that our new land, alongside Arnold Lane, will be transferred to us in the first quarter of 2022. Clearly, there will be much to do in the development of the site from 2022 onwards. The Trustees has set up a sub-committee to oversee these developments; while the Trustees remain responsible for the continued use of the site for appropriate charitable purposes.

There have been some changes in our Leadership Team during the year with Sanna Menzano leaving Friday Beavers and Vicky Wright transferring from Monday Cubs to Friday Beavers. Since April, further changes have occurred with Andrew Cranston and Sarah Gregorczyk stepping down from the Tuesday Scout Troop and with Lawrence Staniforth and James Dunn taking over the leadership of the Troop. Sintija Macqueen and Amy White have joined the Friday Beaver Colony leadership team. We thank all leaders for their past service and future commitment to 3W. The balance of our long-serving experienced leaders and those new to 3W promises an exciting future.

Rob Powley joined the Committee of Trustees during the year in his ex-officio capacity as leader of the Peppers Explorer Scout Unit. Our other trustees have served throughout the year, along with Jack Lilley, one of our Young Leaders who has attended in an advisory capacity. Chris Ashton has decided not to put his name forward for re-election as his son is no longer with the Group. We place on record our thanks to Chris for his significant contribution to the Group, especially over the last four years as a Trustee. Resolutions to appoint Trustees for the year ahead will be put at the Group's AGM.

There has been a much reduced number of opportunities for occasional helpers to support the Group this year due to pandemic restrictions. Nevertheless, we benefitted from time contributed by leaders, helpers, committee members and parents during the year, estimated to be in the region of 2,700 hours (last year 5,500 hours).

We received an unusually high level of professional support to the Group during this year, coming from three main sources. First, our legal adviser Stephen Kerry of Massers & Co has been enormously supportive in guiding us through the first stage of the legal process for the land exchange; his costs have been covered under the Gedling Access Road agreement. Second, our surveyor Roger Smalley of Lambert Smith Hampton provided us with the land valuation report required under the Charities Act for the purposes of the land exchange, the costs of which were covered by the Gedling Access Road agreement. Later in the year, Roger provided us, at no charge to the Group, with a valuation of the land and buildings at Pepperpots and these current values have been incorporated into our financial statements. Third, we have benefitted once more from the expertise of Alex Weatherall, the honorary Independent Examiner of our financial statements.

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#### **Providing Public Benefit**

The Trustees have had regard to the UK Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. The Trustees are satisfied that the objectives of the Group fall within the description of charitable purposes set out in the Charities Act 2011, and that in delivering these objectives the Group provides public benefit as required by the Act. Membership of the Group is open to young people of all faiths and ethnicities. Arrangements ensure that membership of young people and their participation in activities is not restricted as a result of economic factors. Pepperpots is made available for use by other Scouting and community organisations on a non-profit basis, subject to health and safety provisions and to limitations contained in planning legislation.

#### **Financial Review**

The Group's financial statements are shown on pages 5 to 7 of this report. The accounts have been examined by George Alex Weatherall FCA, our honorary Independent Examiner, and his report is shown on page 4. A resolution to re-appoint him will be presented at the AGM.

The Group's income and expenditure is shown on page 6. Group income relating to direct Scouting Activities was reduced compared to the previous year because of the restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Fundraising income from the Beer Festival and bag-packing was zero because of the cancellation of these events. Our annual Bonfire Party was cancelled because of the construction of the Gedling Access Road, although the 2020 compensation negotiated for the loss is recognised as income in these accounts. We were successful in our applications for two COVID-19 related grants and the total amount received is recognised as income in the current year. Many of our expenses were lower than the equivalent amounts in 2019/20 because of COVID-19 restrictions on our Scouting activities. However, some electrical improvements were made to the Ellis Building as part of long-term development of Pepperpots. Overall, a substantial financial surplus is reported for the year, most of which is designated for future development and environmental work on the enlarged Pepperpots site.

The Group's cash flow summary is shown on page 6. Cash balances have increased substantially during 2020/21 largely as a result of the receipt of Gedling Access Road compensation and government COVID grants. It has been necessary to hold back on future improvement additions until the Road is completed and we have ownership of our new land. We have substantial cash balances and we expect much of these to be utilised on future environmental and development works over the next three years.

The Group's statement of financial position is shown on page 8. The trustees have taken the opportunity to have the Pepperpots site professionally revalued at the end of March 2021. We are most grateful to Roger Smalley, MRICS, of Lambert Smith Hampton for supporting the Group by conducting the valuation exercise on a pro-bono basis. The revaluation is substantially higher than the March 2020 figure that was based upon historical costs going as far back as the 1970s. The Trustees believe that recognising a current valuation gives a fairer reflection of the worth of Pepperpots to the activities of the Group. The surplus arising from the revaluation has been placed in our Revaluation Reserve as a permanent fund; this reflects the Trustees' position that we have no intention to dispose of the property as we see Pepperpots as being an integral part of our offer to Scouting and to the local community.

A charity is required to determine and disclose its policy for the maintenance of reserves. The policy adopted is to maintain free reserves of twelve months of expected normal levels of expenditure. The actual level of free reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 was 13.6 months of such expenditure, so in excess of the new policy.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

*Dean Robinson*

Dean Robinson, Chairman

*Ben Danvers*

Ben Danvers, Group Scout Leader

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### STATEMENT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

The accounts set out on pages 5 to 7 have been prepared on behalf of the Trustees of the Group and they were approved at the Executive Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

*Dean Robinson*

Dean Robinson, Chair

*Derek Corke*

Derek Corke, Treasurer

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 set out on pages 5 to 7.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act); to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of the independent examiner's statement**

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 charity 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **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:
  - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Act.have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*George Weatherall*

George Weatherall, FCA

Nottingham

29<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

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#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

##### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the valuation of land and buildings at Pepperpots, which is explained under 'Fixed Assets' below. The financial statements cover general Group activities and those of our beaver, cubs and scout sections, but not of the Peppers Explorer Scout Unit as that is a separate and independent Unit within the Central Nottinghamshire Scout District. The financial statements adopt the going concern assumption as the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Scout Group will continue its operational existence in the foreseeable future.

##### Recognition of Income

Membership subscriptions are received at the start of each school term and are generally recognised when received. Gift aid is recognised as income when it is received. Income from hiring of Pepperpots and equipment is recognised when the hiring period has been completed. Income from donated goods is recognised only when those goods are sold. The Scout Group benefits greatly from the involvement and support its volunteers. The monetary value of the time provided by volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

Grants and compensation are recognised when the Scout Group becomes unconditionally entitled to income. Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted income. Grants and compensation relating to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised as income in those periods. If a grant received is due to be repaid it is recognised as a current liability.

##### Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party and the amount of that obligation can be measured reliably.

##### Fixed assets

Land and buildings have been stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation in previous years. In March 2021, the land and buildings of the Pepperpots site were professionally valued by Roger Smalley, MRICS, of the Nottingham office of Lambert Smith Hampton. Land was assessed using a market valuation based upon its Existing Use Value. Buildings were assessed using the Depreciated Replacement Cost basis. The new valuations have been recognised in the balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Fixtures & fittings and tents & camping equipment are recognised in the balance sheet at their historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Heritage assets are not recognised in the balance sheet as the Trustees believe that there is no reliable method to determine their costs or value to the Scout Group.

##### Depreciation of fixed assets

Land is not depreciated. In the years up to and including the current year other fixed assets have been depreciated using the reducing balance method based upon 4% per annum for buildings, 10% per annum for fixtures and fittings and 25% per annum for tents and camping equipment. Assets no longer in use are removed from the balance sheet.

##### Reserves

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund available for use to resource any activities in conformity with the Scout Group's charitable objectives. The Development Fund and the Environmental Fund are designated by the Trustees to be used to support the future development and environmental sustainability of the Pepperpots site. Restricted Funds are those earmarked for a special purpose by donors; the Scout Group currently has no Restricted Funds. The Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve holds the surplus arising from the revaluation of land and buildings in March 2021.

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#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

			<b>2020</b>	
<b>Income from Scouting Activities</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions received			3,309.75	13,349
Gift Aid received on subscriptions			2,504.29	2,536
Camp fees and section income			0.00	4,880
Pepperpots and equipment hire			1,750.00	2,364
Loss on the sale of clothing (profit in 2020)			-31.50	6
			7,532.54	23,135
 <b>Fundraising and Other Income</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Expenses</b>		
Compensation in lieu of Bonfire Party (event surplus in 19/20)	3,543.00	-	3,543.00	1,138
Beer Festival (event cancelled in 20/21)	-	-	-	1,836
Bag-packing (event cancelled in 20/21)	-	-	-	585
Bank interest received	5.65	-	5.65	22
Government Covid-19 Grants Received	19,669.21	-	19,669.21	-
Donations received (£300 of restricted income in 19/20)	136.71	-	136.71	525
	23,354.57	0.00	23,354.57	4,107
<b>Total Net Income</b>			<b>30,887.11</b>	<b>27,242</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Section and camp expenditure			163.55	6,491
National, County and District capitation fees			5,591.10	4,971
Rent of church hall			0.00	425
Printing, postages, internet & communication charges			803.13	618
Insurance			1,009.56	963
Electricity charges			574.60	1,323
Water charges			214.76	202
Badges, flags, uniforms & training materials			516.56	819
St. George's Day parade and service			0.00	152
Cleaning and maintenance (includes £2,199 of Development Designated Fund expenditure)			3,870.35	3,411
Donations paid (£300 of restricted fund expenditure in 19/20)			0.00	967
Finance charges			0.00	112
AGM costs and sundry expenses			0.00	175
Depreciation of buildings, fixtures and equipment			1,631.00	4,948
<b>Total expenditure</b>			14,374.61	25,577
 <b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>			<b>16,512.50</b>	<b>1,665</b>

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

		<b>2020</b>	
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM SCOUTING AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>£</b>	
Excess of income over expenses for the year	16,512.50	1,665	
Depreciation expenses	1,631.00	4,948	
		18,143.50	6,613
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks of clothing		-23.20	167
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors and prepayments		2,075.10	-1,409
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors and accrued expenses		3,525.88	-347
Net cash inflow from Scouting and fundraising activities		23,721.28	5,025
 <b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash inflow on the sale of fixed assets (cash outflow from additions in 19/20)		1.00	2,891
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>23,722.28</b>	<b>2,134</b>
 Increase in bank deposit account		556.65	22
Increase in current account		23,165.63	2,112
<b>INCREASE IN TOTAL BANK AND CASH BALANCES</b>		<b>23,722.28</b>	<b>2,134</b>

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

	£.p	£.p	£.p	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets (note 1)</b>	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation		
Land and buildings at Pepperpots	215,400.00	0.00	215,400.00	17,659
Pepperpots fixtures and fittings	6,518.00	4,368.00	2,150.00	5,140
Tents and camping equipment	7,071.00	5,251.00	1,820.00	2,423
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>228,989.00</b>	<b>9,619.00</b>	<b>219,370.00</b>	<b>25,222</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks of clothing			208.00	185
Debtors and prepayments			4,305.00	6,380
Deposit account			11,628.27	11,071
Current account			40,814.50	17,649
<b>Total current assets</b>			<b>56,955.77</b>	<b>35,285</b>
<b>Less: Current Liabilities</b>				
Creditors, accrued expenses and deferred income			3,832.50	306
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>53,123.27</b>	<b>34,979</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>272,493.27</b>	<b>60,201</b>
<b>Reserves</b>				
General Fund			51,423.65	46,411
Pepperpots Development Designated Fund			20,000.00	10,000
Pepperpots Environmental Designated Fund			5,289.62	3,790
Pepperpots Revaluation Reserve			195,780.00	-
<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>272,493.27</b>	<b>60,201</b>

#### CHANGES IN GROUP RESERVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

Name of Fund	General Fund (Unrestricted) £.p	Pepperpots Development (Designated) £.p	Pepperpots Environmental (Designated) £.p	Revaluation Reserve (Permanent) £.p	Total £.p
Funds at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	46,411.15	10,000.00	3,789.62	0.00	60,200.77
Income and Expenditure	18,711.50	-2,199.00			16,512.50
Transfer to Designated Funds	-13,699.00	12,199.00	1,500.00		
Revaluation of Pepperpots Land and Buildings				195,780.00	195,780.00
<b>Funds at 31st March 2021</b>	<b>51,423.65</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>5,289.62</b>	<b>195,780.00</b>	<b>272,493.27</b>