



2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

The Paddock, off Brookfield Road, Cheadle SK8 1EX

Registered charity no. 520173

Reports and Accounts

for the year ending 31st January 2023

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Registered Charity Number	520173
Group Scout Leader	Stuart Cox
Group Chairman	Will Simpson
Group Secretary	Kate Exley
Group Treasurer	Tom Flanagan
Section Treasurers:	
Moseley Beaver Colony	Kate Cookson
Scout Troop	Catherine Cox
Wessex Cub Pack	Tom Flanagan*
Abney Beaver Colony	Darren Berry
Mercia Cub Pack	John Davidson

*Acting Treasurer

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TRUSTEES REPORT

for the year ending 31st January 2023

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group, I'm delighted to present the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023.

It was a busy and exciting year for the Group, and we were able to enjoy a full programme of activities and events after nearly two years of Covid-related restrictions.

The Group has been successful in continuing to grow our membership, following the drop-off that we experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are now back at pre-pandemic levels.

Being able to deliver a full year's programme with a much-increased membership meant that we were able to meet our financial obligations through our membership subscriptions and fundraising activities which means the Group remains financially solvent.

In the year, we were also able to invest funds to convert our old storeroom into a fully operational meeting room that is used for section activities, as well as space to hold a racking unit to store frequently used games and sporting equipment. The works would not have been possible without the Group's fundraising efforts, in staging the 44th Ram Roast in April 2022 and Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale the following month, in addition to the Group being successful in applying for various grants from external bodies. All of this has resulted in an excellent facility that has enhanced the delivery of our programme.

The Group continues to be governed by its Board of Trustees, and during the year, we held five Group meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 January 2022. These meetings were attended by leaders of each Section, and we are often joined by parents of our young members, which provides a range of perspectives and experience to inform the direction of the Group and how we manage it.

For me, the key to the success of the Group is our team of leaders who deliver varied and interesting programmes for their sections, which range from Beavers who join us at six years old, with many of them staying with us through Cubs, Scouts and onto our Explorer Unit until they turn 18, and even then many of them end up staying with us by becoming Leaders themselves.

The support of the entire Group leadership team has continued to be vital for the Group to function effectively and I'd like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Leaders for their hard work throughout the year. Each Section Lead has continued to be responsible for delivering their programmes and each report into our Group Scout Leader.

It is extremely gratifying to see our young members grow as they progress through the sections, and the Group plays an important part in their development. We regularly receive feedback from our members' parents thanking us for supporting their children to learn new skills and try new tasks, which are good fun and that coming to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers is a highlight of their children's weeks.

I therefore wish to pass on my thanks to all our leaders (all of whom are volunteers) for their dedication to the children and the Group by putting in countless hours to both plan and deliver exciting activities, as well as helping to run the Group and supporting our fundraising events, which, in my opinion, makes 2nd Cheadle "Second to None".

Will Simpson

Group Chairman

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for the year ending 31st January 2023

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

Group Membership

Our annual membership count this year is 183 registered members across all sections - Beavers (x2), Cubs (x2), Scouts, and Explorer Scouts including 32 adult volunteer leaders/helpers that give their time freely, throughout the year. Young members wishing to join are added to waiting lists until a place becomes available or offered places in neighbouring Scout Groups within Cheadle or Stockport Districts.

Group Achievements

Our major fundraising event the 'Ram Roast' held in April was successful as we were blessed with glorious weather. The community of Cheadle welcomed the event back after a Covid break which starts with a parade through Cheadle High Street before arriving at the Abney Scout & Guide Centre within Abney Park, Cheadle.

The sale of Bedding Plants continues to flourish with excellent plants, baskets and tubs purchased from Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale. This year saw us use a new supplier - E. Park & Sons who supplied us with top quality plants.

In the summer, work started to renovate our old brick storeroom into a new meeting and activity room. This new meeting space is great addition for badge work, planning sessions, activities, meetings, or leader training.

Our thanks go to Brookfield Shiers Trust Fund, Arnold Clark Community Fund, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Co-op Community Fund along with fundraising by the Group.

During the renovation, we also upgraded all our exterior lighting to energy efficient and LED lighting.



In November all sections of the Group attended our annual bonfire and firework display, held within our HQ grounds. Refreshments were cooked and served by members of Discovery Explorer Scout Unit.

Our presence at Cheadle's Remembrance Sunday parade and service grows each year, which is jointly organised with other youth groups and Churches within Cheadle.

A number of new adult leaders have joined the Group throughout this year and have successfully completed their 'getting started' training. This along with existing leaders have completed on-going training modules such as safeguarding, safety and first response courses.

Several leaders completed their Wood badge training, and a number were also presented with Long Service Awards.

My thanks go to members of the Group Executive who help with the running 'behind the scenes' along with support to myself.

During this year, we said goodbye to two long standing Group leaders who sadly passed away. Many leaders attended the funeral services of William Hawksworth (Bill) aged 89 and David Quayle (Mang) aged 70 who both are dearly missed.

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Sectional Scouting Activities

Another amazing year for members of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group with youth members continuing to enjoy an array of sectional programmes, activities, camps and away days.

Once again leaders produced a variety of innovative, constructive and exciting weekly programmes along with additional activities of camps, pack holidays, walks, badge days, water sports, educational trips, climbing, archery and craft activities.

All sections celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Halloween and Christmas with special themed nights.

Moseley and Abney Beaver colonies both enjoyed various food themed nights, backwoods cooking, games, science experiments, craft activities, walks and parties. Abney Beavers held a sleepover camp at Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Wessex and Mercia Cub packs both enjoyed various food themed nights, games, craft activities, colditz, caving, bowling, athletics, science experiments, pioneering team building challenges and backwoods cooking. Camps and pack holidays were held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre, Mellor, Stockport, Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite, Rochdale, Old School Lodge, Caernafon, Wales and Barnswood Scout Campsite, Leek, Staffordshire.

The Scout troop enjoyed pioneering, foreign food cooking challenges, wide games in Abney park, patrol challenges, trading post, fire lighting. A litter pick around Cheadle Village helped towards the community challenge badge, go-kart building, archery, air rifle shooting, caving, canoeing and climbing activities also undertaken. An indoor weekend camp was held at Bibby's Farm Scout Activity Centre, Chorley, traditional summer camp under canvas at Tatton Park Scout Activity Centre, Knutsford and an autumn weekend camp at Bowley Scout Campsite, Great Harwood, Blackburn.

Discovery Explorers have again enjoyed another active year with numbers reaching 32 youth members. Nights away include expeditions around Hayfield and Castleton in Derbyshire, Summer camp at Walesby Forest, Newark and a Christmas camp at Scammonden Activity Centre, Scammonden, Huddlesfield. Explorers continue to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's Awards completing overnight self-sustained expeditions towards these. Several Explorers are now supporting younger age sections. Explorers continue to enjoy a variety of social nights activities, highlights include visiting Escape rooms Manchester, caving trips, short evening hikes, golf driving range, canoeing, zip line, abseiling, bike rides, archery and sessions on the local climbing wall.

Across all sections, various activity and proficiency badges were achieved and awarded along with the Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards across all age ranges.

My thanks go to all our volunteer adult leadership team and helpers for providing a fun packed and exciting programme throughout the year.

2022 was truly another remarkable year for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group creating memories to last along with Skills for Life!

Stuart Cox

Group Scout Leader



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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

2nd Cheadle Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31st January 2023

Charity no
(if any)

520173

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

10th July 2023

Name:

Lee Blackhurst

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STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES *for the year ending 31st January 2023*

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
Incoming Resources:		
Membership Subscriptions	23,497	13,282
Capitation Paid by Group on behalf of Sections	(8,448)	(4,928)
Membership Subscriptions paid to Group (Covid)	0	5,027
Less Membership Subscriptions to Cheadle & District	(6,840)	(4,386)
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	8,209	8,995
Gift Aid	5,168	732
Donations and Grants	1,529	30,087
Bank Interest	6	0
Discovery Explorers Subscriptions	1,716	788
Other Income (Refunds, etc)	70	0
Fundraising (Gross):		
Ram Roast	12,471	0
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,967	3,274
Other Fundraising	293	0
Other Income:		
Camps, Activities and Trips	10,743	595
Neckers, Badges and Book Sales	777	511
Total Incoming Resources:	42,949 =====	44,982 =====

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STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Resources Expended:		
Youth Programme and Activities	3,645	1,489
Camps, Activities and Trips	10,300	780
Adult Support and Training	180	120
Business Rates	333	170
Ground Lease	0	0
Water	481	191
Electricity	2,227	1,092
HQ Insurance	3,980	3,884
HQ Maintenance	2,033	3,915
Equipment	3,458	263
Group Vehicles	4,391	4,616
Neckers, Badges and Books	1,838	718
Postage and Stationery	66	62
Broadband, IT and website	346	770
Bank Charges	235	35
Donations / Grants	525	0
Fundraising (Gross):		
Ram Roast	6,018	180
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,140	1,834
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Total Resources Expended	41,197	20,119
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STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
Total Incoming Resources:	42,949	44,982
Total Resources Expended:	(41,197)	(20,119)
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Net Operating Income	1,752	24,863
Deferred income	2,453	2,453
Depreciation (Building)	(3,311)	(3,311)
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Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year:	895	24,005
	=====	=====
Funds at 31st January 2022	66,540	42,534
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Funds at 31st January 2023:	67,434	66,540
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All activities are classed as continuing. Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Funds £	2022 Funds £
Non-Current Assets:		
Building	72,835	76,146
Property Improvements	25,522	0
Current Assets:		
Bank Current Accounts - Restricted	0	10,000
Bank Current Accounts - Unrestricted	34,965	50,742
Bank Deposit Accounts	2,079	2,073
Total Cash:	37,045	62,815
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Total Assets:	135,402	138,961
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Non-Current Liabilities:		
Deferred Income (Building)	63,968	66,421
Deffered Income (Property Improvements)	10,000	0
Cheadle & District Building Loan	4,000	6,000
Net Assets:	67,434	66,540
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Analysis of Funds:		
Unrestricted Funds	67,434	56,540
Restricted Funds	0	10,000
Total Funds:	67,434	66,540
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Approved by the Trustees on 10th July 2023.

Stuart Cox
Group Scout Leader

Thomas Flanagan
Group Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS *for the year ending 31st January 2023*

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (SORP) and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Except where stated, all funds held are unrestricted being donations or other income received or generated for the objects of the group for its general purpose and not restricted as to their use.

OTHER ASSETS

The land and buildings at The Paddock are leased to The Scout Association Trust Corporation by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. The Association holds the premises in trust for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group who pay the ground rent and insure the buildings at a replacement cost of £714,405.

Scouting Equipment is valued at £89,621 and is insured for this sum. This sum also includes two storage containers sited within the grounds of the Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

The Group owns two vehicles - a van and a minibus. The value of both vehicles have been written off in previous year's accounts and its value is not reflected in the accounts.

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

None of the trustees were remunerated during this or the previous year.

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