

89TH STOKE-ON-TRENT AND NEWCASTLE SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 524543

Details

Other names 89TH CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-01-15

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

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Activities

Objects: SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

Activities: Training young people

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STOKE-ON-TRENT
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£34,814	£24,237	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,014	£49,887	-	-
2022-12-31	£23,016	£18,415	-	-
2021-12-31	£41,584	£9,353	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,826	£24,309	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert Cormie	Chair	2024-12-16
Adam Whitehorn Marshall		2012-11-01
Adrian Micharl Carl Tarala		2024-11-07
Alexander Richard Martin		2020-06-30
Alfie Andrew Moxon		2024-07-09
Benjamin Upson		2023-01-26
David Michael Smith		2018-05-12
FRANK LEWIS		
Julie Anne Hemmings		2016-06-04
Nicola Diane Kenney		2018-05-12

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Accounts

Trustees Report & Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024 89th Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle Sea Scout Group

President:	Malcolm Smith	
Trustees ex officio:	David M. Smith	Group Scout Leader/Lead Volunteer
Trustees	Robbie Cormie Benjamin Upson Paul Billington Nicola D. Kenney Julie A. Hemmings Alexander Martin Adam Marshall Frank Lewis Georgia Bratt Alfie Moxan Ade Tarala	Interim Chairman from November 2024 Treasurer (Vice-Chairman) From AGM 2024 Co-opted From November 2024
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc	
Custodian Trustee:	Scout Association Trust Corporation (for both Rudyard and Hanford Sites)	
Scout Association Charity Registration No:	306101	
Charity Registration No:	524543	
Principal Address:	89 th City Sea Scout Group Diarmid Road Hanford Stoke-on-Trent Staffs ST4 4QL	
Contact:	David Smith 62 Keary Street Stoke-upon-Trent Staffs ST4 4AT	

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustees, and 1 co-opted Trustees) and meets approx. every 2 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

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

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

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group, through the Capitation Fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

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

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

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the Group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario the complete closure of the Group may be necessary.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting - Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting - As Scouts we are guided by these values:-

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The Scout Method - Scouting takes place when young people in partnership with adults: work together based on the Values of Scouting and enjoy what they are doing and have fun; take part in activities indoors and outdoors; learn by doing; share in spiritual reflection; take responsibility and make choices; undertake new and challenging activities; make and live by their Promise.

Main Activities in Relation to These Objectives

The main activities carried out by the group are those expected of Sections in the Scout Association, namely training young people in skills and ways of conducting themselves to form mature and competent young people and ultimately well-rounded adults by various activities as are appropriate to the ages of the Sections. In the Beaver Section the activities are based on craft and play as well as outdoor activities at 'Sleepovers' and supervised water activities at our Rudyard training site. In the Cub Section activities include trips to local community sites such as Fire Stations, District camps activities with other Groups leading to improved tolerance and social skills. In the Scout Section these activities have included train trips, outdoor activities, camps at our Rudyard site and hikes and water expeditions.

Income is provided to support the above activities by Subscriptions (including Gift Aid) and Licensing of our facilities at our Hanford Headquarters and Rudyard Training Sites.

Investment in our Hanford and Rudyard Sites is reviewed and overseen by our Trustee Board with the primary aim to ensure the facilities meet our needs - enabling the delivery of the Scout Programme and additionally to continue to provide a revenue stream that further supports investment in the Scout Programme.

Public Benefit Statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and Performance

All of our sections have delivered a robust programme throughout 2024, ensuring all our young people have the opportunity to complete their core badges and undertake a number of camping experiences, our membership numbers remain strong, with a significant Increase In the scout age range 10-14 year olds, and adult volunteers. We have continued our Implementation of the associations Volunteer experience and new Digital tools.

All our sections were able to make use of the facilities at our Rudyard Training Site and Hanford Headquarters.

Investment continues to be made to improve the safety of our facilities at our Rudyard Training Site and Hanford Headquarters. We continue to regularly invest in the enhancement of both sites as supervised by our Trustee board.

Further details are provided in Annual Reports provided at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Review

The increase in our core income streams - from Hanford HQ hiring, membership, social activities, grants and gift aid has resulted in an £8,800 increase in the income of the Group. Almost half of the increased income comes from the fees paid by hirers of the Hanford HQ. The Group will look to invest in the facilities and decor of the Hanford HQ to support the continued success of this income stream in 2025.

The adoption of the new expenses card system and policy has supported the section volunteers to not be 'out-of-pocket' waiting for a claim to be paid, whilst allowing for control over the expenses. It is pleasing to report that this has lead to more being spent on the regular meeting activities of every section, as this supports the core charitable objective of the Group to provide activities for the young people.

We have paid for membership of the Nantwich Sailing Club [£393.75 - 'Other Organisation Membership Feed'] as this gives the Group access to the sailing training resources of the club. Notable items in the income and expenses statement is listed under 'Cubs - Events' : these payments are for the PGL trip the section planned but undertook in 2025.

Our utility contract came to an end in 2024 and the new contract has reduced standing charges and unit costs for both gas and electric. This should bring to an end the last few years rising utility costs with careful control of the usage. However, our insurance costs continue to rise, and so this will be reviewed in 2025 along with the valuations of the Groups assets.

We remain committed to spending on safety and other improvements at both Rudyard Training site and Hanford HQ, with increased expenditure in this area in 2024 and will continue this in the coming year.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group for at least a year should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Our basic running costs are ~£15/£20K per annum. Given our current monetary assets, we are able to meet this objective of holding sufficient reserves to continue operations for at 12 months.

During 2024, we aimed to make better use of the cash assets in the of the Group by opening an instant access, 32-day and 95-day notice accounts with Lloyds Bank to increase interest earned, balanced with the need to have access to funds for cashflow. As interest rates are expected to reduce in 2025, these accounts will be reviewed to keep the funds earning interest but balances with the access needed to support day-to-day expenditure.

Signed:

Date:

Role: Group Lead Volunteer

Date:

Role:

89th Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle Sea Scout Group Accounts 2024
Income & Expenditure Statement

Income	2024	2023
Bank Interest	415.57	0.00
Boat Launch Fees (RLL)	60.00	20.00
Donation	160.40	25.02
Events	214.00	245.00
Events - Beavers	624.70	0.00
Events - Cubs	1,772.30	0.00
Events - Explorers	0.00	10.51
Gift Aid	1,722.88	1,396.37
Grants	1,955.08	1,500.00
Hanford HQ - Fees	14,571.00	10,806.14
Membership Fees	9,701.13	7,944.91
Less Mem Fees Paid to District	(3,200.00)	(2,464.00)
Other Income	1,239.37	369.65
Rudyard Site - Fees	4,436.00	5,770.00
Social Activities - Fees	743.85	318.00
Uniform and Grp Clothing	398.00	72.00
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Total Income	34,814.28	26,013.60

Expenditure	2024	2023
Activity Equipment	164.57	5,862.30
Badges	534.40	534.79
Boating Equipment	67.07	189.33
Camping Equipment	61.32	230.00
Communication and Technology	143.97	307.16
Events	1,372.61	300.00
Events - Beavers	78.86	47.92
Event -Cubs	1,409.37	0.00

Events - Explorers	0.00	7.33
Events - Scouts	236.38	0.00
Hanford HQ - Maintenance	4,510.98	1,133.56
Hanford HQ - Other Expenses	169.45	6,922.91
Hanford HQ - Safety	3,183.95	84.98
Hanford HQ - Utilities	4,446.58	3,105.97
Insurance	288.71	3,334.88
Meetings - Beavers	199.02	259.29
Meetings - Cubs	1,014.65	22.31
Meetings - Explorers	442.23	729.62
Meetings - Scouts	976.02	490.04
Membership Costs	23.98	343.26
Other Organisation Membership Fees	393.75	0.00
Other Expenses	23.98	15.86
Rudyard Site - Maintenance	1,390.34	23,515.99
Rudyard Site - Other Expenses	0.00	30.00
Rudyard Site - Safety	1,513.52	604.85
Rudyard Site - Utilities	1,088.93	1,634.79
Training	165.39	180.00
Uniform and Group Clothing	360.60	0.00
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Total Expenditure	24,236.65	49,887.14
Surplus(Deficit)	10,577.63	(23,873.54)

Summary of Assets:

Monetary Assets	2024	2023
Opening New Group Account	50,250.99	74,12.53
Closing New Group Account	60,828.62	50,250.99
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Surplus/(Deficit)	10,577.63	(23,873.54)

Account Balances at Year End

Current Account	15,836.41	49,610.45
Charge Card	576.64	640.54
Instant Access Savings Account	19,243.87	0.00
32-day Notice Account	15,073.01	0.00
95-day Notice Account	10,098.69	0.00

Property Assets (insurance Values)

Rudyard Buildings	205,233.00	166,351.00
Hanford Buildings	497,054.00	102,650.00
Boats	29,000.00	23,000.00
Furniture & Scouting Kit (both sites)	35,144.00	29,900.00
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Total Property Assets	766,431.00	321,901.00

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 89th Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle Sea Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 7

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.



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Date: 27 October 2025

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Achievements and Performance

All of our sections have delivered a robust programme throughout 2023, ensuring all our young people have the opportunity to complete their core badges and undertake a number of camping experiences. We were able to increase the overall membership of the group by 3% during the year and continue to be able to maintain a feed from one section to the next.

All our sections were able to make use of the facilities at our Rudyard Training Site and Hanford Headquarters.

Investment continues to be made to improve the safety of our facilities at our Rudyard Training Site and Hanford Headquarters. We continue to regularly invest in the enhancement of both sites as supervised by our Executive Committee.

Further details are provided in Annual Reports provided at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Review

2023 saw an increase in all our core income streams - with an increase in membership, resulting in improved receipts from members, both additional regular and occasional licensee of HQ resulted in a near doubling of income from our Hanford property, whilst the increase in fees offset a small reduction in the number of hirers at our Rudyard Properties.

Following the support from our local councils with the covid grants – we were able to invest in a new Treatment plant at Rudyard – the most significant investment we have made for around 25 years. We also continued our investment program at our Hanford property – purchasing new tables and chairs and building a new external wall.

Whilst our utility costs remained in-line with 2022, our insurance costs continue to rise.

We remain committed to spending up to £2k per annum on safety and other improvements over the next few years

During 2024, we aim to undertake a review of our priorities and develop an investment plan to reduce our cash assets to be more inline with our stated reserves policy.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group for at least a year should income and fundraising activities fall short.

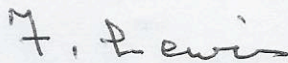
Our basic running costs are ~14/15K per annum. Given our current monetary assets and the optional suspension of further investments in the Group's infrastructure, we will be able to fund a further year's operation of the Group should it become necessary. This Policy will be reviewed during 2023.

Signed:



Date: 2nd June 2024

Role: Group Lead Volunteer



Date: 2nd Oct. 2024

Role: TRUSTEE

89th Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle Sea Scout Group Accounts 2023
Income & Expenditure Statement

Income	2023	2022
Boat Launch Fees (RLL)	20.00 ✓	141.00
Less Fees Paid to RLL	0.00	(250.00)
Donation	25.02 ✓	1,418.02
Events	245.00 ✓	0.00
Events - Explorers	10.51 ✓	0.00
Gift Aid	1,396.37 ✓	775.38
Grants	1,500.00 ✓	5,334.00
Hanford HQ - Fees	10,806.14 ✓	5,874.00
Membership Fees	7,944.91 ✓	6,435.00
Less Mem Fees Paid to District	(2,464.00)	(2,677.50)
Other Income	369.65 ✓	0.00
Rudyard Site - Fees	5,770.00 ✓	5,396.00
Social Activities - Fees	318.00 ✓	479.89
Uniform and Grp Clothing	72.00 ✓	91.00
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Total Income	26,013.60	23,016.79
Expenditure	2023	2022
Activity Equipment	103.64	98.00
Activity Equipment	5,862.30	98.00
Badges	534.79	513.29
Boating Equipment	189.33	1,118.51
Camping Equipment	230.00	0.00
Communication and Technology	307.16	1.56
Events	300.00	59.97
Events - Beavers	47.92	26.05
Events - Explorers	7.33	0.00
Events - Scouts	0.00	36.94
Hanford HQ - Maintenance	1,133.56	298.50
Hanford HQ - Other Expenses	6,922.91	30.00
Hanford HQ - Safety	84.98	133.50
Hanford HQ - Utilities	3,105.97	3,276.75
Insurance	3,334.88	2,990.51
Meetings - Beavers	259.29	174.20
Meetings - Cubs	22.31	0.00
Meetings - Explorers	729.62	130.99
Meetings - Scouts	490.04	367.29
Membership Costs	343.26	241.48
Other Expenses	15.86	50.90
Rudyard Site - Maintenance	23,515.99	3,905.36

Rudyard Site - Other Expenses	30.00	12.90
Rudyard Site - Safety	604.85	3,138.90
Rudyard Site - Utilities	1,634.79	1,650.16
Training	180.00	160.00

Total Expenditure	49,887.14	18,415.76
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Surplus(Deficit)	(23,873.54)	4601.03
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Summary of Assets:

Monetary Assets	2023	2022
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Opening New Group Account	74,12.53	69,526.50
Closing New Group Account	50,250.99	74,124.53

Surplus/(Deficit)	(23,873.54)	4601.03
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Property Assets (insurance Values)

Rudyard Buildings	166,351.00	166,351.00
Hanford Buildings	102,650.00	102,650.00
Boats	23,000.00	23,000.00
Furniture & Scouting Kit (both sites)	29,900.00	29,900.00

Total Property Assets	321,901.00	321,901.00
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**Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 89th Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle
Sea Scout Group Council**

I report on the Accounts of the Group the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility, without carrying out an audit or independent examination, to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

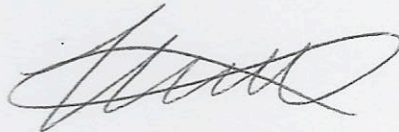
Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution (given in Chapter 5 of the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association), I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out overleaf.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the Group's constitution.

Signed:



Date: 25 September 2024

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The Group Executive Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the Group Scout Leader, individual Section Leaders and Parents' Representatives and meets every 2 or 3 months.

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

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
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- Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

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

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

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

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Objectives and Activities

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Main Activities in Relation to These Objectives

The main activities carried out by the group are those expected of Sections in the Scout Association, namely training young people in skills and ways of conducting themselves to form mature and competent young people and ultimately well-rounded adults by various activities as are appropriate to the ages of the Sections. In the Beaver Section the activities are based on craft and play as well as outdoor activities at 'Sleepovers' and supervised water activities at our Rudyard training site. In the Cub Section activities include trips to local community sites such as Fire Stations, District camps activities with other Groups leading to improved tolerance and social skills. In the Scout Section these activities have included train trips, outdoor activities, camps at our Rudyard site and hikes and water expeditions.

Income is provided to support the above activities by Subscriptions (including Gift Aid) and Licensing of our facilities at our Hanford Headquarters and Rudyard Training Sites.

Investment in our Hanford and Rudyard Sites is reviewed and overseen by our Executive Committee with the primary aim to ensure the facilities meet our needs - enabling the delivery of the Scout Programme and additionally to continue to provide a revenue stream that further supports investment in the Scout Programme.

Public Benefit Statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and Performance

Despite the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic we have, maintained the Membership at an acceptable level and thereby able to maintain a feed from one Section to the next, At the start of 2021 Activities in all our sections were limited to online meetings only. When the rules allowed all of sections were able to meet face to face following an approved Covid-secure Risk Assessment - making use of the facilities at Hanford and Rudyard as described in the Annual Reports. We were able to undertake the first nights away during the later part of the year.

Following the urgent review at the start of the pandemic - Investment continues to be made to improve the safety of our facilities at our Rudyard Training Site and Hanford Headquarters. We continue to regularly invest in the enhancement of both sites as supervised by our Executive Committee.

Further details are provided in Annual Reports provided at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Review

As we were gradually able to restart activities - 2021 saw increased income from our Rudyard Site and roughly the same levels from our HQ, with a slight increase from membership fees, however all three remained depressed compared with 2019. Fortunately, once again, this was more than offset by grants from both Stoke-on-Trent City and Staffordshire Moorlands District Councils, increasing in 2021 to £33,604 (compared with £24,569 in 2020)

Our usual operational outgoings were reduced reflecting the lack of meetings and use of our facilities during 2021. After a formal review of the support available and expected outgoings over the next three years it was decided to continue to invest in our properties and equipment as per previous years.

Excluding the impact of the grants we finished the year with a small operational deficit of £1,372 – this reflects the continued investment in our assets despite their reduced income. Overall we finished the year with a £32,321 surplus and cash assets of nearly £70,000.

Based on previous years - the Group has an annual running cost of around £12,500. And we remain committed to spending up to £2k per annum on safety and other improvements over the next few years; this will result in annual running costs of around £14/15K.

During 2023, we aim to undertake a review of our priorities and develop an investment plan to reduce our cash assets to be more inline with our stated reserves policy.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group for at least a year should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Our basic running costs are ~14/15K per annum. Given our current monetary assets and the optional suspension of further investments in the Group's infrastructure, we will be able to fund a further year's operation of the Group should it become necessary. This Policy will be reviewed during 2023.

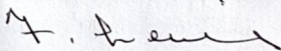
Signed:



Name: David Smith

Date: 7th June 2022

Role: GSL



Name: Frank Lewis

Date: 7th June 2022

Role: Hon. Commadore



Name: Alex Martin

Date: 7th June 2022

Role: Jnt Scout Leader

89th Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle Sea Scout Group Accounts 2021
Income & Expenditure Statement

Introduction

The income and expenditure for 2021 is stated below, this has been compared to the previous year 2020 which was also a very unusual year. A comparison to 2019, the latest "standard" year is therefore also included.

During 2021 we implemented a new accounting system (provided by Online Scout Manager) – we therefore took an opportunity to update our "chart of Accounts" – i.e. the categories you see listed below. 2019 and 2020 have therefore been restated using the updated Account descriptions.

	2019	2020	2021
Income			
Rudyard Site - Fees	4,119.53	1,825.00	2,256.75
Hanford HQ - Fees	7,115.50	1,045.00	895.00
Membership Fees	7,273.70	3,019.01	3,912.23
Less Fees paid to District	(2,693.20)	(2,700.00)	(1,672.00)
Grants	-	24,569.00	33,604.21
Donation	155.00	10.00	250.00
Events	315.90	-	550.00
Events - Explorers	-	-	31.50
Events - Scouts	4,161.02	-	-
Gift Aid	1,388.73	-	1,443.30
Other Income	414.67	-	125.80
Uniform and Grp Clothing	182.00	58.00	153.00
Boat Launch Fees (RLL)	74.00	-	35.00
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Total Income	22,506.85	27,826.01	41,584.79
Expenditure	2019	2020	2021
Activity Equipment	161.89	45.35	103.64
Badges	335.82	257.76	251.22
Boating Equipment	1,384.33	-	444.36
Camping Equipment	1,094.99	393.25	46.97
Comms and Technology	-	-	113.23
Events	640.00	-	1,219.00
Events - Explorers	-	-	57.00
Events - Scouts	5,355.33	105.00	15.00
Hanford HQ - Maintenance	114.12	10,652.35	92.36
Hanford HQ - Safety	78.00	961.14	182.00
Hanford HQ - Utilities	1,991.89	1,538.64	1,433.08
Hanford HQ - Other Expenses	528.71	48.14	-
Insurance	3,218.60	3,218.14	3,157.44

Meetings - Beavers	266.16	36.11	278.02
Meetings - Cubs	136.21	-	150.86
Meetings - Explorers	-	-	118.97
Meetings - Scouts	373.17	24.97	70.29
Membership Costs	-	-	112.25
Rudyard Site - Maintenance	1,153.01	5,324.12	1,074.71
Rudyard Site - Safety	174.00	190.66	227.69
Rudyard Site - Utilities	1,077.68	338.67	57.14
Rudyard Site - Rates	257.04	-	-
Rudyard Site - Other Expenses	36.67	1,128.98	
Training	50.00	-	80.00
Uniform and Group Clothing	-	46.00	68.25
Boat Launch Fees (RLL)	400.00	-	
Other	133.93	-	
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Total Expenditure	18961.55	24309.28	9353.48
Surplus(Deficit)	3545.30	3516.73	32231.31

Summary of Assets:

Monetary Assets	2019	2020	2021
Opening New Group Account	30230.16	33775.46	37,292.19
Closing New Group Account	33775.46	37292.19	69,523.50
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Surplus/(Deficit)	3545.30	3516.73	32231.31

Property Assets (insurance Values)

Rudyard Buildings	161,000.00	161,000.00	166,351.00
Hanford Buildings	103,000.00	99,000.00	102,650.00
Boats	36,000.00	27,000.00	23,000.00
Furniture & Scouting Kit (both sites)	28,600.00	24,000.00	29,900.00
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Total Property Assets	328,600.00	311,000.00	321,901.00

89TH STOKE-ON-TRENT AND NEWCASTLE SEA SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 524543

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Trustees Report & Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2020

89th Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle Sea Scout Group

President:	Malcolm Smith	
Trustees ex officio:	David M. Smith Helen M. Brown Andrea K. Brashko	Group Scout Leader Treasurer (resigned 31 st Dec 2020) Secretary (resigned May 2020)
Trustees Self-Asserting Leaders:	Julie A. Hemmings Nicola D. Kenney Alexander Martin	Cub Leader Beaver Leader (Int.) Scout Leader
Trustees Co-opted:	Frank Lewis Paul D. Billington	Hon. Commodore
Trustees Nominated:	Adam. W. Whitehorn	
Advisor:	Joanne Belford	Accounts Scrutineer
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc	
Custodian Trustee:	Scout Association Trust Corporation (for both Rudyard and Hanford Sites)	
Scout Association Charity Registration No:	306101	
Charity Registration No:	524543	
Principal Address:	89 th City Sea Scout Group Diarmid Road Hanford Stoke-on-Trent Staffs ST4 4QL	
Contact:	David Smith 62 Keary Street Stoke-upon-Trent Staffs ST4 4AT	

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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

The Group Executive Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the Group Scout Leader, individual Section Leaders and Parents' Representatives and meets every 2 or 3 months.

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

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The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and Performance

Despite the Coronavirus pandemic we have, maintained the Membership at an acceptable level and thereby able to maintain a feed from one Section to the next. Due to the nature of our Headquarters building and availability of Adult Leaders and supporters we have had to restrict the number of Members in Some of our Sections so that all can have an enjoyable, safe and meaningful meeting experience.

For A large period of 2020 Activities in all our sections were limited to online meetings only. When the rules allowed all of sections were able to meet face to face following an approved Covid-secure Risk Assessment - making use of the facilities at Hanford and Rudyard as described in the Annual Reports. Following an urgent review at the start of the pandemic - Investment continues to be made to improve the safety of our facilities at our Rudyard Training Site and Hanford Headquarters. We continue to regularly invest in the enhancement of both sites as supervised by our Executive Committee.

Further details are provided in Annual Reports provided at the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Review

Due to the pandemic 2020 saw a significant reduction in income from our Rudyard Training site, Hanford Headquarters and Subscriptions. This was more than offset by grants primarily from both Stoke-on-Trent City and Staffordshire Moorlands District Councils.

Our usual operational outgoings were reduced reflecting the lack of meetings and use of our facilities during 2020. After a formal review of the support available and expected outgoings over the next three years it was decided to continue with some pre-approved investments including a new roof at Hanford and safety and usability improvements to the external areas of the Rudyard Training Site.

We finished the year with a surplus roughly inline with 2019 of £3,500

Based on previous years - the Group has an annual running cost of around £14,500.

And we remain committed to spending up to £2k per annum on safety and other improvements over the next few years; this will result in annual running costs of around £15/16K.

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Signed:

D. Smith
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Date: 17/06/21 Role: GSL

F. Lewis

Date: 15/06/21 Role: Hon. Commadore

N.D. Kenney

Date: 15/06/21 Role: Beaver Leader

89th Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle Sea Scout Group Accounts 2019 Income & Expenditure Statement

	2019	2020
Income		
Rudyard Income	4,119.53	1,825.00
Hanford Income	7,115.50	1,045.00
Subscriptions	7,273.70	3,019.01
Less Subscription paid on to District	(2,693.20)	(2,700.00)
Gift Aid	1,388.73	0.00
Donations	155.00	10.00
Grants Received	0.00	24,569.00
Group Social Activity Income	315.90	0.00
Uniform & Investiture Income	186.00	58.00
Scout Camp & Activity Income	3,774.02	0.00
Activity Receipts	387.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	410.27	0.00
Boats Income	74.00	0.00
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Total Income	22,506.85	27,826.01

Expenditure	2019	2020
Group Social Activity Expenses	70.00	0.00
Beaver Expenses	266.16	36.11
Cub Expenses	136.21	0.00
Scout Expenses	373.17	24.97
Group Equipment Maintenance	161.89	45.35
Badge Purchases	335.82	257.76
Uniform & Investiture Expenses	4.00	46.00
Internet Fees	338.74	162.61
Training	50.00	0.00
Scout Camp & Activity Expenses	4,968.77	105.00
Activities	187.55	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	149.94	0.00
Hanford Water Rates	277.88	401.87
Hanford Electricity	361.29	974.16
Hanford Gas	1,013.98	0.00
Hanford Buildings Insurance	660.15	825.66
Hanford Safety Expenses	78.00	961.14
Hanford Maintenance	114.12	10,652.35
Hanford Miscellaneous Expenses	528.71	48.14
Rudyard General Rates	257.04	0.00
Rudyard Water Rates	166.81	119.99
Rudyard Electricity	390.87	58.68
Rudyard LPG Gas	480.00	160.00
Rudyard Buildings Insurance	1,094.13	1,144.38
Rudyard Safety Expenses	174.00	190.66
Rudyard Travel Expenses	452.24	280.80
Rudyard Maintenance	700.77	5,043.32
Rudyard Legal Fees	0.00	1028.00
Rudyard Miscellaneous Expenses	36.67	100.98
Rudyard Boat Fees	400.00	0.00
Boat Maintenance	667.37	0.00
Boat Insurance	1,227.78	1,150.10
Personal Injury Insurance	236.54	98.00
Equipment – Boats	716.96	0.00
Equipment – Other	1,883.99	393.25
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Total Expenditure	18,961.55	24,309.28
Surplus(Deficit)	3,545.30	3,516.73

	2019	
Monetary Assets		1,032.43
Opening Old Group Account	6,331.43	32,743.03
Opening New Group Account	23,570.35	-----
Opening Monetary Total	29,901.78	33,775.46
Closing Old Group Account	1,032.43	CLOSED
Closing New Group Account	32,743.02	37,292.19
Closing Monetary Total	35,274.29	-----
Surplus/(Deficit)	3,545.30	37,292.19
		3,516.73
Property Assets		
	Insurance Values in 2019	Insurance Values in 2020
Kudyard Buildings	161,000.00	161,000.00
Hanford Buildings	103,000.00	99,000.00
Boats	36,000.00	27,000.00
Furniture & Scouting Kit (both sites)	28,600.00	24,000.00
Total Property Assets	328,600.00	-----
		311,000.00