

2nd Sutton Coldfield (1st Wylde Green) Scout Group Registered Charity 524608

Trustees Report 2023

2nd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group provides a Scouting provision on a weekly basis, across all scouting sections, where volunteers actively engage & support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society, through giving the young people Skills For Life.

As Scouts we are guided by the Scouting values of;

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

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and they : -

- Enjoy what they are doing & have fun
- Take part in activities indoors & outdoors
- Learn by doing
- Work in groups
- Share in spiritual reflection
- Take increasing responsibility for others & make choices
- Participate in varied and progressive activities
- Make & live out their Promise.

Public benefit statements

2nd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education & the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

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

The Groups governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association & the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

Structure, governance & management

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

The Committee consists of independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer together with elected representation & meets every 3 months, where policies & procedures are adopted for:-

- The raising of funds & the administration of District finance.
- The insurance of persons, property & equipment.
- District public occasions.
- Consideration of major risks & the systems & procedures to manage them.

This Trustees Board exists to support the Group's Leaders in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments & is responsible for:-

- Assisting the recruitment of leaders & other adult support.
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required.
- Appointing District administrators / advisors other than those who are elected.

Reserves Policy

2nd Sutton Coldfield Scout Group reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Group Report

2023 was another very busy year. All sections have very healthy numbers, and we have a waiting list for Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs. 2022 saw the opening of our Squirrels Drey.

In June we took the whole group to Blackwell Adventure to join the District Camp. It was a fabulous weekend. It is great to see each section giving their young people opportunities to attend other nights away activities as well as providing an exciting programme week in and week out.

During 2023 we discussed making improvements to the hut/garage with the intention of a garage build first, then a side extension, followed by an additional extension on the back. This would give us better storage for our equipment and more space in the hut for activities. The opportunity arose for us to apply for a grant for all the works, through the Youth Investment Fund. Unfortunately, that application was not successful, but it did support us in obtaining planning permission for the works. We were successful in receiving a smaller refurbishment grant which will be used to refit the toilets and lobby. We are now back to plan A looking to complete the alterations in three tranches and are on the lookout for opportunities to apply for monies. Ideally, we need to start the works within the next two years, to keep the planning permission alive. Watch this space!

It is a pleasure to see all our young people grow in confidence as they learn new skills whilst having fun, making new friends.

We have said farewell to a couple of leaders during 2023 but we have also welcomed in others. A big thank you to all the leaders, SAS, helpers and young leaders who have given their time and commitment throughout the year, making this group amazing.

2ND SUTTON COLDFIELD WEST SCOUT GROUP
(1ST WYLDE GREEN - 163RD BIRMINGHAM)
Registered Charity 524608

Receipts and Payments Accounts for
Year Ending 31st December 2023

Balance as at 1st January 2023 £ 27,936.22

To which has been added during the period:

Subscriptions & Capitation £ 16,994.60

Explorers Capitation £ 358.00

Donations:

Use of Mini Bus £ 1,465.00

Use of Equipment/Hut £ 439.90

Grants:

Youth Investment Fund grant £ 6,912.00

Charities Trust donation £ 250.00

Turner Trust donation £ 2,000.00

Use of HQ (by Explorers) £ 300.00

Sales of Group Hoodies / clothing £ 347.25

Camps & Trips £ 14,755.16

Misc. £ 270.00

Total Receipts £ 44,091.91

Total Carried over £ 72,028.13

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Total Carried Forward £ 72,028.13

From which has been paid out:

Capitation £ 7,695.00

Mini Bus Expenses (including Insurance) £ 1,587.51

Purchase of Hoodies/Neckers/Badges £ 1,288.62

Camps & Visits £ 15,360.00

Architects fees & planning application £ 8,281.64

HQ Expenses:

Hut Insurance £ 2,948.69

Utilities £ 2,236.38

Council Tax £ 54.74

Scout Association Equipment Insurances £ 473.00

Electrical rewire and certification £ 2,652.00

Cleaning Equipment £ 131.94

Health & Safety £ 154.00

Repairs and Maintenance to HQ and Equipment £ 210.46

Total HQ Expenses £ 8,861.21

Tents & Camping Equipment £ 2,280.66

Online Scout Manager subscription £ 20.00

Miscellaneous Expenses £ 385.45

Section Operational Expenses

Squirrels £ 200.00

Beavers £ 243.98

Cubs £ 303.21

Scouts £ 200.00

£ 947.19

Total Expenses £ 46,707.28

Balance as at year end carried forward £ 25,320.85

Bank £ 24,432.63

Petty cash £ 888.22

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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 SUTTON COWFIELD (1st WYLOE GREEN) SCOUT GROUP.

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no (if any)

54608

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

06/04/24

Name:

DAVID PERRY FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

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

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