

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Saltney Ferry Scout and Guide Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Saltney Ferry Scout Hut

Bradshaw Avenue

Saltney Ferry

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Dunn	Chairman	
2	Val Kealy	Trustee	
3	Carly Jones	Trustee	
4	James Reynolds	Group Lead Volunteer	
5	John Arnold Brooks	Trustee	
6	Laura Mawdsley	Parent Representative	
7	James Mawdsley	Parent Representative	
8	Toni Davies	Parent Representative	
9	Kirsty Williams	Parent Representative	
10	Lez Body	Parent Representative	
11	Paul Body	Leader Representative	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

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## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. 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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This 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;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Group public occasions;

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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p><b>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)</b>  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:</p> <p>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 exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>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 ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)</b>  The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- enjoy what they are doing and have fun</li> <li>- take part in activities indoors and outdoors</li> <li>- learn by doing</li> <li>- share in spiritual reflection</li> <li>- take responsibility and make choices</li> <li>- undertake new and challenging activities</li> <li>- make and live by their Promise.</li> </ul>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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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.

<b>Section D</b>	<b>Achievements and performance</b>
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

the safety of the Young People we provide activities for. We did this through grants, with £15,900 in grant income, to purchase new kayaks, new water safety equipment and also the purchase of a new mess tent, toilet tents and toilets. We also spent some group money, in the purchase of new equipment for leaders to make their lives easier in delivering experiences to our Young People. We saw the group go cashless and invest a small amount of money in Online Scout Manager to handle all of our income from parents. We saw the monthly cost of membership rise from £10 to £12 to cover this cost and also the cost of increasing utility bills. Our biggest achievement last year, was opening a brand new Section, Squirrels, with young people aged 4-6, with this came new volunteers and new families that we aim to keep in the group for as long as possible. On the whole it was a positive year!

<b>Section E</b>	<b>Financial Review</b>
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

**Reserves Policy**

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to X months running costs, circa £X.

The Group held reserves of approximately £X against this at year end. This is above the level/below required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by .....

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

### Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

The group works hard to maintain cash flow, with fundraising events, grant applications and donations. We do this to prevent increasing costs to our Young People at a time when money is tight.

### Section F

### Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

The plan for Saltney Ferry Scout Group is to continue on our

### Section G

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J. Dunn

J. Reynolds

Full name(s)

John Dunn

James Reynolds

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman

Group Lead Volunteer

Date

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Income and Expenses  
01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022

Account  
Income

Activities	£1,736.00
Events	£2,638.59
Grants	£15,914.14
Hall Hire	£927.00
Misc Group Costs	£211.00
Subs	£7,658.00
Uniform	£11.00
Week Camp	£5,633.50
Weekend Camps	£4,405.00
Income - TOTAL	£39,134.23

Expenses

Activities	£1,932.71
Courses	£381.01
Events	£396.50
Insurances	£1,581.37
Misc Group Costs	£4,406.48
Subs (Census)	£4,345.00
Uniform	£25.00
Utilities	£602.85
Week Camp	£5,451.83
Weekend Camps	£3,693.25
Weekly Meetings	£105.24
Expenses - TOTAL	£22,921.24

TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES                      £16,212.99