



1st Whitchurch Scout Group

Annual General Meeting 22nd May 2024

Committee Attendees: Neale Thomas (chair), Rebecca Allsopp, Nick Allsopp, Helen Williams, Alya Lawrence, Siân Widdows, Les Hancock, Huw Jones, Pierre Deamotte.

Apologies: None

The meeting was well attended. 16 parents and or guardians were in attendance for some or all of the meeting.

1. The chair welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. General plea for help and more volunteers. Big thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who have enabled another successful year.
2. The minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved.
3. The current committee stood down.
4. The Treasurer delivered the report for 2023 and confirmed that the report had been scrutinised by an independent examiner in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. See Appendix 1 for a full report.

Income increased slightly compared to previous year. Gift aid income - need to keep promoting this - plea to those attending AGM to please sign up to Gift aid if a UK taxpayer. Our Scout group is in a fortunate position financially, but there are significant costs to upkeep the building. Spending increased last year due to external cladding work.

Hall hirer income is reinvested into maintaining the hall and into the group. Subs have been frozen again this year and Scout group pays capitation costs for all members and

subsidises other activities for the troop e.g. trips, support for young leaders and camps. New stoves have been purchased this year.

£68, 904 in cash flow. Need to keep 3 years of hall running costs in reserve (approx. £40,000).

Plan to get interior of the hall painted this year, gates replaced and some fencing replaced.

5. Review of the Beavers Section was delivered by Helen Williams.

13 Beavers in the colony, tough year for Beavers as Helen is the only leader in uniform. Alya (scout leader) has stepped in lots of times this year to ensure Beaver meetings can still go ahead. Assistant leader is stepping down this summer. Some activities are still constricted by the lack of qualified leaders. Plea for more Beaver leaders or any additional help - this is the priority for the colony to grow and thrive.

Lots of activities this year: campfires, smores, railway safety, water fight (lots of fun), agility badge, team building, first overnight camp (since pandemic), space badge, spooky halloween night, Burns night.

More young leaders hoping to start in September 2024.

6. Review of the Cubs section was delivered by Nick Allsopp.

21 cubs with strong attendance. 45 badges awarded (according to OSM) and 2 Chief Scout silver awards. Strong position leader wise with 4 fantastic adult leaders and 3 young leaders. One leader is stepping down this year, so looking to recruit another adult leader. Lots of hikes, cooking outdoors, trips including trampoline and climbing. Lots of team building and leadership games, celebrating Diwali, Chinese new year, Halloween etc. No overnight camps in 2023 due to difficulties in coordinating leader availability.

7. Review of the Scouts section was delivered by Alya Lawrence.

24 Scouts with good attendance. 230 badges awarded over the year. 3 Scouts have successfully auditioned for the gang show this year. Lots of activities over the year including an expedition challenge for the older Scouts in Spring 2023 and another expedition planned for July 2024. Six Scouts have achieved their gold Chief Scout awards (two to be awarded at the end of the AGM).

5 camps held throughout the year including a weekend at Silvercross in December. Lots of badgework tied in with camps. Other activities included NSPCC online safety evening, Scouts have written their own code of conduct, cycle ride, night hikes, design of a Scout uniform T-shirt.

8. Leaders General news - No changes to Group Leader for each section. Big thank you to leaders from chair for delivering an exciting programme over the year.
9. Trustee Board - some changes have happened over the last year to the governance of Scout groups. Executive Committees will be renamed Trustee Boards to recognise that group exec. members are trustees. Group constitution will need to be readopted on an annual basis, group constitution is adapted from the model constitution from the Scout Association. AGM attendees voted to accept and readopt the new group constitution for the next year.
10. The 2023 Chair asked for nominations for the position of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, maintenance coordinator, a parent representative for each area Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.
11. The following were duly nominated and seconded:
 - Neale Thomas - Chair (re-elected)
 - Faye Jones and Michelle Randall - Treasurers
 - Siân Widdows - Secretary (re-elected)
 - Jo Morris - Scout parent representative
 - Sion Price - Cub parent representative
 - Sandra Jakeman - Beaver parent representative
 - Pierre Delamotte
 - Huw Jones (will stand down in autumn 2024)

12. AOB

Award of gold Chief Scout awards to two Scouts (1 absent tonight). There is a lot of work involved and both have worked on it at home and in scout meetings.

Big thank you and presentation to Becca for all her hard work volunteering for the group as a treasurer and other roles over many years.

Appendix 1

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1ST WHITCHURCH SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of 1st Whitchurch Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2023

Respective responsibilities of 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 this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It includes a consideration of any unusual items of disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed.....

Date : 22 March 2024

1st Whitchurch Scout Group (Charity no. 524959)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from		To	
1st January 2023		1st January 2024	

Receipts and payments

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	3,760	4,013
Camps and Events	2,415	1,273
Donations	138	21
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	1,010
Other similar income	35	18
Savings account closure		54
Sub total	6,348	6,389
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	22,536	22,012
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	22,536	22,012
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	299	203
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	299	203
Total Gross Income	29,182	28,604
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	29,182	28,604

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Receipts and payments account

	<small>Year start date</small>		<small>Year start date</small>
For the year from	1st January 2023	To	1st January 2024

Receipts and payments

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	2,753	2,946
Youth programme and activities	4,340	3,024
Adult support and training	-	-
Council Rates and Waste	1,137	1,154
Water and Sewerage	473	854
Electricity and Gas	2,689	1,630
Insurance	1,803	1,643
Repairs and Renewals	16,652	10,446
Materials and equipment	2,578	194
Printing and photocopying (OSM & Quickbooks)	235	55
Uniforms and badges	471	423
AGM and trustee expenses	-	17
Donations and gifts	310	425
Licences	536	518
Health and safety	228	319
Hire of building refund	150	192
Sub total	34,355	23,840
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	34,355	23,840
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	34,355	23,840
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,173	4,764
Cash funds last year end	74,077	69,313
Cash funds this year end	68,904	74,077


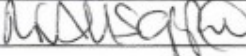
Receipts and payments account

	<small>Year start date</small>		<small>Year start date</small>
For the year from	1st January 2023	To	1st January 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	68,571	36,634
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	37,280
Electronic Floats	333	162
Total cash funds	68,904	74,076
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	2,952	3,032
Land and buildings	153,015	153,015
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	11,532	12,813
Other	-	-
Sub total	167,498	168,860
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	236,402	242,936

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22nd May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

 Signature	
 Signature	

Print Name NEALE THOMAS	Print Name Chair
Print Name REBECCA ALLSOP	Print Name Treasurer