

# **7th CHELTENHAM (CHARLTON KINGS) SCOUT GROUP**

## **Report & Summary of the Accounts**

**for the Year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

### **TRUSTEES:**

Keith Alder	- Chairman
Peter Aylott	- Assistant Group Scout Leader
Karen Buchanan-Hughes	- Secretary
Trevor Dumbleton	
Chris Frank	
Jem Hird	
Ted Hughes	
Julien LePlain	- Group Scout Leader
Chris Ryan	- Treasurer
Peter Sandalls	

**BANKERS: Principal Account: Lloyds Bank, High Street, Cheltenham**

**OTHER ADVISERS: None**

**Group Registration Number with The Scout Association - 2902**

**Charity Registration Number 800709**

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### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

#### **ACTIVITIES / ACHIEVEMENTS / CHANGES / COMMENTARY FOR 2022 / 2023**

##### **Scouting**

It is pleasing to report that following the disruption of the Covid pandemic this year has seen a return to somewhere near normality in the provision of our Scouting. Our membership numbers have shown a healthy recovery with our youth members standing at 125 plus 16 in our affiliated Explorer Unit and 27 Leaders. Waiting lists are still healthy so we should see a gradual return to our pre pandemic levels.

Activities by all Sections have reflected this return to normality. Beavers have enjoyed a varied programme including craft, outdoor cooking and local environment projects. A sleepover at the hall is taking place in the near future. Similarly, our Cub Packs have undertaken a full programme including sleepovers at the hall, visits to a mosque, synagogue and local church for their Faith badges, a narrowboat weekend on the Grand Union Canal and a big Winter Camp at Cranham Scout Centre where archery and air rifle shooting were amongst a wide range of activities. Our Scout Troops concentrated on craft and projects for the local community culminating in a weekend camp where the main activity was the construction of a bench beside the Cotswold Way overlooking Cheltenham replacing one that fallen into disrepair. It was a similar story with our affiliated Explorer Scout Unit as they undertook activities that included skiing, go-karting and a summer camp in Kinross, Scotland.

## **Finances**

The Group Committee have continued to maintain the fabric of our meeting hall and facilities. Increasing fuel bills have led to the provision of more insulation and new windows as well as the replacement of worn out guttering and the updating of lighting. The Group Committee continues to manage the group's finances efficiently, but we must endeavour to recruit some new members to keep it fresh and invigorated. Similarly, the recruitment of new young Leaders is crucial to continuing our success story. Only with the continued support of all our volunteers can we continue to thrive as a Group. We must not forget the past and it was with great pleasure to all that our longest serving member Ted , a Scout and Leaders with us for 80 years, agreed to become our Group President so that he can oversee the next 80 years of our Group!

**Other work will be undertaken subject to adequate funding**

**The Trustees are constantly reviewing the risks to which they believe the Group may be exposed; systems and training processes are being put into place to mitigate risks, major or otherwise.**

**The objects of the Group are the Promotion of Scouting.**

**The Group is a Trust established under the rules which are common to all Groups/districts.**

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

**These Accounts have been drawn up on the Receipts and Payments basis**

**Approved by the Trustees on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**Total income for the year           £32848.34**

**Total payments for the year       £34151.03**

**As at 31st March 2023, Cash, bank and similar funds to be carried forward   £52422.60**

### **EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTS**

**Lloyds Scouting Ac - covers receipt of Subscriptions; 7th Scouting requirements**

**Lloyds Building Ac – covers all immediate buildings projects; Insurances; Marquee hiring**

**Lloyds Saver Ac – covers buildings projects scheduled for future years**

## **INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

### Income

Membership Subscriptions	£19910.00
Gift Aid	£ 1742.60
Marquee Sales	£ 2305.00
Scouting Activity Fees	£ 857.00
Camp Fees (Refunds)	£ 7775.23
Bank Interest	£ 58.61
Fundraising incl. Donations	<u>£ 199.90</u>
Total	£32848.34

### Expenditure

Donation	£ 41.95
Hall / Cottage renovation	£ 5916.34
Motor expenses	£ 2120.73
Camp costs	£ 5864.77
Scouting Activity Costs	£ 4504.71
Training	£ 17.50
Marquee Expenses	£ 368.00
Capitation to HQ	£10153.50
Hall Costs –electric/insurance/water,etc	<u>£ 5163.53</u>
Total	£34151.03

## **Statement of Assets & Liabilities (£0.00) as at 31st March 2023**

Bank Accounts	£52,422.60
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Total	£52,422.60

## **Non-Monetary Assets (for charities own use)**

Land and buildings	£600,000.00
Motor vehicles	£ 2850.00
Scouting Equipment	£ 27941.45
Marquee Equipment	£ 15000.00

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Our Ref: WF/AC

20 September 2023

Dear Sirs

**Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023**

We herby confirm that we have carried out an independent examination, without carrying out an audit, of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham (Charlton Kings) Scout Group accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Confirmation of our examination is provided without any acceptance by Francis & Co, of any responsibility whatsoever, and any use you wish to make of the information is, therefore, entirely at your own risk.

Yours faithfully



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