

7th CHELTENHAM (CHARLTON KINGS) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Report for the Year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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 2024

ACTIVITIES / ACHIEVEMENTS / CHANGES / COMMENTARY FOR 2023 / 2024

Scouting

It is pleasing to report a successful Scouting year in which we have continued our

Group consolidation since the upheavals of the Covid pandemic. Our membership

numbers have shown a healthy recovery with our youth members standing at 142

plus 18 in our affiliated Explorer Unit and 26 Leaders. Waiting lists are still healthy

and further expansion is only restricted by the lack of new willing volunteer Leaders.

Despite Leadership challenges our volunteers Leader team has been able to provide

a full and varied programme for all across our various sections. Beavers have

enjoyed a varied programme including craft, outdoor cooking and local environment

projects. A sleepover at our HQ was held in the summer term. 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 Woodhouse Park Scout Camp

where archery and air rifle shooting were amongst a wide range of activities. Our

Scout Troops held a summer camp in Crickhowell in the heart of the Black

Mountains with varied activities including gorge scrambling, caving and also the

more traditional Scouting camping skills. It was a similar story with our affiliated

Explorer Scout Unit who joined the Scouts at their Summer camp as well as

undertaking other activities that included skiing, go karting and mini golf.

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. A new minibus has been purchased for the Group so that all Sections can

benefit in the provision of activities away from our Headquarters.

Finances

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

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

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7th CHELTENHAM (CHARLTON KINGS) SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

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

Approved by the Trustees on 25th September 2024

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2024

Total income for the year £45784.24

Total payments for the year £40552.00

As at 31st March 2024, Cash, bank and similar funds to be carried forward £44533.24

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 2022

Income

Membership Subscriptions	£ 19722.50
Gift Aid	£ 3561.15
Marquee Sales	£ 1485.00
Scouting Activity Fees	£ 1359.00
Camp Fees	£ 19280.00
Bank Interest	£ 321.59
Fundraising incl. Donations	<u>£ 55.00</u>
Total	£ 45784.24

Expenditure

Hall / Cottage renovation	£ 218.28
Donations	£ 0.00
Camp costs	£17506.49
Scouting Activity Costs	£ 5579.99
Capitation to HQ	£ 9207.50
Motor expenses	£ 2451.16

Internet charges	£	107.86
Building Maintenance	£	609.91
Other	£	377.34
Hall Costs – electric/insurance/water,etc		<u>£ 4493.47</u>
Total		£40552.00

Statement of Assets & Liabilities (£0.00) as at 31st March 2024

Bank Accounts	£44533.24

Total	£44533.24

Non-Monetary Assets (for charities own use)

Land and buildings	£600,000.00
Motor vehicles	£ 15621.60
Scouting Equipment	£ 42941.45
Marquee Equipment	£ 15000.00

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Our Ref: WF/AC

9 August 2024

Dear Sirs

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

We hereby confirm that we have carried out an independent examination, without carrying out an audit, of the 7th Cheltenham (Charlton Kings) Scout Group accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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



FRANCIS & CO