

3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2023

Reference and administration details

Charity Name: 3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP
Registered Charity Number: 1017225
Charity's principal address: 17 Patterdale Close, East Boldon, Tyne & Wear, NE36 0UD

The Charity Trustees who manage the charity with the Group Executive Committee are:

Mr Niall Graham	Group Scout Leader
Mrs Julie Allison	Group Treasurer
Mr Alan Holt	Group Trustee
Mrs Fiona Holt	Group Secretary

The Group Executive Committee members are:

Mr Jason Riby	Group Chairman
Mrs Kerry Currey	Explorer Scout Leader
Mr Ian Robertson	Explorer Scout Leader
Mr Chris Parks	Scout Leader
Mrs Sharmila Parks	Parent Representative
Mr Malcolm Ireland-Craig	Parent Representative

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's 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 and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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

The Group is fortunate to have sufficient leaders and volunteers to carry out all of its objectives and activities.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

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.

Achievements and performance

The children undertook and enjoyed many activities during the year including winter camps, the annual Thurston trip, regional Scout events, RNLI station visit, as well as our sailing programme. These activities achieved scout badges across all sections including:

- 259 badges gained in Beavers including Chief Scout Bronze awards,
- 199 badges gained in Cubs including Chief Scout Silver awards, and
- 220 badges gained in Scouts including Chief Scout Gold awards.

Financial Review

The accounts have previously been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis. This has been changed to accruals-based accounting this year to be easier for the reader of the accounts. The prior year figures have been re-stated to accruals based. The Group has made a small loss in the financial year due to investing in a replacement engine for one of the safety boats. Grant funding was obtained for 50% of the cost of this expenditure. The Group is facing increasing costs for capitation fees, insurance, accommodation and maintenance, however, the Group's prudent reserves policy mean that the Group continues to be financially sound with sufficient funds to meet its objectives.

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 and to hold a fund for replacement of equipment essential to the running of the Group. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to one year's running costs, approximately £15,000 and a replacement fund of £15,000. The replacement fund is to provide for the potential replacement of minibuses, sailing boats, rescue craft and other equipment.

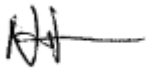
Major items of income and expenditure in the year are:

- English Sports Council Lottery grant of £10,000 was received in 2021/22 for the purchase of kayaks and paddle boards. £3,139 was spend on kayaks last year and the balance of £6,861 was spent in this financial year.
- Royal Navy Fund grant of £3,750 was received in 2021/22 to cover 50% of the cost of a replacement engine for the rescue boat. The expenditure on the engine was incurred in this financial year.
- The Group booked places for Explorer Scouts on the July 2023 Tall Ships Race. Some expenditure was incurred on deposits in this financial year which was covered by income from the scouts attending.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they approved the above trustees' report on 26th January 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Niall Graham
Group Scout Leader
26th January 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
		2023	2023	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions					
Beavers subscriptions		2,565		2,093	
Cubs subscriptions		3,285		2,140	
Scouts subscriptions		5,073		5,030	
Explorers subscriptions		3,400		3,810	
Collection fees	-	461		413	
			13,861		12,660
Paid Events Income					
Thurston		10,022		-	
Duke of Edinburgh		775		150	
Pantomime		-		945	
Confido		1,520		-	
Tall Ships		2,486		-	
Other paid events		1,085		1,534	
			15,888		2,629
Other Income					
Donations & fundraising		19		871	
Gift Aid Income		4,380		2,826	
Sale of equipment		566		1,274	
Sale of uniform		358		626	
Other income		83		2	
			5,406		5,600
Grant Income					
ESC Lottery Fund		6,861		3,139	
Royal Navy Fund		3,750		-	
Community Foundation Grant		-		1,000	
			10,611		4,139
TOTAL INCOME			45,766		25,028
Cost of paid events:					
Thurston	-	10,327		-	
Duke of Edinburgh	-	631		195	
Pantomime	-	-		892	
Confido	-	1,440		-	
Tall Ships	-	2,486		-	
Other paid events	-	301		1,323	
			15,185		2,410
Overheads					
Capitation charges	-	4,976		5,499	
Sailing Club - boat storage	-	1,817		1,750	
Sailing Club - premises charges	-	1,800		1,100	
Events costs including all fuel costs	-	2,229		487	
Insurance - minibus	-	1,811		1,774	
Insurance - boats	-	1,625		1,297	
Insurance - equipment	-	269		262	
Vehicles - MOT, servicing, repairs and road tax	-	1,528		988	
Boats - servicing and repairs	-	1,480		624	
Equipment purchases	-	189		556	
Purchase of badges	-	347		276	
Purchase of uniform	-	56		987	
Other unit running costs (OSM, Zoom, consumables etc)	-	480		829	
Bank charges	-	66		24	
			18,675		16,453
Grant Funded or One-off Purchases					
Grant funded spend - paddle boards	-	-		1,076	
Grant funded spend - kayaks	-	7,350		3,139	
Grant funded spend - engine (50% funded)	-	6,525		-	
Storage containers and installation	-	-		3,816	
Trailer for new yacht	-	230		-	
			14,106		8,031
Total Expenditure			47,966		26,894
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			2,200		1,866

Reconciliation of Funds

Total funds brought forward		40,116	41,982
Net movement in funds ¹	1	- 2,200	- 1,866
Total funds carried forward		<u>37,916</u>	<u>40,116</u>

Note 1

The summary below shows the net surplus on core activities in the financial years and the cost of one-off investments. In 2022 this was the purchase and installation of storage units. In 2023 this was the purchase of replacement engine for RIB which was 50% grant funded.

Profit/Loss on Core Activities		918	1,338
One-off expenditure		- 3,118	- 3,204
		<u>- 2,200</u>	<u>- 1,866</u>

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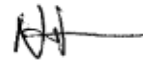
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Tangible assets	2	-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors: East Boldon Scouts		-		5,000	
Cash at bank		48,159	48,159	50,377	55,377
Creditors falling due within 1 year					
Accruals: Sailing Club boat fees	-	1,817		1,750	
Accruals: Sailing Club premises fees	-	1,800		1,100	
Income in advance: ESC Lottery		-		6,861	
Income in Advance: RN Fund (50% grant)		-		3,750	
Income in Advance: RN Training Fund	-	3,812		-	
Income in advance: Events income Tall Ships	-	2,814		-	
Income in advance: Events income Thurston		-		1,740	
Income in advance: Events income Monopoly		-		60	
		-	10,243	-	15,261
Total Net Assets			37,916		40,116
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted funds	3		37,916		40,116
Total Funds			37,916		40,116

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the 13th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by Niall Graham, Group Scout Leader



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Notes to the financial statements

Year Ended 31 March 2023

2: Non-Monetary Assets

The charity holds a number of assets for Scout and water activities which have no monetary value in Balance Sheet. This includes dinghies, trailers, rescue boats, trailers, kayaks, minibuses, paddle boards and other equipment.

3. Charity Funds

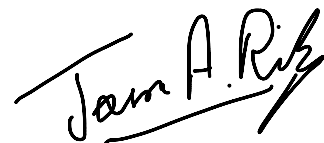
The charity's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the activities of the Group should income reduce and to hold a fund for replacement of essential equipment. Details of these reserves is below.

Charity Funds

Unrestricted reserves	7,966	6,566
Annual running cost reserve	14,950	14,800
Equipment replacement fund reserve	15,000	15,000
RN Fund : Scout expenditure commitment	0	3,750
Total Funds	<u>37,916</u>	<u>40,116</u>

Reserve for annual running costs:

Insurance	3,820	3,420
Minibus costs	1,680	1,680
Sailing Club costs	3,650	3,400
Membership costs	300	300
District Capitation Charge	5,500	6,000
	<u>14,950</u>	<u>14,800</u>



Jason A Riby
17/1/2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd South Shields Sea Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report in respect of my examination of the 3rd South Shields Sea Scout Group 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.

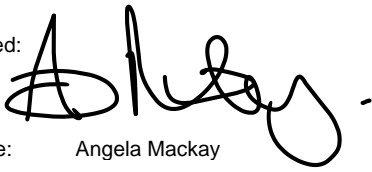
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 3rd South Shields Sea Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Date: 9/01/2024

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