

3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2024

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 Dan Currey	Explorer Scout Leader
Mr Ian Robertson	Explorer Scout Leader
Mr Chris Parks	Scout Leader
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.

Two Group Executive Committee members have stepped down as their children are over 18. The Group will seek other Parent Representatives to replace Sharmila Parks and Philip Henman.

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 summer trip to Thurston, regional Scout events, as well as our sailing programme.

Our Explorer Scouts took part in the Tall Ships Race from Den Helder to Hartlepool in July 2023 alongside Scouts from East Boldon Scout Group. 21 Explorers had the opportunity to enjoy this incredible trip, meeting many other young sailors at the events in the host towns. A further weekend of sailing was booked to allow Scouts who were too young for the race to experience sailing a Tall Ship.

Two members of our group have been successful in achieving the King Scout award and Gold Duke of Edinburgh award, and will be attending Windsor Castle in the new year to collect their award. We believe that Only 5 King Scout awards have been achieved in the Durham Region this year , so the award of 2 in this Group is a massive achievement.

These activities achieved scout badges across all sections including:

- 221 badges gained in Beavers including 13 Chief Scout awards,
- 100+ badges gained in Cubs including 1 Chief Scout Silver awards,
- 409 badges gained in Scouts including 129 Challenge badges,
- 23 badges gained in Explorers including 2 King Scout awards.

Financial Review

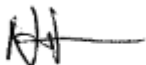
The Group has made a small profit in the financial year. The Group is facing increasing costs for capitation fees, insurance, accommodation and maintenance, however, the Group's prudent reserves policy mean that the Group continues to be financially sound with sufficient funds to meet its objectives. Major items of income and expenditure in the year relate to the Tall Ship Race. The Group took part in this event in July 2023 and all income and expenditure associated is included in this financial year.

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 £16,000 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.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they approved the above trustees' report on 20th November 2024.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Niall Graham
Group Scout Leader
20th November 2024

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Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

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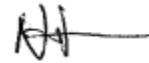
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Tangible assets	2	-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Cash at bank		53,942		48,159	
Prepayments: Hawkfirst Aug-24 deposit payment		1,272	55,214	-	48,159
Creditors falling due within 1 year					
Accruals: Sailing Club boat fees	-	1,900		1,817	
Accruals: Sailing Club premises fees	-	2,600		1,800	
Accruals: Capitation charges 2024	-	5,712		-	
Accruals: RIB fuel and badges/uniform	-	682		-	
Income in Advance: RN Training Fund	-	2,332		3,812	
Income in Advance: Summer Camp 2024 deposit	-	1,500		-	
Income in advance: Events income Tall Ships		-	14,726	2,814	10,243
Total Net Assets			40,488		37,916
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted funds	3		40,488		37,916
Total Funds			40,488		37,916

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the 20th November 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 2024

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	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
Unrestricted reserves	9,258	7,966
Annual running cost reserve	16,230	14,950
Equipment replacement fund reserve	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total Funds	<u>40,488</u>	<u>37,916</u>

Reserve for annual running costs:	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
Insurance	4,300	3,820
Minibus costs	1,680	1,680
Sailing Club costs	4,450	3,650
Membership costs	300	300
District Capitation Charge	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
	16,230	14,950

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
		2024	2024	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£
Subscriptions					
Beavers subscriptions		2,250		2,565	
Cubs subscriptions		2,565		3,285	
Scouts subscriptions		4,400		5,073	
Explorers subscriptions		3,385		3,400	
Collection fees	-	407		461	
			12,193		13,861
Paid Events Income					
Thurston		9,330		10,022	
Duke of Edinburgh		-		775	
Confido		1,920		1,520	
Tall Ships (including sponsorship)		14,802		2,486	
Other paid events		856		1,085	
			26,908		15,888
Other Income					
Donations & fundraising		49		19	
Gift Aid Income		6,215		4,380	
Sale of equipment		1,000		566	
Sale of uniform		66		358	
Other income		449		83	
			7,778		5,406
Grant Income					
ESC Lottery Fund		-		6,861	
Royal Navy Fund		1,480		3,750	
			1,480		10,611
TOTAL INCOME			48,360		45,766
Direct cost of paid events:					
Thurston	-	8,982		10,327	
Duke of Edinburgh	-	-		631	
Confido	-	1,684		1,440	
Tall Ships	-	14,619		2,486	
Other paid events	-	418		301	
			25,704		15,185
Overheads					
Capitation charges	-	5,712		4,976	
Sailing Club - boat storage	-	1,900		1,817	
Sailing Club - premises charges	-	2,700		1,800	
Events costs including minibus and RIB fuel costs	-	2,292		2,229	
Insurance - minibus	-	1,962		1,811	
Insurance - boats	-	1,799		1,625	
Insurance - equipment	-	301		269	
Vehicles - MOT, servicing, repairs and road tax	-	880		1,528	
Boats - servicing and repairs	-	136		1,480	
Equipment purchases	-	-		189	
Purchase of badges/uniform	-	725		403	
Other unit running costs (OSM, Zoom, consumables etc)	-	133		480	
Bank charges	-	63		66	
			18,603		18,675
Grant Funded or One-off Purchases					
Grant funded spend - kayaks	-	-		7,350	
Grant funded spend - engine (50% funded)	-	-		6,525	
Grant funded spend - training	-	1,480		-	
Trailer for new yacht	-	-		230	
			1,480		14,106
Total Expenditure			- 45,788		- 47,966
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			2,572		- 2,200

Reconciliation of Funds

Total funds brought forward		37,583	39,782
Net movement in funds ¹	1	<u>2,572</u>	- <u>2,200</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>40,155</u></u>	<u><u>37,583</u></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 2023 this was the purchase of replacement engine for RIB which was 50% grant funded. Income in 2024 was from the sale of equipment

Profit/Loss on Core Activities		1,572	918
One-off income/(expenditure)		<u>1,000</u>	- <u>3,118</u>
		<u><u>2,572</u></u>	<u><u>- 2,200</u></u>

**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 2024.

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:



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