

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 December 2023

THE TAYLOR HALL - Registered Charity No. 305038

The Hall is administered under the auspices of the Charity Commissioners' Scheme 1335/53. The Trustees are all closely associated with Scouting in the Bourne. The Hall is used solely for the purposes of the 5th Farnham (Bourne) Scout Group.

Apart from the Hall, of which the ownership is vested in the Charity Commission, the only asset of the Charity is a minor bank balance of £357 whose purpose is to help with the maintenance of the Hall. These funds are held by The Scout Group.

THE SCOUT GROUP - Registered Charity No. 1020614.


The Section accounts for the 7 Sections are attached. Overall, the Sections show an operating deficit of £3,562 as the Sections paid up outstanding subscriptions to the Group. The Section bank account balances have subsequently decreased from £22,126 to £18,564. As usual, our thanks go to the Section Treasurers for their work in supporting their Leaders and in providing the vital flow of subscription income to central Group funds.

The Group accounts are attached. They show a deficit of £15,431 for the year taking the year-end balance from £79,862 to £64,431. The deficit was driven by the material refurbishment of £26,789 to Taylor Hall. Excluding this exceptional item, the Group would have generated a surplus of £11,358, which is inline with prior year surpluses.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The ownership of the Taylor Hall, used by the Group as its Headquarters, has been vested in the Charity Commission for over 100 years, though the Group is responsible for all outgoings including insurance and maintenance. The plot of land in Black Pond Lane on which the old equipment store stands was bought by the Group, though for legal reasons the ownership is vested in the Scout Association.

The Group has no outstanding liabilities, other than the £357 cash held on behalf The Taylor Hall.



Fletcher Cox
Group Treasurer
28 June 2024

Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023

	YE 31 Dec 2023		
	Group	Sections	Overall
Receipts			
Subscriptions	0	25,204	25,204
Tax Recovery	5,358	0	5,358
Donations	1,569	5	1,574
Hall Hire	570	0	570
Fund Raising (Net)	1,803	0	1,803
Explorers	2,900	0	2,900
Sundries	61	664	725
Bank Interest	0	0	0
Total Receipts	12,261	25,873	38,134
Payments			
District Dues	8,564	0	8,564
Premises - Heat, Light, Water	1,165	0	1,165
Premises - Insurance	1,363	0	1,363
Premises - Repairs	30,101	0	30,101
Premises - Cleaning	198	0	198
Net activity expense	0	8,317	8,317
Equipment	3,837	308	4,145
Admin/Badges/Misc	420	2,257	2,677
Training	540	0	540
Frensham Pond Sailing Club	0	0	0
Hardship Fund	1,434	0	1,434
Bank charges	0	149	149
Total Payments	47,620	11,030	58,651
Events Surplus / (Deficit)			
Surplus / (deficit) - Fifth Fest	(68)	0	(68)
Surplus / (deficit) - Camp	650	915	1,565
Surplus / (deficit) - Panto	26	0	26
Total Events Surplus / (Deficit)	608	915	1,523
Transfers			
Section Transfers	19,320	(20,245)	(926)
2023 sections subs yet to be paid to Group		926	926
Surplus/(Deficit)	(15,431)	(3,562)	(18,993)
Bank Balance 1/1/23	79,862	22,126	101,988
Bank Balance 31/12/23	64,431	18,564	82,995

Examiner's Report for the year ending 31 December 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 5th Farnham Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charities trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other the Charity and the Charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

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 Commissions under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the charity commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any 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
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. To prepare the 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 given in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Thomas Schrade

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CPA

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Date: 25 June 2024