

1st DAVENHAM (Church) Scout Group Charity Number 1029781

Registered Address: 562 London Road, Davenham, Cheshire CW9 8LR

Registered Trustees:

Chris Lawton - Chair
Jacqueline Turpin - Secretary
Webdy Capelle - Treasurer
David Bibby Group Scout Leader

Structure/Management of the Group

The Scout Group held an Annual General Meeting on the 15th July 2024 which consisted of the 4 Trustees, a representative from each section of the Group and a number of parents. All parents of members were invited to attend.

At the AGM each section provided a report of their activities during the previous year, the fundraising committee updated on the fundraising events which were held during the year and the Treasurer presented the annual accounts which are approved at the meeting.

At the AGM a new Chair was nominated and appointed and the 3 current Trustees were re-elected.

In addition to the AGM regular Leader meetings were held with the Trustees attending at which future activities were discussed.

The Group activities and objectives in the year.

The purpose of the Scout Group 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.

To achieve this the Group provides an enjoyable and interesting scheme of progressive training where the members can obtain badges as a recognition of their achievements.

The Groups constitution was revised inline with the Scouting Association guidelines and approved at the AGM in July 2023. A copy is attached to this report.

In addition, a Group Strategy is being developed to summarise the Davenham Scout Groups objectives and how we intend to achieve them.

Our three main objectives are to

- Increase group membership and wider local access to Scouting not only for youth membership but more adult volunteers to run sections and support Trustees
- Fundraise – to increase group reserves to help maintain the scouting activities and improve our financial position by the time we begin construction on the new building
- Construct a new Centenary Scout Hall with capacity to enable local community groups to access the facilities.

The Fundraising Committee continued to deliver a fundraising plan for the year in order to generate additional income to help towards the costs involved in delivering the Scout Group activities and to build up a fund for the development of a new purpose-built building for use by the Scout Group and the wider community.

Updates from the Annual General Meeting held on the 15th July 2024

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The Groups achievements and its performance during the financial year.

Chair's report

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting as this was his first attendance at the AGM as the incumbent Chair. The meeting was very well attended, with lots of parents/relatives/carers and children.

The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were asked if they wish to continue in their current positions as Trustees which they all agreed and were then unanimously voted back in the roles for the coming year.

The chair outlined the agenda, and invited those in attendance to ask any questions, or make any comments as they felt fit.

The Chair thanked all those people who had helped throughout the past year in whatever capacity either at the section meetings or with the fundraising events.

New Building Update- Following approval of the Groups plans for a new building by the Local Council in 2022, in September 2023 we registered the name and address of the building with the Local Council – Centenary Scout Hall. In November 2023 a new technical committee has been formed of professional technical volunteers to provide advice and guidance on how to progress the project from the planning approval stage to the construction of a building. The help provided by this Committee has been invaluable over the year as detailed surveys and reports have started to be developed to assist with the development of a costing estimate for the construction of the building. In addition, in 2024/2025 a professional bid writer will be employed to undertake the submission of grant applications on behalf of the Group.

New Award

The Group Scout Leader presented the first ever Brian Sinfield Challenge Awards with badges going to Oliver Jackson, Harvey Brown and Finlay Jones, with the overall Award going to Finlay Jones. This was awarded based on completing mountain adventures, community volunteering and all-round commitment to scouting.

Brian Sinfield had been a Scout leader who sadly passed away in the year and in his memory a new Challenge Award was developed which has been funded by the Brians Employer and friend.

Scouting Sections

Scouts

Scouts membership: 23 (waiting list in place, with Cubs prioritised) 3 Leaders
Programme overview and focus on achievement with 6 scouts achieving the highest honour in scouts: the Chief Scout Gold Award. This is the highest number ever for 1st Davenham.

Other highlights joint man hunt with Cuddington and Sandiway Scouts

So many scouts participate in volunteering activity and fundraising

Summer programme highlights:

Man Hunt, Orienteering, Hedge Laying (dead hedging), First Aid, Pioneering, Local History Treasure Trail, Bike Hike, Rounders, Rafting and a hike in the Clywyds Mountain range

Cubs

Total members 22 Total leaders 5 Total young leaders 2

Summary:

- One pack overnight trip was completed successfully: sleepover in November 2023 which was well attended

- A full and varied programme of activities has been delivered throughout the year with the majority of Cubs attending. In particular the cubs have been developing skills for the Cheshire Min Hike which is due to take place in May 2024.
- Due to the limited capacity of 24, the limited volunteer resource to operate 2 packs, and the additional new Beaver colony established in the year, there will be very limited availability for new members to join the cubs as any capacity will be for young people moving up from Davenham Beavers.
- Total of five leaders registered on Compass, plus support from Group Scut Leader. To run with more than 16 Cubs requires 4 adult leaders need to be present.
- Young leaders are amazingly helpful, we couldn't run the section without them!

Beavers

It's been another busy year with a varied and balanced programme for our youngest section. As well as our weekly sessions, Beavers have taken part in the Mid-Cheshire District Challenge, Craft and Sports competitions. We had a Superheroes Sleepover in Weaverham and went on an adventure to Gulliver's World in Warrington.

Friday Beavers have just celebrated their first birthday and won the Mid-Cheshire District Sports event.

Since the last AGM in July 2023, over 300 badges have been awarded, including 4 Chief Scout Bronze Awards - the highest award for Beavers.

We currently have 22 Beavers in Monday's colony and 17 in Friday's colony. Since opening the second colony, we have not had to have a waiting list, as we can offer places as soon as children are old enough to join.

We'd like to thank our Young Leader and our DofE volunteers for their help over the year. Finally, there was a thank you to two of our volunteers who are moving on from Beavers, one had been a volunteer with Beavers for over 7 years and will be really missed. She will still play a role within our Group but we just wanted to let her know how much she's appreciated.

Fundraising Update

The Fundraising Committee had been working very hard throughout the year, organizing a number of events which have been well supported by the local community, as well as families of members. Key Events in the year were Christmas Tree's Sales, Log Sales, Plant Sale and the annual Beer Festival at the local Cricket Cub. All these events have been very successful so we have planned to hold the same events going forward. We had stalls at the two local villages Christmas Markets as well as helping out with the Rotary Club Santa Sleigh Ride around the local year. Whilst the majority of events are very well supported by the local community a appeal was made for volunteers to help out at the events and provide much needed support to the small fundraising team. In the summer of 2024, we are planning our first music festival on the Scout Land which if successful will hopefully become a key fundraising event

After some internal discussion it was agreed by the Trustless and Section Leaders that the Group did not have the resources or expertise to develop large funding bids to submit to organisations who were awarding large grants so in March 2024 a consultant has been engaged to identify originsations, develop and submit funding bids for funding to help with the construction of the new build. This was initially on a 6-month basis after which a review will be undertaken to assess the success of this strategy.

Locally the Group have been extremely grateful for the support of the Local County Council and the 2 local Parish Councils.

Financial Review

The accounts are based on a Receipts and Payments basis. The accounting period was for the 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Opening Bank Balance as at 1st April 2023 was £44584 (£1000 in separate account for the Challenge Award)

Receipts for the year was £43453

Payments for the year was £17014

Closing Bank Balance as at 31st March 2024 was £70514, with £1020 held in a separate bank account for the Challenge Award

Increase in funds in the year £26439 this was a increase of £13k from the previous year.

Summary

- **Scouting Activities**

The member's subscriptions were increased by £5 per term after 3 years of remaining at the same level. In addition, the new Beaver colony allowed for increased numbers of members, so overall the subscriptions increased by £3k to £13k

The cost of running the sections including hall hire, insurance and badges was £6k which was in line with the previous year.

- **Grants**

Grants from Local Councillors and Parish Councils in the year were £3k

- **Fundraising and donations**

The 4 main fundraising events were very successful and together with some smaller events attended by the Group over £22k income was raised at a cost of £5k, a profit of £17k similar to the previous year. We were also successful in receiving match funding for a number of the events from local organisations.

We were very grateful to receive a number of donations/ to the value of £7k

- **Other costs**

Utilities and maintenance of the Scout land were £1k

A consultant bid writer was engaged to develop funding bids which cost £300

- **Equipment**

A new trailer was purchased for £3k, we had previously relied of utilising a local farmers trailer as and when required but it was considered more efficient to purchase a trailer for use by the Group.

In addition, through external funding we purchased a supply of hi vis jackets and gardening tools for the members to use.

Additional solar panels were also purchased for use when the land was being used by the members.


Accounts Verification

The accounts have been independently verified. - please refer to separate document.

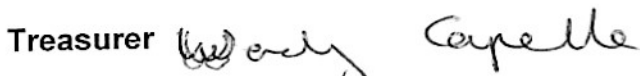
Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Chair



Treasurer



1st DAVENHAM SCOUT GROUP

Year ended 31 March 2024

Previous years figures

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT *shown for comparison purposes*

	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
Income	£	£
Subs/activities	12,677.45	9,678.56
Go Cardless and Sum up Fees	(428.90)	(324.20)
Davenham Parish Council Grant	3,100.00	800.00
Other Grants	0.00	2,000.00
Nat West Account Interest	815.00	186.04
NSB Investment Account	0.00	0.00
Other trips/Events/nights out	0.00	0.00
Davenham Carnival	0.00	0.00
Swimathon	0.00	0.00
Events	2,619.27	594.40
Misc sales	0.00	270.00
Easy Fund Raising	67.27	42.42
Fundraising Amazon Smile/Paypal	200.70	1,369.73
Fundraising Sale of Logs	3,079.00	6,351.90
Fundraising Beer Festival	7,022.50	6,180.00
Fundraising Plant Sale	2,455.30	2,225.10
Fundraising Christmas Trees	5,191.00	4,548.00
Donations	6,655.00	2,381.00
Contribution to remove sheds	0.00	2,580.00
Total Income	43,453.59	38,882.95
Expenditure		
Insurance	397.26	456.76
Hall Hire	1029.00	644.00
Capitation	0.00	3605.74
Donations	0.00	145.00
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts Activities	2,567.97	2,427.69
Leaders Training	117.27	0.00
Scout Shop/Badges	1,437.76	728.54
Group Activities/AGM/Bonfire	0.00	
Fundraising Plant Sale	1104.30	1050.00
Fundraising Xmas Trees	2035.00	1900.47
Fundraising Beer Festival	1389.83	1835.80
Other Events	560.37	0.00
OSM/Website	180.00	185.00
Pre Planning Application costs	0.00	1,880.20
Utilities	179.16	101.50
Peckmill Site Infrastructure	527.89	8,051.84
Stationery	23.84	0.00
Bid Writing	334.95	0.00

Equipment	5,129.83	2,380.03
Total Expenditure	17,014.43	25,392.57

Excess/(Shortfall) for the year	26,439.16	13,490.38
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FUNDS @ 31/03/2024	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
	£	£
Represented By:		
Cash Float	5.81	5.81
Debtors/Prepayments	(517.58)	(64.00)
Creditors		
Cash Book/Bank (NatWest)	70,514.86	43,642.39
Natwest B Sinfield Challenge Award	1,020.27	1,000.00
	71,023.36	44,584.20

Note: The above accounts are based on bankings and payments as

Signed

Chairman

Date:

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1ST DAVENHAM SCOUT GROUP. Charity Number: 1029781

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1ST DAVENHAM SCOUT GROUP Charity (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's 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:

accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
the accounts do not accord with those records; or

the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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Date: 31/12/24