



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	Period start date			Period end date		
	01	04	2022	31	03	2023
From				To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Waldridge Village Hall	
Chester le Street	
Postcode	DH2 3RY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Carole Atkinson	Ass. Treasurer		Executive Committee
2	Terry Hutton	Group Chairman		Executive Committee
3	David Welch	Group Scout Leader		Executive Committee
4	Chris Caygill	Treasurer		Executive Committee
5	Ailsa Cooper	Secretary		Executive Committee
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Committee consists of 4 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 2 months. This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development,empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:- enjoy what they are doing and have fun- take part in activities indoors and outdoors- learn by doing- share in spiritual reflection- take responsibility and make choices- undertake new and challenging activities- make and live by their Promise.

The Scout group currently meets 4 nights per week, with just over 100 young members in the age range 6 – 14. The meetings aim to deliver the objectives of the overall Scout Association. The public benefits of the Scout Association have been well documented elsewhere.

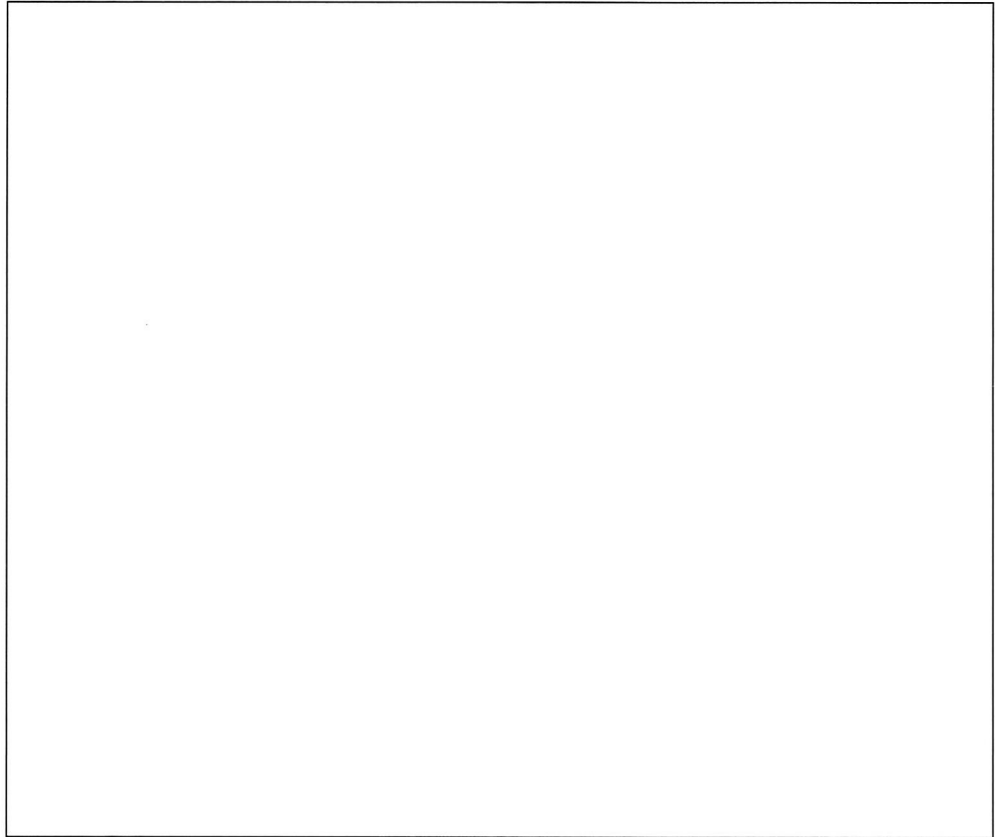
The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Membership levels returned to pre-COVID levels
- 4 main camping events were held across the different sections of the Group
- Maintained a full 4 night a week programme in line with the Scout Association objectives

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves were healthy at the year end 31 March 2023, with £190,286 held across all accounts. This represented a 0.9% increase over the year end funds at 31 March 2022.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funding is in the main from monthly subscriptions paid by the members of beavers, cubs and scouts and is used to cover hall rent, capitation fees and activities carried out by the group.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>M. C. Caygill</i>	
Full name(s)	Mark Christian Caygill	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	30/1/2024	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of 2nd Chester le Street Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 **Charity no (if any)** 1037689

Set out on pages 4
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare 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 drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  **Date:** 14.05.2024

Name: ALISON BLADES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body AICMA, CGMA, PCC, QTLs.

(if any):

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Address:

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Statement of Receipts / Payments - Financial Year Ended 31st March 2023**

Current Accounts

	y/e	y/e	Change vs Prior Year	%
	31.3.23	31.3.22	£	
Opening Balance	35,564	36,199		
Income				
Subscriptions	16,175	13,388	2,787	21%
Gift Aid	1,545	0	1,545	-
Interest from Savings Account	596	383	214	56%
Donations/Fundraising	25	0	25	-
Contributions to activities	3,316	1,280	2,036	159%
Contributions to camps	7,066	2,918	4,149	142%
Total Income	28,723	17,968	10,756	60%
Expenditure				
Rent & Hall Maintenance	6,762	6,500	262	4%
Capitation	5,040	5,022	18	0%
Camps	6,933	2,797	4,137	148%
Activities & Equipment	8,355	3,731	4,624	124%
Admin & Stationary	581	418	163	39%
Leaders Training	39	55	-16	-29%
Donations	167	81	86	107%
Total Expenditure	27,877	18,603	9,274	50%
Income less Expenditure	846	-636	1,482	
Transfer to Savings A/C				
Closing Balance	36,410	35,564	846	2%
Held in account:				
Current Account #1	35,379	34,533		
Current Account #2	1,026	1,026		
Current Account #3	5	5		
plus cash awaiting banking				
less unprinted cheques				
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Savings Accounts

	y/e	y/e	Change vs Prior Year	%
	31.3.23	31.3.22	£	
Opening Balance	152,977	152,977		
Income				
Building Society Interest	899	0	899	-
Total Income	899	0	899	-
Expenditure				
Income less Expenditure	899	0	899	-
Transfer from Current A/C				
Closing Balance	153,876	152,977	899	1%
Held in account:				
Savings #1	68,876	67,977		
Savings #2	85,000	85,000		
SAVINGS BALANCE	153,876	152,977		

TOTAL BALANCE (Current Accounts + Savings Accounts)

	y/e	y/e	Change vs Prior Year	%
	31.3.23	31.3.22	£	
Opening Balance	188,541	189,176	-636	
Income less Expenditure	1,745	-636	2,381	
Closing Balance	190,286	188,541	1,745	1%

The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. I can confirm that they present a true and fair record.

M. C. Caygill
Dated: 30/6/2023

Mr C Caygill, Group Treasurer



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