

23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group



Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Report

1 Reference and Administration

1.1 Administration

Name: 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group

Sponsoring Body: St Augustine's Parish Church, Bromley, Diocese of Rochester, Church of England

Established: 1938-39

Scout Association Registration Number: 10011744

Registered Charity Number: 267692 (registration date 28 June 1974)

Registered Address: 3 Pondfield Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8HJ

Operating Premises: Scout Headquarters, Homemead Road, Bromley, BR2 8BB

1.2 Trustees

The charity trustees who managed the charity from 1st April 2022 to the date of signing this report were the members of the Group Trustee Board (previously known as the Executive Committee) as follows:

Group Chair	Colin Goodwin
Group Secretary	Henry Hudson
Group Treasurer	Jonathan Pownall
Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader)	Jenny Owens
Assistant Lead Volunteer (Assistant Group Scout Leader)	Sandra Goodwin
Quartermaster	Alan Alexander (to 7 November 2022) Robert Townsend (from 7 November 2022)
Fundraising Committee Chair	David Wilcox
Other Elected Members	Paul Gubby Hazel Smith Robert Townsend
Sponsoring Body Nominated Representatives	Rev. Steve Spencer Helen Baker

1.3 Advisers

Independent Examiner	Raymond Kirk CPFA
Bankers	Barclays Bank Lloyds Bank Bath Building Society
Insurers	Unity Insurance Services

2 Structure, Governance and Management

2.1 Introduction

The 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group was formed just before the outbreak of World War Two. The earliest record we have is a note in a log book saying the first Scout meeting was held on 7th November 1939. Once Scout Groups reach a certain size they are required to register individually with the Charity Commission. The Group was formally entered onto the Charity Commission register on 28th June 1974.

The Group is sponsored by the Church of England, St Augustine's Bromley Parish in the Diocese of Rochester. It is part of the Bromley Scout District which in turn is part of the Greater London South East Scout County. It is registered with the Scout Association under registration number 10011744.

This Annual Report is issued by the Group Trustee Board of the 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group in conformity with requirements of relevant Charities Acts and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. It covers the financial year ended 31st March 2023 and the census year ending 31st January 2023.

2.2 Governing Document

The Group is established as a trust under rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The governing documents are those of the Scout Association, consisting of a Royal Charter of 4th January 1912 which incorporated the Scout Association and in turn gives authority to the byelaws of the Association and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association under which the hierarchy of Counties, Districts and Groups are created. Hitherto the Group constitution has followed the model constitution set out in POR and is being revised to reflect the changes from the Scout Association that started to roll out in 2023.

2.3 Management

The Group is managed by a Trustee Board, previously known as the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the charity trustees of the Scout Group. The trustees 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. As individual Scout Groups are unincorporated associations, land and buildings are required to be held in the name of custodian trustees who are distinct from charity trustees. In the Group's case, the custodian trustee is the Scout Association Trust Corporation which is a special purpose company limited by guarantee created by the Scout Association in 1935 and specifically authorised to hold title to land on behalf of Scout Counties, Districts and Groups.

The Trustee Board consists of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer together with the Lead Volunteer (previously known as Group Scout Leader) and other members as appropriate. It meets at least three times per year.

The Trustee Board exists to support the Lead Volunteer 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; and
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisers other than those who are elected.

3 Risk and Internal Control

The Trustee Board of has identified the major risks to which it believes the Group is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- **Safeguarding.** Keeping young people safe is a paramount responsibility of all adults in Scouting. The Group Administrator ensures that adults are checked through the Disclosure and Barring Service and the Scout Association's systems before appointment and that renewal takes place prior to expiry. All adults in the Group are required to complete the Scout Association Safeguarding Awareness Course. Young people are encouraged to raise any concerns that they may have affecting them or another member of the Group with a trusted adult and/or with their own parents or guardians.
- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. The Group, through capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy.
- **Reduction or loss of leaders.** The Group is reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there were to be a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the Group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario this might necessitate closure of the Group.
- **Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there were to be a reduction in membership in a particular section or the Group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario this might necessitate closure of the Group.
- **Reduced income.** The Group is reliant upon income from subscriptions, fundraising, donations and ancillary sources such as hall hire. The Group has formalised a reserves policy intended to ensure we hold sufficient reserves to maintain financial viability in the short-to-medium term should there be a major reduction in income.
- **Damage to buildings, property and equipment.** The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the Church and other local Scout Groups. The Group has insurance cover in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and to compensate for the loss of income from hall hire to third parties arising from physical damage to the premises.
- **Financial loss.** The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include dual authorisation for payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

4 Objectives and Activities

4.1 Objectives

The objectives of a charity are set out in its governing document and therefore the objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

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

4.2 Public Benefit

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. We help children and young adults reach their full potential and gain skills for life. We actively engage and support our members in their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development and to achieve their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

5 Achievements and Performance

5.1 Development Plan

An ongoing challenge many Groups also face is complacency and resistance to change. For this reason, the Scout Association has published a vision for Groups to develop. The six key targets which we follow are:

- A Growing Group
- A Focused Group
- A Relevant Group
- A Youth Led Group
- A Sound Group
- A Diverse Group

5.2 Group Membership

SECTION	Youth Members			Adult Leaders			Young Leaders		
	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021
Monday Beavers (Spitfires)	21	15	10	3	3	3	3	3	1
Tuesday Beavers (Hurricanes)	4	16	10	1	1	3	2	3	1
Monday Cubs (Baloo)	18	20	16	3	4	4	1	2	0
Tuesday Cubs (Kim)	23	20	9	4	4	3	3	1	1
Wednesday Scout Troop	47	44	22	4	4	4	2	2	0
Thursday Phoenix Explorers	28	28	29	3	4	3	0	0	0
Total	141	143	96	18	20	20	11	11	3

In addition, we have a number of volunteers at Group level. The total Group Membership as at the January 2023 census was 170 (2022 – 174).

5.3 Lead Volunteer's Report

This has been another busy and exciting year for the Group; all the Sections are running full programmes including camps and trips out.

The Group is still very healthy - at the end of the summer term we had 147 young people, 21 adults and 10 young leaders attending regular weekly meetings with another 12 adults available to help out when needed.

We also have an active Network Unit associated to the Group. They have 20 members, 8 of them are fully active, some of them are not able to attend every week because they are away at University or because of work commitments and a Scout Active Support (Fellowship) which has 20 members who meet regularly.

The year started with our Remembrance Parade with one of our Scouts, Oliver Ward, selling chocolate poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion. Well done Oliver - it is really nice for the Group to be able to support other causes in our community.

In December all the Sections took part in the Christmas fair, the Christmas carol concert and some had started their rehearsals for the Gang Show.

In January we were very pleased to be able to present our long overdue Gang Show, all the sections took part and we were also joined by Ruth's Brownies.

In May we took part in the Coronation Celebrations with the Church. It was a lovely way to advertise the Group and be part of the community – thank you to everyone who came along and helped.

We are very pleased and proud that 3 of our young people were selected to go to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in August. It wasn't exactly the experience they were expecting, but in true Scouting manner they got on with it and enjoyed the experience.

On uniform sales, we want to say thank you to Hazel Smith and Alison Ancrum for setting up and running the pre-loved uniform sales – they did an amazing job at the Coronation Celebrations and from now on the Section Leaders will have access to the uniform to sell at their meetings.

We have also set up a collection point in the Scout Hut for food hamper donations. Two of our local primary school provide regular food hampers to vulnerable families in our community but unfortunately at the moment they are not getting the same amount of donations that they have in the past, so we said we would help.

If anyone is able support either the pre-loved uniform sale or the food hampers there are donation boxes in the Headquarters.

There are a few changes happening within Scouting; we are transforming the way we volunteer and will have team based leadership teams. This is happening over the next few months.

Lastly, Sandra and I would like to say how proud we are to be part of this team and would like to say a huge thank you to all the leaders for all their hard work and commitment and the Trustee Board and the Fund Raising Committee for their continued financial support which helps the Sections to continue to deliver high quality Scouting.

Jenny Owens and Sandra Goodwin
Lead Volunteers

5.4 Section Activities

Below we present an overview of the activities undertaken by the Sections up to the date of this report.

Beavers – Spitfires

The September 2022 term was started with crafts, agility activities and a night all about Mexico. We had a Halloween party followed by making water filters and learning about fair trade, recycling and energy saving. The Beavers spent a night sleeping in the hall in November; everyone created something that their teddy could sit in to ride down a zip wire across the hall. The Beavers made a large spitfire covered in poppies to show everyone at the Remembrance Parade. For our last night of term we went bowling as a Christmas treat.

We started January by watching the awesome Pantomime at the 23rd followed by a few weeks of practice for the Gang show, where the Beavers did a great rendition of *You've got a friend in me* from Toy Story in two shows. We had a first aid instructor come for an evening and we followed this by learning about disabilities. We spent a night at camp in February covering the space badge as well as having a camp fire and playing games in the dark. We visited St Augustine's church, made Mother's Day gifts as well as Easter cakes and sun catchers. We finished the end of term with an Easter egg hunt.

After Easter we learnt about St George and made shields. We had a falconry night where a man brought a number of different birds and flew them all around the hall and the Beavers all got to hold an owl and fly it to their glove. We did some planting in the hopes the Beavers could keep the herbs and sunflowers alive over the coming weeks. Metro Bank opened their safes for us to look round for our money skills badge and sent the Beavers home with lots of goodies. In June the Spitfires were off to a two night camp at Frylands. We had an awesome weekend where the Beavers did climbing, archery, pond dipping and tunnelling. They made their own t-shirts so

we all matched on Saturday. The Beavers fully cooked dinner with a little supervision and used power tools to build a birdhouse. The end of term saw the Beavers completing their photography badge and visiting Bromley fire station for a tour and spray of the hoses. On the last night of term we played a group game of rounders and said goodbye to our older Beavers.

Over the course of the year the Spitfires managed to achieve 386 badges as well as presenting eight Chief Scout Bronze awards to Henry, Henry, Henry, James, Christine, Nicole, William, and Lottie. We awarded our first Ten Nights Away badge to James and Joel achieved every Beaver badge there is. A great achievement for all the Beavers with much more planned for the next year.

Laura Evans

Beaver Leader (Spitfires)

Cubs – Baloo Pack

Going back to Cubs in September was delayed due to the death of the Queen. Tim then had to remember not too long after that at their investiture, Cubs had to swear allegiance to the King, something that no Cub had done for 70 years. He managed well and made sure the Cubs knew how momentous this time was.

October saw us meeting during the half term as Tim & Marina were on holiday at the end of the month. Heather, Beth, Adam & Matthew (with Laura watching on) had a great Halloween Party. Also that month some of our Cubs passed their swimming badges at the District Badge Evening.

November and December was very busy - we made crackers to use in our game at the Group Christmas Fair, Christmas Cards were made, we decided on our performance for the upcoming Gang Show and had an end of term party.

December also saw a small but enthusiastic group of Cubs turn out on a cold Sunday to plant trees in Parkfield Recreation Ground with other members of the District. Well done everyone who attended.

Everyone who took part in the Gang Show gained their Entertainers Badge which was very well deserved. Who can forget the dance to Superman and the appearance of the man himself in full costume? Adam, you are such a good sport but I think you enjoyed it far too much!!! Our other young Leader Matthew spent the day in the HQ loft doing the sound and lighting, so thank you to him as well.

In March we had to say goodbye for a while to Beth who went to work for P.G.L. Hopefully she will be back with us in the Autumn.

We also had a Camp at Wilberforce in March, a good time was had by all.

An Easter Egg Hunt took place before the Easter break, and then it was a couple of weeks off.

On St George's Day (23rd April) we spent an exceedingly wet and muddy day at Frylands Wood Campsite with lots of members of the District. We had 12 Cubs attend along with Tim, Marina, Matthew, Adam and Charlotte.

In June we went to Chislehurst Caves which was a very good visit. We also thank Linda and Aston from Tuesday Cubs for looking after things whilst we attended a wedding.

We had a Sports Day which all Cubs took part in.

We also have a number of Cubs who have auditioned for this year's Group Pantomime, good luck to you all.

At the moment we have 17 Cubs and are expecting some more in September. We are having a Camp from 8-10th September.

Tim Snook

Cub Leader (Baloo)

Cubs – Kim Pack

At the end of 2022 term Kim Pack consisted of a total of 26 Cubs and now Kim Pack currently has 24 members with the support of 4 leaders and 2 young leaders.

We average an attendance of 2 young people per week and have run activities including but not limited to:

- Gang Show
- Tin Can Pancakes
- Team Work Challenge Badge
- Adventure Challenge Badge
- Water Fight
- Wilberforce Wide Game
- First Aid Stage 1

We have an average attendance of 14 young people per camp and have run activities including but not limited to:

- Adventure Badge Camp
- Father & Cub Camp

Chris Powell

Cub Leader (Kim)

Scout Troop

The last year has been a busy and exciting time in the Troop. We have moved between 40 and 50 members throughout the year and go into this new year with 46 active members.

We have completed a large amount of award and badge work including:

- Outdoor Award
- Camper Badge
- International and World Award
- Entertainer Badge
- World Faiths Badge
- Circus Skills Badge
- Local Knowledge Badge
- Athlete Badge
- Sports Enthusiast Badge
- Air Activities Badge
- Fundraising Badge

In fact, we have awarded 427 badges to Scouts over the last 12 months!

We have run a busy programme around these badges and awards and have also had some great trips out including a trip to Bromley Synagogue, site service & activities at Frylands Wood Activity Centre, Easter Egg Hunt at Jubilee Park and a trip for our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders to the Trooping of the Colour in London.

We have had 4 camps at Cudham Shaws, Avery Hill, The Fort in Dulwich and Thriftwood. All have included exciting activities with 86 members attending across those camps. We have also taken part in other external events including:

- Firework Display – Marshalling at Bickley Park Cricket Club to fundraise for the Group
- Air Activities Badge Days – Run by South London Scouts Aviation team
- Swimming Badge – Organised by Bromley District
- Snow Queen pantomime – Both watching and some of our members taking part in the cast and back stage crew
- Scouts of Steel – Bromley District assault course competition
- St Georges Day Parade – Parade and Activity Day held at Fryland Wood campsite
- Moonwalk – Overnight event hike organised by Bromley District in which we entered two teams

We have done a huge amount over the last year and this couldn't be done without the incredible leadership team I have that delivers such an engaging and valuable programme. Huge thanks goes to Alex, Ellie, Aston, Megan, Charlotte, Henry and Rebecca for their commitment, hard work and tireless efforts over the last year. We couldn't deliver all of the above without them. What a team!

Alan Alexander

Scout Leader

Explorers – Phoenix Unit

The Explorer Unit has had well over 30 Explorers all year, we have seen some of our Explorers move up to Network but they have been replaced with people from our waiting list and/or Young People moving up from Scouts. We've run a varied programme on a Thursday night, teaching the young people soft skills and practical skills. This has included meetings with other local Explorer Units, and a boxercise taster class.

We had a really great summer, which started off with being crowned Explorer Champions at the Bromley District Moonwalk Competition. It is an overnight incident hike – teams set off around 9pm on the Saturday night and had to find over 20 different bases spread out across the vast expanse of Broadstone Warren Campsite. Each base had its own challenge to complete, and teams were scored for their success, teamwork and attitude. The teams had to return to the main camp by 4am – then after a few hours sleep the teams were back up for breakfast, to strike camp and travel home.

The Unit had a really enjoyable summer camp at Hope Hill Campsite, where everyone got to try out a morning of Stand Up Paddle Boarding.

The Explorer Unit were delighted to have three Explorers (George, Alyssa and Callum) attend the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in summer 2023 – there were some challenges that the Unit had to overcome but they still had a fantastic and life changing experience. Ten of our Explorers are also Young Leaders at other sections in the 23rd Bromley which is really pleasing to see.

Dave Goodwin

Explorer Scout Leader

Network

It has been an exciting and busy year for Network (The Geckos)! We currently have around 20 members, with a steady flow of Explorers moving up from the 23rd Bromley and other local groups.

Regular Meetings

We continue to meet on a biweekly basis throughout the year, making sure that those away at university can still participate in Network.

Some of the activities we have got up to include RC cars racing, a pub quiz, crazy golf, movie night, the chip

shop challenge, snooker, games night, wine tasting, baking and plenty of trips to the pub!

Camps

We have done a few camps, including a weekend at Thriftwood last September where we took part in some outdoor activities which included kayaking, zip lining, crate stacking and crossbow shooting.

Over the Easter Weekend, we went to Isle of Wight for Revolution where we travelled around the island taking part in a variety of activities, such as rigid boat riding, tree climbing, head hunting, fencing and a trip to the zoo!

Then, before the summer holidays, we had a night away at Wilberforce that included a trip to Christmas Tree Farm and a pub lunch.

London Monopoly Run

Along with 8,000 other Scouts and Guides from across the country, we participated in the London Monopoly Run in March. This involved racing around London visiting actual locations on the Monopoly board while competing with other teams to buy and rent properties, pick-up 'Chance' cards and complete challenges.

Supporting The Coronation

Three of our Network members were selected to join 500 Scouts from across the UK and Commonwealth in supporting the Coronation of King Charles III in May. Their duties included providing assistance and wayfinding to the general public during the Coronation ceremony on Saturday and the screening of the Coronation concert on Sunday evening.

Matthew Higginbottom

Network

5.5 Faiths & Beliefs Programme

The Group is sponsored by St Augustine's Parish Church. Membership of the Group is open to all faiths and beliefs. The Group actively promotes the Scout Association Faiths and Belief Programme, developing Scouting values, personal attitudes and a range of beliefs, Scouts' Own and St Augustine's youth structured services, and attendance at the Remembrance Day Service.

5.6 Community Activities

We have supported our local community through the year in a number of ways. Our Headquarters building is used by two Brownie Packs for their regular weekly meetings and also by local families for children's birthday parties and is made available for the local authority to use as a Polling Station for both local and National Elections. We resumed our popular Pantomime and Gang Show in January 2023 and these are open to all members of the community.

5.7 Fundraising Activities

As ever we are grateful for the support of the volunteers who arrange fund raising activities on our behalf and this year once again we have enjoyed the benefits of a number of fund-raising events including our Annual Group Pantomime, a Gang Show, Christmas Fair and an extremely well attended Quiz night. A individual donation has been received and also a donation from Bromley Rotary Club.

As we look to our future plans, especially the proposed improvements to our Scout Headquarters building, we are aware that we will need to increase our fund-raising activity and also for the Group to apply for available grants.

5.8 Adult Recruitment Training

All our uniformed leaders at 23rd Bromley have completed or renewed the relevant GDPR, Data Protection Act 2018, safety and safeguarding training modules as required by the Scout Association within 5 months of being appointed.

In addition, members of the Trustee Board who are also the charity trustees have completed GDPR, safety, safeguarding and Trustee introduction training as required by the Scout Association.

5.9 Facilities

The Trustee Board recognises its responsibilities with respect to Health and Safety within our headquarters building. We maintain risk assessments for the operation of our headquarters.

The fire extinguishers are tested on an annual basis by a third-party inspector and there is a regime of regularly testing the smoke alarms. A periodic electrical inspection was undertaken in September 2022.

The Group continues to work through the results of the assessment undertaken using the Scout Association's Safe Premises Audit Tool.

6 Financial Review

6.1 Reserves Policy

The Group's overall policy is to hold sufficient reserves to continue its charitable activities should there be a shortfall in income and fundraising activities. The lack of income from waiving subscription fees during the recent pandemic prompted the Trustee Board to quantify this as sufficient to meet the following:

- HQ: 18 months of premises running costs, including maintenance, insurance and utilities, plus an allowance for the repair and renewal of our equipment and other assets;
- Sections: 110% of the previous years' capitation payment to the Scout Association, plus an amount equivalent to 110% of the most recent deposit for camp or other significant activity where deposits must be paid to secure the activity several months in advance of fees being collected.

Based on the last two years of accounts, this equates to a base level of reserves of approximately £7,000 for Group and a further £7,600 across the Sections. As at 31 March 2023, the target was met for HQ and for the Sections collectively, but two of the Sections did not meet the target individually. Sections are not expected to actively increase subscriptions to build up reserves, but will look for other opportunities such as retaining activity surpluses where appropriate.

The Group held unrestricted reserves of £51,067 at the year-end (2021-22: £47,194) together with restricted funds of £14,199 (2021-22: £7,467) towards HQ refurbishment. In total our monetary funds, comprising cash and bank balances, stood at £65,266 (2021-22: £54,661) at the financial year end.

6.2 Investment Policy

The Trustee Board has continued to maintain a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. At present funds are held in cash or instant access deposits using mainstream banks or building societies covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Given increases in interest rates during 2023, the Trustee Board is reconsidering its investment policy, balancing considerations of maximising returns against ease of access to funds given anticipated expenditure in the next few years on the HQ refurbishment project. The Trustee Board is also mindful of revised investment guidance from the Charity Commission issued in August 2023 which confirms that charities are able to invest responsibly and there is no overriding duty to maximise financial returns at the expense of ethical considerations relevant to the charity's aims and objectives.

6.3 Subscriptions, fundraising, grants and donations

The Group is dependent upon membership subscriptions to fund its core activities, and additional sources of income to support the membership and for the maintenance, renovation, refurbishment and replacement of buildings and equipment. Activities have returned to pre-pandemic levels with net membership subscriptions retained after capitation totalling £9,721 (2021-22: £7,363).

All parents and supporters are encouraged to subscribe to Gift Aid to maximise the tax relief on subscriptions and donations we can obtain through HM Revenue & Customs. The Group has not yet submitted the claim for 2021-22 or 2022-23 although claims may be backdated so there is no overall detriment to our financial position.

Restricted donations of £6,709 were received towards our HQ refurbishment project which has now progressed to the stage of drawing up architect's plans for detailed consideration.

Restricted fund grants of £550 represent awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation. These awards are presented

to individuals for outstanding achievement and must be spent on activities nominated by the recipients themselves, rather than contributing to general Group funds.

6.4 Assets and liabilities

In addition to the monetary assets shown in the balance sheet representing cash and bank balances, the Group has non-monetary assets representing land, buildings and equipment. These are not required to be included in the statement of assets and liabilities but their values are disclosed as a note. They are valued for insurance purposes at the amounts shown below and in between formal reassessments, values are uprated through indexation applied annually by the insurers. The land and buildings were subject to a professional desktop revaluation in December 2022 as a service offered by our insurers, Unity, and this confirmed that the valuation is appropriate.

Land and buildings	£703,685 (2021-22: £624,942)
Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock	£10,419 (2021-22: £9,164)
Scouting equipment	£29,214 (2021-22: £25,615)

Land and buildings represent the HQ premises which are leased from St Augustine's Church in the Diocese of Rochester whereby the Group enjoys beneficial use of the asset and bears the cost of insurance, maintenance and enhancement expenditure. The lease was renewed in 2016 and runs until 2045. The annual payment due under the lease is £10 until 2025, rising to £25 from 2025 and £50 from 2035.

Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock primarily comprise furniture and fittings in the HQ premises as well as props, staging, sound and lighting equipment for pantomimes and gang shows. A comprehensive stocktake was undertaken during the 2021-22 financial year and items surplus to requirements disposed of.

6.5 Financial review

The Group made a surplus of £10,605 (2021-22: £4,521) which increases our total funds to £65,266 (2021-22: £54,661). The most significant elements of this are an increase in the restricted fund for HQ refurbishment of £6,732, and combined income from the Pantomime and Gang Show of £4,297.

Overall this ensures we remain well placed to maintain our day-to-day Scouting activities while steadily building up funding to support our HQ refurbishment project. Expenditure of £572 (2021-22: £120) from restricted funds represents the commissioning the next stage of professional advice on design options and planning consents.

The accounts are presented on the following pages.

7 Conclusion

We have enjoyed a full year of face-to-face Scouting which is reflected in the increased levels of income and expenditure in the Sections. It is particularly pleasing to see this reflected in camp receipts and payments as well as our regular programme of meetings. As ever, we appreciate the help from of parents, friends and supporters as well as the leadership and guidance of our uniformed leaders and Trustee Board. We are in a strong financial position for the future.

8 Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:



Name: **Colin Goodwin**

Position: Group Chair

Date: 4 September 2023



Jonathan Pownall MA ACA CISA

Group Treasurer

4 September 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

Receipts and payments summary for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022-23 Unrestricted funds	2022-23 Restricted funds	2022-23 Total funds	2021-22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 18)	41,575.13	7,259.70	48,834.83	25,679.81
Total payments for the year (see page 19)	37,701.90	527.82	38,229.72	21,158.52
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,873.23	6,731.88	10,605.11	4,521.29
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2022	47,194.11	7,467.35	54,661.46	50,140.17
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2023	51,067.34	14,199.23	65,266.57	54,661.46

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2023

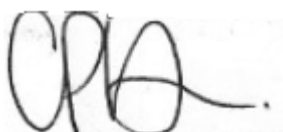
	2022-23 Unrestricted funds	2022-23 Restricted funds	2022-23 Total funds	2021-22 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets				
Section current accounts	15,243.14	550.00	15,793.14	16,145.05
Group current accounts	16,250.00		16,250.00	5,475.61
Investment accounts	17,058.13	13,649.23	30,707.36	30,592.62
Cash held	2,516.07		2,516.07	2,448.18
Total funds	51,067.34	14,199.23	65,266.57	54,661.46

Restricted funds

Group restricted funds comprise the Headquarters refurbishment and repairs fund. The property is owned by St. Augustine's Church and the Group is responsible for maintenance and enhancement expenditure under the terms of the lease. The premises were revalued during the year and the valuation for insurance purposes is £703,685.

In addition the Group has two Designated funds held within Unrestricted funds. These are £1,386.46 in respect of the Jamboree fund and £123.09 in respect of the Kenya fund.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 4 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Colin Goodwin
Group Chair



Jonathan Pownall MA ACA CISA
Group Treasurer

23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group
Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022-23 Unrestricted funds	2022-23 Restricted funds	2022-23 Total funds	2021-22 Total funds
Membership subscriptions				
Membership subscriptions	15,657.43		15,657.43	13,212.50
Less: capitation paid to District	(5,936.10)		(5,936.10)	(5,848.70)
Net membership subscriptions retained	9,721.33		9,721.33	7,363.80
Donations, legacies and gift aid				
Collections	160.50		160.50	0.00
Donations received	1,713.34	6,709.70	8,423.04	7,849.13
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	0.00		0.00	0.00
Grants received	0.00	550.00	550.00	750.00
Fundraising income				
Christmas Fair	685.52		685.52	799.44
Pantomime	2,850.00		2,850.00	0.00
Gang Show	1,447.00		1,447.00	0.00
Other fundraising activities	807.42		807.42	502.46
Activities and events				
Camp receipts	14,613.11		14,613.11	4,947.00
Family camp	753.34		753.34	0.00
Group events	5,385.14		5,385.14	1,894.00
Investment and property income				
Hall hire	3,245.00		3,245.00	1,555.00
Interest received	193.43		193.43	18.98
Total receipts	41,575.13	7,259.70	48,834.83	25,679.81

Note: the Scout Association convention is that capitation paid to District is shown as a deduction from income, rather than being shown separately under expenditure.

23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group
Payments for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2022-23 Unrestricted funds	2022-23 Restricted funds	2022-23 Total funds	2021-22 Total funds
Youth programme and activities				
Core meetings and activities expenses	8,878.11		8,878.11	4,330.87
Prizes	87.76		87.76	5.00
Event costs				
Annual General Meeting	0.00		0.00	14.99
Carol and church services	0.00		0.00	28.00
Retirement and commemoration events	57.43		57.43	65.00
Badges, uniforms and training				
Badges	1,398.41		1,398.41	1,064.52
Scarves and uniform	1,243.74		1,243.74	55.34
Training	24.00		24.00	180.00
Camp fees and costs				
	15,829.54		15,829.54	5,431.37
Purchases of equipment				
Camping equipment and gaz	2,002.45		2,002.45	341.48
Pantomime and gang show equipment	0.00		0.00	507.71
Props and costumes	172.71		172.71	0.00
Other equipment	731.53		731.53	759.44
Insurance				
	1,321.58		1,321.58	1,152.11
Headquarters running costs				
Building maintenance	964.39		964.39	473.55
Cleaning	666.32		666.32	643.87
Waste collection	681.48		681.48	681.48
Ground lease	10.00		10.00	10.00
Heaters	0.00		0.00	194.40
Broadband	346.05		346.05	308.33
Electricity	485.61		485.61	396.04
Gas	365.65		365.65	298.38
Water	353.75		353.75	262.34
Headquarters refurbishment				
	0.00	527.82	527.82	120.00
Donations made				
	532.50		532.50	2,991.41
Service charges and miscellaneous expenses				
Online Scout Manager fees	1,132.78		1,132.78	410.11
PayPal fees	16.20		16.20	16.15
Printing, postage and stationery	250.79		250.79	221.19
Website hosting costs	70.67		70.67	64.19
<u>Fundraising expenses</u>				
Christmas Fair expenses	43.35		43.35	61.50
Pantomime licence	15.60		15.60	0.00
Other fundraising expenses	19.50		19.50	69.75
Total payments	37,701.90	527.82	38,229.72	21,158.52

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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: 

Name: Raymond Kirk CPFA

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Date: 13 September 2023