



4th Barnehurst (St Martin's) Scout Group  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Registered Charity number 303502

Scout Association Registration Number 10011663

**4TH BARNEHURST (ST MARTIN'S) SCOUT GROUP**

**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Charity Number      303502

Scout Association    10011663

Registered Office    6 Manor Close  
Crayford  
Dartford  
DA1 4EX

Trustees              John Baxter                              Chair  
                             James Pope                              Appointed 14/07/2023  
                             Kass Stone  
                             Steven Ristow  
                             Michael Fleetwood  
                             Geoffrey Amass  
                             Stuart Muckelt  
                             Steve Morley  
                             Brenda Morley  
                             Rev G Bowen

Bankers                Lloyds Bank

**4TH BARNEHURST (ST MARTIN'S) SCOUT GROUP**  
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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**Structure and Governance**

The 4th Barnehurst Scout Group is governed by Royal Charter granted on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1912, last amended on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, and a trust established by a conveyance dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 1957 upon the Trusts of the Boy Scouts Association Trust Deed 1955. The latter consists of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws and The Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association. The group was registered as a charity 24<sup>th</sup> February 1964 and abides by the POR of the Scout Association.

Members of the Trustee Board are trustees of the Charity: Serving in 2023/2024 are, Geoffrey Amass (Group Lead Volunteer), John Baxter (Chair), James Pope (Treasurer), Stuart Muckelt, Brenda Morley, Steven Ristow, Michael Fleetwood, Kass Stone, Steve Morley, and Rev G Bowen.

The Trustee Board is responsible for the administration of the group and the safeguarding of its assets, including the hall and the minibus. The hall, owned by the Scout Group, is situated in the grounds of St Martin's C of E Church Barnehurst at 174 Erith Road Bexleyheath Kent DA7 6LE. The land belongs to the Church and is leased at nil cost to the Scout Group.

The group membership has improved gradually following the Covid-19 pandemic. Our numbers are growing and we were able to report in the January 2024 census, 20 Beavers, 24 Cubs in the two Cub Packs and 29 Scouts in our Scout Troop.

We also have 12 on our waiting list who are in the 4-to-6-year age range. This is the age range of the new 'Squirrels' section. As soon as we can identify a suitable person to lead this section, we will open a 'Squirrel Drey' at 4<sup>th</sup> Barnehurst.

Adult leadership continues to be an issue for the Group. We currently have one leader running two sections, the Espinosa Scout troop and the Seeonee Cub pack. Although he has two assistants with the troop and three assistants with the pack, this is not an ideal arrangement. Also, we only have one leader with the Mariners Beaver colony. In order for the group to flourish, we need to recruit more adults into the leadership team.

**Public benefit**

The Trustee Board has referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the group's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. By maintaining the same aims and objectives as The Scout Association, we are confident that they are fit for purpose and in line with what we are trying to achieve for our members.

**Objectives**

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

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.

### **Activities**

In order to meet our objectives young people with the core ages of 6 to 14 years, meet in their sections weekly, where they enjoy learning through a variety of methods, including games, practical experiences and visits. There is a full programme of outdoor experiences from cooking on open fires through sleepovers, weekend and full week camps either in accommodation or under canvas on official sites or green fields.

Our key targets for the forthcoming year are:

- Restructure and standardise our Group's section accounts.
- Appoint a new Treasurer as current treasurer intends to stand down
- Appoint additional adult volunteers.
- Open a Squirrel Drey for the 4-to-6-year range.

### **Financial review**

The deficit for the year is £1,230.94 compared with the previous year deficit of £6,056.56. This is the position before depreciation of the hall is taken into account. After depreciation of the hall, the accounts show a deficit of £11,230.94, (2022/2023) deficit £16,056.56. While we have moved to on-line banking for the majority of the group's finances, some cash payments are made to the sections and due to the variations in format of their accounts presented to the Treasurer, this does make the Treasurer's task more difficult and time consuming.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Group aims to keep 3 months expenditure in its unrestricted reserves, which it has done this year. In order to ensure the continuation of the Group in the event of a total lack of income due to some unforeseen event.

**4TH BARNEHURST (ST MARTIN'S) SCOUT GROUP**  
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	01 APR 2023 - 31 AUG 2024 £	01 APR 2022 - 31 MAR 2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	-	10,000.00
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Lloyds Current Account		13,101.92		13,101.92	35,532.87
Lloyds Deposit Account		20,362.37	-	20,362.37	-
HSBC Current Account		-	-	-	188.13
OSM Debit Card Account		3,804.14		3,804.14	-
Cash in hand		2,635.44	-	2,635.44	7,781.71
Debtors		-	-	-	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>39,903.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,903.87</b>	<b>43,502.71</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Sundry liabilities	<b>5</b>	375.00	-	375.00	2,742.90
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>40,759.81</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>50,759.81</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
General	<b>6</b>	39,528.87	-	39,528.87	40,759.81
Restricted		-	-	-	10,000.00
		<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>50,759.81</b>

Approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_

and signed on their behalf by:

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**4TH BARNEHURST (ST MARTIN'S) SCOUT GROUP**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds 01 APR 2023 - 31 AUG 2024	Total funds 01 APR 2022 - 31 MAR 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>2</b>				
Voluntary Income	2a	69.00		69.00	298.75
Membership Subscriptions	2b	3,042.63		3,042.63	3,885.67
Charitable Activities	2c	31,252.86		31,252.86	4,607.24
Investment Income	2d	362.37		362.37	14.87
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>34,726.86</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,726.86</b>	<b>8,806.53</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable Activities	3	35,957.80	10,000.00	45,957.80	24,863.09
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>35,957.80</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>45,957.80</b>	<b>24,863.09</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(1,230.94)</b>	<b>(10,000.00)</b>	<b>(11,230.94)</b>	<b>( 16,056.56)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	6	40,759.81	10,000.00	50,759.81	66,816.37
<b>Fund Balances carried forward at end of year</b>		<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,528.87</b>	<b>50,759.81</b>

**4TH BARNEHURST (ST MARTIN'S) SCOUT GROUP**  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of accounting**

- 1a** The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102) 2019 and the Charities Act 2011.
- 1b** Assets are written off over their useful economic life currently 10 years straight line.

	<b>01 APR 2023</b>	<b>01 APR 2022</b>
	<b>- 31 AUG 2024</b>	<b>- 31 MAR 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>2. Analysis of Incoming Resources</b>		
<b>2a Voluntary Income &amp; Donations</b>		
Donations	69.00	298.75
	<u><b>69.00</b></u>	<u><b>298.75</b></u>
<b>2b Membership Subscriptions</b>		
Scouts	1,590.00	1,315.00
Cubs	2,090.00	2,592.00
Beavers	1,080.00	2,180.00
Gift aid claimed	1,684.43	341.57
	<u>6,444.43</u>	<u>6,428.57</u>
Less: payable to District in respect of Capitation	3,401.80	2,542.90
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>3,042.63</b></u>	<u><b>3,885.67</b></u>
<b>2c Income from Charitable Activities</b>		
<b>Beavers</b> Camps/Activities	5,049.83	-
<b>Cubs</b> Camps/Activities	3,570.29	1,501.53
<b>Scouts</b> Camps/Activities	6,296.32	-
Seeonee Tuck Shop	1,973.60	1,474.16
Other income from sections	338.38	511.37
Recycling/Shop to fundraise	468.44	372.68
Hall and field rental	1,719.00	747.50
Minibus hire	11,837.00	-
	<u><b>31,252.86</b></u>	<u><b>4,607.24</b></u>
<b>2d Investment Income</b>		
Bank Interest	<u>362.37</u>	<u>14.87</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u><u><b>34,726.86</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>8,806.53</b></u></u>

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**3. Expenditure on Charitable Activities**

	<b>01 APR 2023 - 31 AUG 2024</b>	<b>01 APR 2022 - 31 MAR 2023</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>3a Scout hall</b>		
Heat/Light/Water	3,015.38	999.22
Rates	203.73	296.96
Insurance	3,114.91	1,581.93
Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance	6,380.35	367.85
	<b><u>12,714.37</u></b>	<b><u>3,121.99</u></b>
 <b>3b Sections activities</b>		
Scouts	7,713.13	536.64
Cubs	4,437.21	2,094.11
Beavers	3,908.22	1,688.86
Mini bus expenses	2,247.87	1,213.59
Badges and uniform	879.13	1,496.31
Tuck Shop	1,496.94	1,470.90
	<b><u>20,682.50</u></b>	<b><u>8,500.41</u></b>
 <b>3c Administration/Establishment Expenses</b>		
Expenditure within sections	1,686.00	2,655.49
Depreciation	10,000.00	10,000.00
Accountancy fees	650.00	387.50
Bank charges	224.93	73.73
	<b><u>12,560.93</u></b>	<b><u>13,240.69</u></b>
 <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u><u>45,957.80</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>24,863.09</u></u></b>

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	£	£	£	£
<b>4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>Restricted</b>			
	<b>Scout hall</b>	<b>Mini Bus</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
Actual/deemed cost	100,000.00	4,500.00	6,000.00	110,500.00
Accumulated depreciation b/w/d	90,000.00	4,500.00	6,000.00	100,500.00
Charge for year	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
Accumulated depreciation c/w/d	100,000.00	4,500.00	6,000.00	110,500.00
Net book value at beginning of year	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
Net book value at end of year	-	-	-	-

The hall belongs to the group, the land belongs to the Church. There is no lease charge by the Church. With the adoption of FRS 102 the hall has been given a value at 1st April 2014, which becomes the "deemed historical cost" and is written down over 10 years which is its estimated useful life.

	<b>01 APR 2023</b>	<b>01 APR 2022</b>
	<b>- 31 AUG 2024</b>	<b>- 31 MAR 2023</b>
<b>5. Creditors</b>	£	£
Capitation payable to District	-	2,542.90
Accountancy fee	375.00	200.00
	375.00	2,742.90

<b>6. Funds of the Charity</b>	<b>Balance</b>				<b>Balance</b>
	<b>1 April 2023</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>31 Aug 2024</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Property - Hall	10,000.00	(10,000.00)			-
	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>(10,000.00)</b>	-	-	-
<b>General Funds</b>	40,759.81	10,000.00	34,726.86	(45,957.80)	39,528.87
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>50,759.81</b>	-	<b>34,726.86</b>	<b>(45,957.80)</b>	<b>39,528.87</b>

**7. Trustee Remuneration**

During the year, none of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from employment with the charity.

**8. Trustee Expenses**

One or more of the trustees have claimed expenses for items purchased on behalf of the charity.

	<b>01 APR 2023</b>
	<b>- 31 AUG 2024</b>
Number of Trustees	3
Reimbursement of expenses	£1,228.68

**9. Related Party Disclosures**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.