

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	<table border="1"><tr><td>5TH BROMLEY SCOUT GROUP</td></tr></table>	5TH BROMLEY SCOUT GROUP							
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Other names the charity is known by	<table border="1"><tr><td></td></tr></table>								
Registered charity number (if any)	<table border="1"><tr><td>303549</td></tr></table>	303549							
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Charity's principal address	<table border="1"><tr><td>Scout Hall</td></tr><tr><td>157 Bromley Common</td></tr><tr><td>BROMLEY</td></tr><tr><td>BR2 9RJ</td></tr></table>	Scout Hall	157 Bromley Common	BROMLEY	BR2 9RJ				
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Kevin Burford	Chair	
2	Thomas Norris	Scout leader	
3	Val Edmondson	Secretary	
4	Andrew Gurney	Treasurer	
5	Christopher Day	President	
6	Carol McGowan		
7	Naomi Norris	Cub leader	
8	Justin Pittaway Hay	Cub leader	

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Governance

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.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

The 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.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

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 and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Our young people aged 6 – 14 meet weekly during term time and take part in several residential experiences every year. During these sessions our young people will take part in activities to help gain skills for life including : cooking, camping, firelighting, map reading, craft making, team building. They also participate in adventurous activities like climbing, axe throwing, kayaking, and zorbing

Public benefit statement

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 achievements of the charity during the year

The 5th Bromley Scout Group has had a very successful year led by our wonderfully talented team of volunteer leaders. Every leader across every section has been a former Beaver, Cub or Scout either at the 5th Bromley itself or at another Scout Group local to their hometown.

This is such a key element to the success as each leader has a knowledge of what makes Scouting fun, interesting and rewarding for our young members.

Financially the 5th Bromley Group is fairing well under the stewardship of our Trustees in particular our Treasurer – Andrew Gurney and our Group Secretary – Val Edmondson, supported by various co-opted members to the Executive. Andrew has a wealth of experience from his professional and his community related activities. Similarly has Val through her experience within Education and many decades of family knowledge of the Scouting community. Our co-opted members bring huge experience from being former Section Leaders in the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

At all sections we are closely monitoring the number of volunteers we have able to support the exciting and diverse programme of activities and more adult support would be very welcome. As a group we have limited the numbers of Beavers to 16, our cubs should be limited to 30 but regularly has just over this number attending on a weekly basis. Whilst our Scout Troop has close to 32 scouts regularly attending. All three sections have a waiting list and if experienced leaders were able to volunteer and join the Group, we could run an extra Cub Pack and Scout Troop. There are currently 46 young people on the waiting list. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers this is not practical at this moment in time.

Some combined activities for the group saw all sections head off to a Trampolining Centre and also to take part in the Platinum Jubilee Tree planting session in Jubilee Woods.

The District St George's Day Parade took place and this is an amazing day of fun and commitment of which many of our leaders also give up huge amounts of time to support. Our Cub Leader Naomi was also selected and went to the World Scout Jamboree and was able to provide a first hand description of the experience she and the very large UK Contingent had during this time. Naomi was the first person to lead a contingent from the Group for many years. A great inspiration to everyone. The Group is also very proud to see one of our former members, Laurence, who attended Beavers, Cubs and Scouts before coming back for a short while as a leader be awarded one of the final Queen's Scout Award

Our Beaver section lost a senior leader due to family and work commitments but is covering all events with our 2 key leaders supported by some of our Young Leader and Parent Volunteers. Our Section regularly has 16 members of the Beaver community in attendance.

This year the Beavers worked towards the Global Issues Badge and discovered the meaning of Fair Trade and understood the impact affecting Endangered Species. The Beavers also learnt how create a homemade filter to produce clean water. The Beaver Colony also worked on their Creative Badge by writing and reading out there poems, Learning about recycling and even making new products from recycling. The Beavers were able to join up with the Cubs and have a joint section camp that seemed to be very popular making good use of our facilities and grounds. Simple key to success was the night hike to find the Best Pizza and Chips locally. The Beavers also learnt about the various faiths of the world and also had a chance to visit the

Mosque at Keston to experience and see the temple there. With so much activities taking place it is always good to see First Aid being taught and the Beavers all did very well. Probably just as well as a few meetings later, they were working under close supervision making fruit Kebabs using knives.

Our Cub Pack leadership also endured some change as one of our leaders had to step back from supporting the team as work and family commitments meant they were unable to ensure regular attendance, however with our Leaders, Naomi, Chris, John and our president Chris Day able to continue supporting the Pack activities it was a very successful year. Regular attendance of Cubs is just over 30 and there is a waiting list to join. During this time our Cub Pack had the opportunity to enjoy a wide and varied programme of activities. The Cubs worked towards earning their World Faith Badge which included a visit to a local Mosque in Keston. With the Platinum Jubilee occurring decorations and celebrations were embraced. Next on the itinerary was a chance to try out Taekwondo as the Cubs worked towards gaining their Martial Arts badge. More fun was had by trying out Stand-Up Paddle Boarding at Beckenham Place park. A great activity and worthy of trying. During the Summer, the Cub Pack was able to enjoy a summer Camp at Wilberforce and continue working on their Naturalist Activity badge. The Summer camp had some great activities including Zip Lines and Grass sledging, Camp Fires and camp fire songs. Getting up very early, talking and not much sleep seem to be additional activities enjoyed by most! The Cub Pack learn about the Solar System and headed over to Shoreham to learn and walk the Solar System that is there. In the Autumn the Cub Pack had a great visit to the Golden Hind in London for a Pirate themed day. Later followed up by a Cod Cooking Completion.

Our Scout Troop continues to attract a large number of Scouts with just over 30 regularly in attendance. During the year our Scout Troop our Scouts had a local camp / sleepover at the hut. Expertise was developed in the use of a flint and steel for fire lighting as well as heading off on a night hike finishing off the evening with a film night of their choice. During the month of May, highlights for the Scouts was the arrival of Joe's Bows. Not an Archery activity as some of us might think, but a visit including birds of prey including some very large Owls. References to the evening being a real hoot and very eggciting are banned. Our Scout Troop also had the chance to develop some basic household maintenance skills including learning how to rewire a plug. Adrenalin activities such a Mop Hockey saw some fun competitive games played on our outside area. Making use of the Summer weather and evening light, the Scouts headed off to Frylands Wood to try their hand at Large Pioneering. Always amazing the structures that can be built. In the Summer the Scouts headed off to a camp and all had a great time with the Archery, Zorb Ball and Crate stacking... this just seems to be an excuse for hanging around from the photos! In the autumn, the Scouts headed off to a local swimming pool to try out Scuba diving which was another success for the leaders. The Scouts had a chance to test their Entrepreneurial skills by investing £2 each to see what they could do and how much profit they could make , very impressive they turned in a profit of over £350.. Watch out Alan Sugar.

Success is always rewarded so off to Lazer quest for a fun night out. During the final camp of the year at Easter, the ever popular knife and axe throwing activity was undertaken along with Archery and Grass Sledging. Apparently at some point sleeping was also an activity to try!

During the year there was a great celebration as our Group Scout Leader, Tom and our Cub Leader Naomi tied the knot at a lovely and very befitting setting beside a lake... complete with water sports activities thrown in... and

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £12,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £40,000 at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Further financial review details (optional information)

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Kevin Burford	Andrew Gurney
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

27-Dec-23

5th Bromley Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Receipts

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Restricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Restricted funds
Subscriptions, donations and similar income				
Membership subscriptions: Scouts	3,091.00	0.00	1,540.00	0.00
Membership subscriptions: Cubs	3,168.00	0.00	3,080.00	0.00
Membership subscriptions: Beavers	2,090.00	0.00	660.00	0.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-3,368.00	0.00	-2,740.30	0.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,981.00	0.00	2,539.70	0.00
Donations	235.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	3,664.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other similar income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	8,880.01	0.00	2,789.70	0.00
Grants				
Maintenance grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other grants	1,300.00	0.00	12,293.29	0.00
Sub total	1,300.00	0.00	12,293.29	0.00
Activity receipts (gross)				
Camps and events	6,816.00	0.00	1,520.00	0.00
Other receipts	98.12	0.00	100.00	0.00
Sub total	6,914.12	0.00	1,620.00	0.00
Investment income				
Bank interest	57.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Society interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Rent income (Hall lettings)	15,829.20	0.00	14,589.60	0.00
Other investment income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	15,886.64	0.00	14,589.60	0.00
Total Gross Income	32,980.77	0.00	31,292.59	0.00
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	32,980.77	0.00	31,292.59	0.00

5th Bromley Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-22 To 31-Mar-23

Payments

	2022/23	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Group running costs				
Section expenses: Scouts	2,266.47	0.00	587.44	0.00
Section expenses: Cubs	4,299.02	0.00	434.01	0.00
Section expenses: Beavers	364.12	0.00	27.99	0.00
Insurance	1,715.16	0.00	1,585.31	0.00
Bank and GoCardless fees	616.22	0.00	308.76	0.00
Scout Hall rates	96.00	0.00	313.21	0.00
Scout Hall electricity	1,190.45	0.00	1,961.52	0.00
Scout Hall waste	778.18	0.00	626.52	0.00
Scout Hall Broadband	260.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scout Hall garden	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scout Hall maintenance	7,001.50	0.00	643.52	0.00
Scout Hall refurbishment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minibus insurance	0.00	0.00	370.00	0.00
Minibus road tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Minibus running costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Group expenses	2,763.36	0.00	133.70	0.00
Camp	3,147.08	0.00	1,097.25	0.00
Camp equipment	0.00	0.00	2,085.94	0.00
Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	24,497.60	0.00	10,175.17	0.00
Activity costs				
Fun Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Detail 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Detail 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other activity costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	24,497.60	0.00	10,175.17	0.00
Asset and investment purchases, etc.			0.00	
Total payments	24,497.60	0.00	10,175.17	0.00
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,483.17	0.00	21,117.42	0.00
Cash funds last year end	31,900.28	2,500.00	10,782.86	2,500.00
Cash funds this year end	40,383.45	2,500.00	31,900.28	2,500.00

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2022 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2022 Restricted funds £	31st March 2022 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2022 Restricted funds £
Cash funds				
Bank balance	40,048.07	2,500.00	31,900.28	2,500.00
Less cheques not yet presented	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank current account (net of unrepresented cheques)	40,048.07	2,500.00	31,900.28	2,500.00
Pre-paid payment card	335.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank deposit account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash/Floats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total cash funds	40,383.45	2,500.00	31,900.28	2,500.00

Restricted funds

The Group holds £2,500 donation from Matthew Oliver to be used for "bursaries for uniform equipment, trips and camps for those in need".

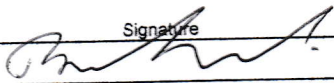
Non-monetary assets

In addition to monetary assets shown above the Group has the following non-monetary assets.

Scout Hall	317,255.00
Scouting equipment	5,000.00

The valuation of the hall shown above represents its value for insurance purposes as at 31st March 2023
The land is owned by The Scout Association (land registry title number SGL102287, checked 22 Jan 2021)

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name
 Kevin Burford Chair
 Andrew Gurney Treasurer

17/12/2023