

# **67<sup>th</sup> Croydon Scout Group**

Charity Registration No: 303595

## **ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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**67<sup>th</sup> CROYDON SCOUT GROUP  
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

HONORARY PRESIDENT	Mrs. Ann Jeffrey
HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT	Mr. David Wavell

TRUSTEES – Ex officio

Group Scout Leader	Mr. A.K. Crackett
Beaver Scout Leader	Mrs. G. Gilbert

TRUSTEES – Elected

Group Chairman	Mr. M. Gilbert
Group Treasurer	Mrs. A. Ofokansi
Group Secretary	Mrs V. Bourne

TRUSTEES – Nominated

Mr. G. North  
Mr. R. Hiscocks  
Mrs. V. McFarlane

Bankers:	National Westminster Bank COIF Charities Deposit Fund
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Other Advisors:	Scout Association at all levels
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Group Registration with Scout Association	10006
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Charity Registration	303595
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**67<sup>th</sup> CROYDON SCOUT GROUP**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The Group's governing documents are those of 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.

The Group is a trust established under Scout Association rules, which are common to all Groups.

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

The Group is an educational charity managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees'. 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 3 independent representatives: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parents' representation, and meets regularly.

This 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 finances;

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


The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of the Scout Association 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. 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. In planning all activities for the year, the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

At the end of the year, income reserves amounted to £21,151 (2022: £26,929).

The Group met throughout the year and various camps were held, utilising the additional camping equipment and tents purchased last year. Additional camping equipment such as Dutch ovens, cast iron skillets and hammocks were purchased. A more secure structure made with aviary mesh replaced the panels used to house the gas containers situated behind the halls. Within the halls, LED lighting was purchased and new radiators were installed. Following the low attendance numbers post-pandemic, an initiative prioritising session attendance over the payment of membership dues came up short in the year - where dues collected did not cover capitation costs per head. Going forward, this is not sustainable and membership dues must be paid per session.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 10 / 07 / 2024 and signed on their behalf by



**M. A. Gilbert, Group Chairman**

**67<sup>th</sup> CROYDON SCOUT GROUP**  
**Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total receipts for the year	26,593	26,180
Total payments for the year	<u>32,371</u>	<u>30,248</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	(5,778)	(4,068)
Cash, banks and similar funds brought forward	<u>26,929</u>	<u>30,997</u>
Cash, banks and similar funds carried forward	<u>21,151</u>	<u>26,929</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 10 / 07 / 2024 and signed on their behalf by



**M. A. Gilbert**  
**Group Chairman**

**67TH CROYDON SCOUT GROUP**  
**Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>	1,271	2,502
Less Paid	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,653</u>
	<b><u>(629)</u></b>	<b><u>849</u></b>
<b>Investment Income received</b>		
Bank Interest	755	180
Hall rents	<u>25,655</u>	<u>22,136</u>
	<b><u>26,410</u></b>	<b><u>22,316</u></b>
<b>Donations and grants</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,767</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Activity Receipts	<b>812</b>	<b>248</b>
<b>Fund raising</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Income tax recovered on subscriptions etc	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sundry receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts for the year</b>	<b><u>26,593</u></b>	<b><u>26,180</u></b>

**67TH CROYDON SCOUT GROUP**  
**Payments for the year ended 31st December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Premises</b>		
Rent	200	200
Rates	993	1,426
Light & Heat	10,164	4,353
Insurance	2,753	2,719
Repairs & renewals	8,998	<u>11,523</u>
Premises maintenance	<u>1,440</u>	
	<b><u>24,548</u></b>	<b><u>20,221</u></b>
<b>Donations/grants</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>567</b>
<b>Fund raising expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Admin/establishment expenses</b>		
Insurances	52	503
Accountancy fees	0	0
Sundry Section Expenses	0	0
Sundry Group Expenses	1,551	1,745
Training	120	40
Tributes	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b><u>1,723</u></b>	<b><u>2,288</u></b>
<b>Trustees expenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other expenses (new lease &amp; planning)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Purchase of capital equipment</b>	<b>2,538</b>	<b>6,878</b>
<b>Badges and uniforms</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Sundry payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total payments for the year	<u><b>32,371</b></u>	<u><b>30,248</b></u>

**67<sup>th</sup> CROYDON SCOUT GROUP**  
**Statement of assets & liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

	2023	2022
<b>Monetary assets</b>		
Bank Current accounts	103	103
Bank Deposit accounts	23,698	29,476
	<u>23,801</u>	<u>29,579</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Debtors & Prepayments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Investment assets</b>	nil	nil
<b>Non-monetary assets</b>		
Land & Building	0	0
Scouting equipment, furniture etc.	0	0
<b>Liabilities: Those due within one year</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	150	150
<b>Liabilities: Those payable after one year</b>	2,500	2,500
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>21,151</u>	<u>26,929</u>
<b>Contingent liabilities and future obligations</b>	nil	nil

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 67<sup>th</sup> CROYDON SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Group's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- To examine the accounts (under Section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

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Date: 24 / 06 /2024