



**4th Headstone SCOUT COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting**

21st September 2024, 4pm

Well End Scout Activity Centre

4th Headstone Scout Group, Group Lead Volunteer and Chairperson's AGM report 2024

Since our last AGM, the Scout Group continues to grow from strength to strengths.

As you can see from all our section reports they continue to thrive and offer our young members lots of amazing experiences that not all young people would possibly get via other avenues. We are proud of the number of Acorn, Bronze, Silver and Gold Chief scout awards, awarded to our young people. In March we presented the first Squirrel Acorn award in Harrow District. These awards and other badges plus activities that are offered to our members are due to the amazing dedication of our volunteer team of adults (Leaders) we have in 4th Headstone. We thank them for all their hard work, not just at weekly meetings but for the additional activities they offer including residential experiences.

We continue to feed into and work with Index Explorers and are pleased to welcome them to our Group family Camp. Index meets at our Scout hut on a Thursday evening, meaning that we offer scouting to young people aged 4-18 years old.

Since our last AGM, we have said goodbye to Taylor (who was working with the cub section), as she has had to move to another part of the UK due to her partner's new posting with the RAF. We wish her well and hope that she keeps in touch with us. Raju has now taken up the role as Deputy GSL (DGSL) and Anne Hayward (DGSL) has recently taken a sabbatical away from scouting due to personal reasons and we thank her for her hard work, and look forward to welcoming her back in due course.

As a Trustee board, supported by a subcommittee (executive), we continue to ensure the group runs to the requirements of the Scout Association and charity commission. This has included the implementation of changes from HQ and ensuring the upkeep of the hut and that a varied programme is offered to our young people for example. We would like to thank the trustees and the subcommittee members for their time and efforts, much of their work is undertaken without others knowing what it is all about. If you are interested in becoming a trustee or subcommittee, please do let us know.

As we own our scout hut, from time to time, we may be required to ask you to support maintenance days including weeding of the scout hut grounds, cleaning the hut and/ or equipment, painting and decorating to name a few chores! If you have a particular qualification or skill that you feel would be useful, please do let us know.

Fundraising has been reduced since our last AGM due to lack of engagement for these activities. Following feedback more recently from members, we will be having another festive auction at the end of November and we thank Andy (scout leader) for agreeing to be our auctioneer - please keep an eye out for further information.

During 2023 we fundraised to purchase two defibrillators in Memory of Chris Saunders, a great supporter of 4th Headstone. We are pleased to say that both the public defibrillator and internal use one for the scout hut (this one can be taken to camps, we are pleased to say we have this one at the AGM) have been received and we are working to get them up and running- please look out for further information on the launch of both of these defibrillators shortly.

As a scout group we prepare for our group family camp, in which our AGM will take place and thank all our leaders (volunteers) and trustee members/ subcommittee members (volunteers) for all their hard work in making 4th Headstone the Group it is. There are a couple of special thanks to Tracy Janssens and Terry Lawrence for coming to support Group Family Camp (even though their children are now adults and no longer involved with the group) without their support, our volunteers would not be able to offer the programme we will undertake and for the support they give to fundraising efforts too. Thank you to Paul and Reshma from the District and David Carlen (our Group President and County Treasurer) and his wife Suzanne for supporting this camp.

Finally, a big thank you to our members and their families for all their support too.

Sammy – Group Lead Volunteer & Dave- group Chairperson

Squirrels Report 23/24

And, what a year it has been! For the majority of the year, we have had a full Drey with 16 very lively Squirrels. We have said goodbye as some have moved up to Beavers, or have, unfortunately left us for pastures new. Leadership-wise, we are the same team: Red is Squirrel Leader, Bear and LaLa are Assistant Squirrel Leaders, and Skippy is our Official Parent Lead. Without the team, we wouldn't be able to function, but of course, as leaders our thanks and appreciation is always to our parent helpers, who rock-up every week and take their turn. We're also lucky to have some fabulous young leaders who help us out every week and are a real asset to the group- Thank You.

Our first Acorn Award was awarded, and many more have followed – as a Drey, we are super proud of this achievement, and congratulate all who have achieved it so far! Our first was also the first acorn to be awarded in the district and we were lucky to be joined by Reshma Patel and Paul Turner from the district when we presented this in March. We're now up to four acorns so far with several more Squirrels close to achieving theirs and we can see more being awarded before the end of the year.



After the fun of family camp last year we carried out a litter pick in Yeading Walk. As well as being a great way to help the environment, the squirrels enjoyed being competitive to see who could pick up the most rubbish. Highlights included several beer bottles, coke cans and sandwich wrappers. We carried on learning about local heroes with a visit to Harrow Fire Station. Skippy especially enjoyed getting to meet the firemen and learning how to safely handle the fire hose. Our last meeting before half term saw our biggest hike yet- to the chip shop. A column of Squirrels and parents in high-vis and glo-sticks safely trekked to and from the Chip Shop, with everyone enjoying Bear's quiz along the route and the chips when we got back to the hut.

After half term we had a spooktacular Halloween party with the hut transformed by our Young Leaders into a ghoulish grotto. We also took part in remembrance parades at St Alban's Church and at Pinner War memorial.



As the nights drew in, we welcomed some special guests. Firstly Sharika came to teach us about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita and then Lisa joined us to teach us about First Aid. The squirrels had great fun learning what to do in an emergency, how to put someone in the recovery position and how to call an ambulance. Great fun was had when Bear said that calling for help was the one time you were allowed to shout as loudly as you could. Finally we made Christingles and had a special visitor to wish us a Merry Christmas, we hope he comes back later this year.

In January, the Squirrels celebrated their first birthday. A handful of Squirrels joined the Scouts and Explorers at PACCAR for the day. We met at PACCAR on Saturday morning, in our welly boots, winter coats, hats and gloves. We set up camp in one of the huts, had customary warm drinks and biscuits and then "got Squirreling". We learned how to make a den out of sticks and leaves, make ice baubles and we also watched them scale the heights whilst crate stacking. It was a wonderful day, if not a bit chilly! We were invited to lunch by the Scouts, and the Squirrels were impeccably behaved whilst eating their packed lunches; which was remarked on by several of the Scout Leaders and some of the Scouts. Before we knew it, it was time to go, but before we did, Bear was invested as an Assistant Squirrel Leader by Sammy. The Squirrels proudly stood to attention, saluted and cheered him once he had completed his Promise.



Throughout February, we concentrated on using our senses, and undertook a variety of experiments to high-light the individual senses – it pushed many Squirrels out of their comfort zones, especially when blindfolded and then asked to touch and feel different objects in bowls. Other experiments included Bear making cola explode on a skateboard, using Mentos. Thankfully, we were outside and a quick rinse with water was all that was needed to clear up the mess. We also took part in the St George’s Day Parade in Pinner with two squirrels, two leaders and two friendly furry dragons all doing us proud.



As the lovely, warm weather came back, so did our ability to carry out activities in the garden, Yeading Walk and also Headstone Park. The Squirrels learned how to pitch a tent, we had a camp “fire” and sang songs; our Young Leaders also taught the Squirrels how to do square lashings and tie reef knots, although many did turn into granny knots, and I’m not sure our raft would have lasted a particularly long time with some of the lashings 😊 Our walks in Yeading Walk and Headstone Park introduced us to lots of different insects and birds. We unearthed lots of big green slugs under fallen tree trunks, spiders, ants and woodlice, one eagle-eyed Squirrel also spotted a dragonfly; we also watched a squirrel jump from branch to branch without putting a paw out of place!

We have been in touch with Dreys from Gloucester and Belgium as part of one of our Challenge badges. Our Squirrels wrote letters and drew pictures. These were sent off with one of our scarves, name tape, District badge and Group badge. We received similar in return and lots of sweeties!!!



Our final badge of the year we worked towards was our Disney Princess Badge. This included learning the story of Moana and then working together to help her escape from the Reef.

End of term culminated in our annual Squirrelympics. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us, and our venue changed mid-afternoon as heavy downpours were forecast, and they were not wrong! Nevertheless, the Squirrels performed to a Olympic gold standard. They ran races, transferred “acorns” without dropping them, did curling (with beanbags), and various other obstacles. Much fun was had, and at the end of it all, medals were awarded to everyone for Outstanding Teamwork!



We have been made aware that there are some other Squirrel Dreys in the Harrow area now. We look forward to some joint activities with them in the future, including our Squirrelympics, where we can compete Drey against Drey.

Come September, we will have potentially 5 new Squirrels joining us – and we look forward to welcoming them to the Drey. Our older Squirrels will be “stepping up to the plate” and setting a wonderful example, to help ensure the smooth transition of the younger children to the Drey. This will mean we will have some future investitures to make, we have 2 already for September and we look forward very much to taking the Drey back to its full capacity.

LaLa and Bear
August 2024

4th Headstone Beavers AGM report. September 2023 – July 2024

Once again this has been another busy year for our Beavers.

In the term from September to December several of our Beavers attended family camp and enjoyed a wide range of activities including bouldering, zip wire, camp fire, scavenger hunt, tracking and of course a firm favourite - making and eating smores!

During this term as well as activities towards the various challenge badges beavers also had the opportunity to earn the book reader badge. As part of this we visited North Harrow Community Library where we did a scavenger hunt together with book and word searches.

The term finished with our annual visit to Auburnmere Residential Home where we sang songs to the residents and gave them Christmas cards which the beavers had made. We have already been asked back again this year!

In January we welcomed our first squirrels who moved up to us. Thank you to Tim (Bear) one of the squirrel leaders who came down on this first evening to help the move up go smoothly and who has continued to do so each term more squirrels move up.

In March we had a sleepover inside the scout hut in pop up tents for our 7 year old beavers. At the sleepover the beavers made various treats as part of the cooks badge for their mums who were invited to join us on the Sunday morning for coffee and to sample the delights the beavers had made as a late Mothers Day treat.

During the term we also learnt about the air ambulance service and collected milk bottle tops to support their activities as part of the Collectors badge. Beavers also had the opportunity to earn the communicator activity badge. We had a visit from a lady who taught them how to say hello and their name in sign language. We also celebrated National Chip day by making our own oven chips - another firm favourite!

After Easter for the first time our Beavers tackled the Stage 1 Digital Maker Badge. They learnt how to write simple codes which their fellow beavers had to follow to avoid dangers and successfully find the treasure.

One of the highlights of this term was a visit from a RNLI volunteer called David who taught the beavers all about water safety. They then had the chance to dress up as lifeguards or lifeboat crew and roll play scenarios of rescuing our young leaders from danger. We're not sure who enjoyed this more - the beavers or Emily and Dylan our Young Leaders!

In June 5 beavers accepted the invitation to join the Cubs for a sleepover at Leeswood Camp Site. The camp focused on traditional camping skills and our beavers had great fun putting up tents. They also made their own dinner and collected wood to make fires, on which they cooked the food they had made.

During the year we have undertaken numerous other activities including making water filters, a visit to the model railway in Roxbrough Park, Scalextric in Northwood, planting bulbs in Margarets pots and various craft activities. We are very grateful to all the parents who have helped us to

deliver these activities to the beavers whilst on parent rota.

We're very pleased that during the year all of the beavers who attended on a regular basis gained the Chief Scouts Bronze Award before moving upto Cubs - the highest award beavers can earn.

A big thank you must also go to Viv, our retired beaver leader who continues to hep run an evening once a term, all the others leaders who have supported us and last, but by no means least, our 2 young leaders Emily and Dylan who we are delighted are able to join us again next term.

As we start of think about this new term plans are already well under way for another family camp in September which several beavers and parents will be joining us at. We look forward to another 4 squirrels joining us and hope that they, along with our current beavers will continue to enjoy their time with us before continuing their Scouting journey through Cubs and the other sections.

Maria, James & Nancy

4th Headstone Cubs AGM report. September 2023 – July 2024

The pack continues to thrive and we consistently have 31 cubs in pack. We've not reached our maximum of 36 but we expect to keep around 30 in the pack for at least the next year.

We are grateful to the 2 young leaders: Sara and Daisy, who have been a brilliant support over the last year. They are both going to focus on their GCSE exams now so we wish them both well and are sure they're both do brilliantly.

Up until the end of the summer term we had five leaders, including myself. We said goodbye to Taylor in July though as she and her partner have moved as a result of his new RAF posting. We know the cubs will miss Taylor's energy and enthusiasm and I will miss the new ideas she came up with for activities. I am grateful to Sammy, Sharika and Naila for their continued support and am confident we'll continue to be a great team!

In the last year the cubs have earned 328 badges between them. That includes 7 Chief Scout Silver Awards which is the highest badge the cubs can gain. We have worked on the Entertainer badge and Road Safety badge which most of the cubs gained; only those who missed a session for any reason didn't complete them but we also ran a mop-up session for those who missed out.

The majority of the cubs gained at least level 1 of the Emergency Aid badge with most of them gaining level 2 or 3. There is a lot to take in for these badges as they cover a broad range of first aid skills. We will continue to run ad-hoc sessions during the year as we realise that those really help keep the knowledge fresh in the cub's minds.

Our 2-night cub camp in Spring was once again indoor, this time at PACCAR scout campsite. The cubs enjoyed a range of onsite adventurous activities as well as making Airfix models which had been free-to-us because of the collaboration between the Scout Association and Airfix.

Our 1-night camp in the Summer saw those who attended working towards their Outdoor Challenge badge (which it is only possible to complete if they spend at least 3 nights away during their time with us). For the first time we were joined by the beavers which was great fun. All the young people pitched their own tents and put them down again on the Sunday and none of them ended up collapsing in the night! They also collected their own firewood, built their fires, lit them with flints, made their own fajitas from scratch and cooked them on the open fires.

Next year will follow the same pattern of a 2-night one in the Spring (already booked for 21st-23rd March at Tolmers campsite for those who want to put the date in their diary!) and a 1-night one in Summer.

Other activities we've taken part in over the last year include visiting the Houses of Parliament; an excellent visit that all the cubs enjoyed and which we are grateful to our local MP, Gareth Thomas, for hosting. We also celebrated Navatri last Autumn and went to the Scaletrix track in January which all the cubs thought was great fun. We focused on "things to be thankful for" during Mental Health Awareness week in the Spring too, with the support of the Molly Rose Foundation. And in the Summer term we spent as much time as possible outside: pond-dipping, geo-caching and litter-picking in the local area.

My thanks once again go to all the parents who support us on the parent rota and in many other ways; we could not run cubs without that help.

Alison Vallance
Cub Scout Leader

Scout Troop AGM Report 2023-2024

The Scout Troop has had another very active year. We remain fully at capacity with around 30 Scouts and continue to have a strong intake from Cubs coming up, friends and family, and referrals. Our Troop continues to include boys and girls from a wide mix of backgrounds, making it an inspiring and interesting group to be part of and a place to build friendships for life.

Millie has joined Emily on our Young Leader team, with and Josh still supporting when he is able, and together with the 4 Leaders we have been able to continue wide-ranging programme. As ever we are also very grateful to the parents and carers who have volunteered to help at some of our meetings and events. This really helps us to run the programme, and we know that the parents and carers have had fun too.

Our programme is designed for the Scouts to have fun, build friendships, undertake activities that they wouldn't normally do, get a sense of adventure, and to learn skills for life.

Over the past year we have held a wide range of activities and trips away including:

- Took part in the District Cooking Competition where we took 1st and 2nd place, and also the Sedan Chair Rally which we won.
- A visit to the East London Mosque.
- Our annual night hike in and around the Chess Valley, and SWIPHTs in the Chilterns during the Christmas and Easter Holidays.
- Our New Year Camp at PACCAR, including climbing, zip lines, high ropes and the new G-swing activities on site, a geocaching hike, and forestry work.
- A Spring Sleepover in the Secret Nuclear Bunker in Essex.
- An awesome session about deaf awareness from Sarah Hart, who is also one of our parents.
- A thoughtful session about mental health from the Molly Rose Foundation.
- Our May Trip to The Cotwolds and the Wye Valley, including a canoe trip, archery, camping, hiking and a visit to Lechlade.
- A bike ride on the Celandine Route.
- Volunteering in Yeading Walk where we cleared an area of fallen timber and made some seating areas.
- Local activities to test navigation skills and find out more about the local area, including Geo-caching and a Wide Game in Ruislip Woods.
- Water sports at Bury Lake.
- Activities to build skills including First Aid, cooking, knots, wooden woggle making navigation and map reading.

The feedback from the Scouts is that they really enjoy the mix of activities, and they certainly seem to have fun. We make sure that everyone gets a chance to participate and get to stretch their ability in a safe and supportive environment.

While the focus is on fun activities and learning new things, it is important to recognise the achievements that the Scouts make. We design the programme to enable the Scouts to earn badges and awards, and since last September we have awarded over 200 badges. We are very pleased to have awarded 4 Chief Scouts Gold Awards in that time, the very highest award in the Scout Section. Very well done again to everyone who earned these awards and badges.

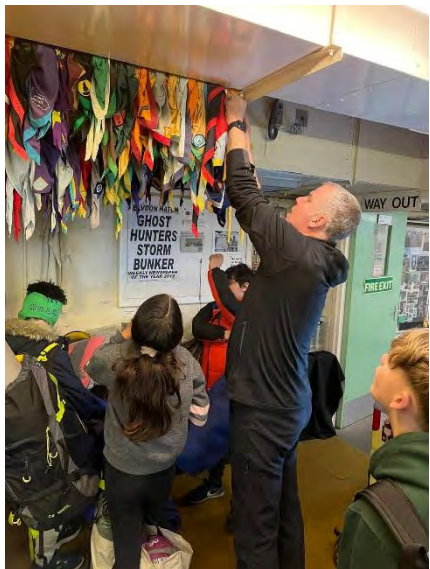
We already have a packed programme coming together for the remainder of this year and next year, and expect to be awarding some more Gold Awards in the near future.

Scott, Kirsty, Paul, Andy, Emily, Millie and Josh – Leaders and Young Leaders

New Year Camp 2024



Spring Sleepover 2024 at The Secret Nuclear Bunker



Cotswolds & Wye Valley Trip 2024



Water Sports at Bury Lake 2024



A Few Other Activities 2023-24



East London Mosque



Obstacle Course



District Cooking Competition



Sedan Chair Rally



Easter SWIPHT



Yeading Walk Volunteering



Cycling



Map Symbol Bingo

INDEX ESU - 4TH HEADSTONE SCOUT GROUP AGM Report 2023-2024

Over the past 12 months the new edition of Index ESU has gone from strength to strength. Membership has expanded to nearly 40 Explorer Scouts, with an influx of Scouts from 4th Headstone, 5th Pinner and 3rd Pinner, and the leadership team is now well established with Paul, Scott and Jonny as regular leaders and additional support from Reshma and Andy. Due to other commitments Oliver decided he was unable to continue in a leadership role with Index. We also said goodbye to two members who turned 18, one of whom is already taking steps to become a leader at 5th Pinner, and we wish them both well.

We have continued to provide a varied programme, largely driven by the Explorer's requests and facilitated by the Leaders. The Explorers have been more active in helping plan and run the programme and we hope to continue and increase this in the coming year, and will be encouraging the establishment of a Unit Forum elected by the members.

During the past year we have incorporated activities into the programme to satisfy the ICV requirements of the Chief Scouts Awards, lead by Reshma in particular, including our on-going support of the Firm Foundation homeless charity in South Harrow. We have also been really pleased to see how many of our Explorers have been participating in the District DofE programme, with 10 members completing their Silver expeditions and 2 their Gold expeditions earlier this year.

Nights away during the past 12 months have included 4th Headstone's Group Family Camp last September (and this September!), sleepover at Jump-in trampoline centre, District Camp where we had almost the entire unit on site, as well as the various DofE expeditions and practice expeditions. We have a trip planned to North Wales at the beginning of October to go white water rafting. We still do have ambitions to run an international trip but were unable to manage it this year, however one of our members did attend the Roverway 2024 International Scout event in Norway this summer, and some have signed up for the GLMW County Kandersteg trip next year.

Over the past year we have held a wide range of activities including:

- A quiz night.
- District Cooking Competition and Sedan Chair Rally.
- A visit to The Rayleigh Observatory located on the roof of Harrow School Physics Department.
- London Scavenger Hunt.
- A night hike, twilight hike and SWIPHTs in the Chilterns during the Christmas and Easter Holidays.
- Murder Mystery night.
- Christmas Meal.
- Southern 50 Challenge.
- Visit to Firm Foundation.
- Wide Games at Lees Wood.

- Visit to HarroWall.
- Go Karting funded by Jack Petchey Awards.
- Lawn bowling at Pinner Bowling Club.
- Various cooking activities.
- Some more traditional scouting skills such as cooking, pioneering, knife and axe.

One of the highlights of the past year was the Southern 50 Challenge, which is an annual Scout hiking and navigation competition held in the Chilterns in February. They have a 50 mile route, 50km route and a 30km route exclusively for Explorer Scouts. The event runs over a 24 hour period and the routes are different every year. We offered it to the Unit as it is an event that some of the Leaders participated in the past and hoped that we might get enough interest to enter a team. We were overwhelmed by the response and were able to enter 5 teams for the 30km route, with 21 members taking part in total. All teams were successful and finished in reasonable times with minimal drama, which was a very satisfying result. Prior to the event we held some training walks, which certainly helped build confidence and skills. The test will be how many sign up for 2025....!

We are looking forward to the coming year and look forward to welcoming new members in the near future as more Scouts are expected to come up from our feeder Groups. We thank 4th Headstone for their continued support and the use of their facilities and equipment.

Scott, Paul, Jonny, Reshma and Andy – Index ESU Leadership Team

4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group
Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the period ended 31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	38,466	32,132
Total payments for the year (see page 3)	<u>29,750</u>	<u>32,320</u>
Net (outgoings) incomings for the year	8,715	(188)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>24,606</u>	<u>24,794</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>£33,321</u>	<u>£24,606</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:-

Mark Outtrim (Trustee)



David Jolliff (Trustee & Chairman)



4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24

Receipts and payments

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	17,960.85	10,995.02
Less Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County)	- 6,039.50	- 5,459.25
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,921.35	5,535.77
Donations	3,242.46	750.00
Jack Petchey award	-	1,400.00
Gift Aid	-	1,580.20
Subtotal	15,163.81	9,265.97
Grants		
Grants	-	-
Subtotal	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Other Fundraising	189.52	745.15
Summer Fair	2,501.42	4,048.44
Auction	1,983.75	2,342.87
Quiz	-	867.02
Raffle	406.00	242.00
Subtotal	5,080.69	8,245.48
Investment income		
Bank interest	422.40	138.65
Property Rent income	580.00	-
Subtotal	1,002.40	138.65
Other receipts		
Camps	9,627.05	13,346.15
Uniform and Badges	486.50	163.51
Activities	7,105.10	897.10
Other	-	75.00
Subtotal	17,218.65	14,481.76
Total Gross Income	38,465.55	32,131.86
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	38,465.55	32,131.86

4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24

Receipts and payments

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Premises		
Improvements	-	-
Water and Sewerage	1,057.72	-
Electricity and Gas	1,816.91	2,213.68
Insurance	1,282.01	1,327.18
Repairs and Renewals	1,456.56	281.70
Subtotal	5,613.20	3,822.56
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	8,259.89	6,051.26
Adult support and training	-	400.00
Materials and equipment	2,965.29	5121.64
Printing postage stationary & Online Youth Manager	314.66	299.57
Camp costs	7,624.76	10,548.64
Uniforms and Badges	2,983.56	1,808.35
AGM and trustee expenses	-	38.8
Bank charges	-	-
Gifts	66.94	60.00
Other	-	569.22
Subtotal	22,215.10	24,897.48
Fundraising expenses		
Other Fundraising	-	-
Summer Fair	1,464.37	2655.83
Auction	457.55	622.06
Quiz	-	322.29
Raffle	-	-
Subtotal	1,921.92	3,600.18
Total Gross Expenditure	29,750.22	32,320.22
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	29,750.22	32,320.22

4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank & similar funds		
Bank Current Account	100	197
Business Reserve Account	33,221	24,409
Cash	0	0
	33,321	24,606
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Subscriptions receivable after year end	0	0
Deposits paid for camps	534	188
Other monetary assets	275	0
	809	
Gift Aid for 2023/24 to be submitted to HMRC in current year		
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
Land and buildings (Nominal value)	1,000	1,000
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	0	0
	1,000	1,000
INSURANCE VALUE		
Group Buildings - £513,422;		
Equipment and Contents - £34,611		
LIABILITIES Those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid	569	51
Contributions received for camps	153	358
Other liabilities	0	0
	722	409
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year	£0	£0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	£0	£0

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters that I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The Scout Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Commissioners (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 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 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:

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 Acthave not been met; or
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4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group
Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the period ended 31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	38,466	32,132
Total payments for the year (see page 3)	<u>29,750</u>	<u>32,320</u>
Net (outgoings) incomings for the year	8,715	(188)
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>24,606</u>	<u>24,794</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>£33,321</u>	<u>£24,606</u>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:-

Mark Outtrim (Trustee)



David Jolliff (Trustee & Chairman)



4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24

Receipts and payments

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	17,960.85	10,995.02
Less Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County)	- 6,039.50	- 5,459.25
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,921.35	5,535.77
Donations	3,242.46	750.00
Jack Petchey award	-	1,400.00
Gift Aid	-	1,580.20
Subtotal	15,163.81	9,265.97
Grants		
Grants	-	-
Subtotal	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Other Fundraising	189.52	745.15
Summer Fair	2,501.42	4,048.44
Auction	1,983.75	2,342.87
Quiz	-	867.02
Raffle	406.00	242.00
Subtotal	5,080.69	8,245.48
Investment income		
Bank interest	422.40	138.65
Property Rent income	580.00	-
Subtotal	1,002.40	138.65
Other receipts		
Camps	9,627.05	13,346.15
Uniform and Badges	486.50	163.51
Activities	7,105.10	897.10
Other	-	75.00
Subtotal	17,218.65	14,481.76
Total Gross Income	38,465.55	32,131.86
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	38,465.55	32,131.86

4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24

Receipts and payments

	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Premises		
Improvements	-	-
Water and Sewerage	1,057.72	-
Electricity and Gas	1,816.91	2,213.68
Insurance	1,282.01	1,327.18
Repairs and Renewals	1,456.56	281.70
Subtotal	5,613.20	3,822.56
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	8,259.89	6,051.26
Adult support and training	-	400.00
Materials and equipment	2,965.29	5121.64
Printing postage stationary & Online Youth Manager	314.66	299.57
Camp costs	7,624.76	10,548.64
Uniforms and Badges	2,983.56	1,808.35
AGM and trustee expenses	-	38.8
Bank charges	-	-
Gifts	66.94	60.00
Other	-	569.22
Subtotal	22,215.10	24,897.48
Fundraising expenses		
Other Fundraising	-	-
Summer Fair	1,464.37	2655.83
Auction	457.55	622.06
Quiz	-	322.29
Raffle	-	-
Subtotal	1,921.92	3,600.18
Total Gross Expenditure	29,750.22	32,320.22
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	29,750.22	32,320.22

4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group
Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank & similar funds		
Bank Current Account	100	197
Business Reserve Account	33,221	24,409
Cash	0	0
	33,321	24,606
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Subscriptions receivable after year end	0	0
Deposits paid for camps	534	188
Other monetary assets	275	0
	809	
Gift Aid for 2023/24 to be submitted to HMRC in current year		
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
Land and buildings (Nominal value)	1,000	1,000
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	0	0
	1,000	1,000
INSURANCE VALUE		
Group Buildings - £513,422;		
Equipment and Contents - £34,611		
LIABILITIES Those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid	569	51
Contributions received for camps	153	358
Other liabilities	0	0
	722	409
LIABILITIES Those payable after one year	£0	£0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS	£0	£0

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 4th Headstone (St. Albans Own) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters that I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner.

The Scout Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Commissioners (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 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 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
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