

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the period April 2023 to March 2024

Administrative Information

3rd Kingston Scout Group is registered with the Charity Commissioners, number 303754, and whose correspondence address is 23 South Lane, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, KT1 2NJ.

The Group's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Surbiton, Surrey.

The Group's independent examiner of the accounts is Mr Paul Gadd.

Structure, Governance and Management

3rd Kingston Scout Group was constituted according to the rules of, and is recognised by, The Scout Association in 1913. The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which, in turn, gives authority to the by-laws of the Association and to the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The use of our freehold land and buildings is restricted by a Trust Deed. The Group's responsibility for the long-term management of the freehold land and buildings is vested in the Special Trustees by virtue of a Declaration of Trust dated 10th March 1969. The Group is continuing in the process of transferring this to The Scout Association Trust Corporation. This is a technical transfer and does not impact the managing of the Group or its land.

The Group is an educational charity. The members of the Trustee Board are responsible for supporting the Group Scout Leader and for the policy of the Group, as well as being responsible for keeping proper accounts, protecting and maintaining the Group's property and equipment and making the necessary declarations and returns to the Charity Commissioners. The Board consists of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Group Scout Leader, Section Leaders, parent and support representation and meets five times per year. The members of the Trustee Board are appointed and approved by the 3rd Kingston Scout Group Council at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association, bearing in mind the legal requirements of the Charities Acts. The Trustee Board can also co-opt members to the Board during the year until the next Annual General Meeting. The Board members undergo training in relation to their role as Trustees of the Scout Group.

The Trustees who served during the year until the signing of the report are:

John Woodville	Chairman
Sarah Lindberg	Secretary
Gareth Hill	Treasurer
Richard Golding	Group Scout Leader
Christina Golding	Beaver Scout Leader



Karina Luchinkina	Parent Representative
Colin Bowes	Parent Representative
James Stammers	Parent Representative
Jonathan Taylor	Parent Representative
Chris Warry (elected 5 th July 2023)	Parent Representative

The Group has in place a system of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks (particularly with regards to property and personal accident) are covered where practical.

A key risk that the Group faces is the lack of adult volunteers. We are always willing to hear from more volunteers to help run the Section meetings and the Trustees continue to look to identify anyone who could help with this.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

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.

The adult leadership is provided entirely by volunteers. 3rd Kingston Scout Group is very grateful for this dedicated commitment and also for the voluntary support it receives from the Trustee Board members, supporters and parents, without all of whom the Group would not be able to function.



Achievements and Performance

The main achievements and performance of the Group relates to our fabulous young people and the leadership team. The Group Scout Leader's Report details the highlights of the Scouting year at 3rd Kingston.

Our Headquarters continues to provide community use; notably by The Rose Theatre Youth section as well as the use of our car park by local companies.

A few of our local residents continue to use part of our grounds to grow vegetables and plants with the results being seen outside and greatly admired by passers-by.

Financial Review

The Group's Financial Statements are attached. The major observation for this year is the fall in net assets to £119,170 from £154,203 the previous year, compared with a surplus of just over £7,000 last year. This fall of £35,033 can be explained by the increase in "HQ Repairs and Maintenance" payments (see the Income and Expenditure sheet) of £42,089 comprising mainly of the extensive works undertaken at HQ including replacement heating in the hall, replacement lighting and the complete refurbishment of the toilets, which was long overdue. This is a visible and tangible use of the Groups' surplus funds, and it is worth bearing in mind that this is still less than the Covid Support grant of £42,436 received in the financial year ending March 2021 (prior to which the net Assets of the Group were £93,222).

Our previously held investment matured during the year with an interest of £3,750. The Trustees have decided that the Group will not directly invest its resources in stocks and shares due to their high-risk nature. The Group continues to support and subsidise the Section Activities. It is the Group's policy to hold sufficient sums in reserve to enable it to meet its ongoing expenditures – particularly with regards to the maintenance of the Headquarters.

At the end of the year the Trustees have approved payments for next phase of redecoration work throughout the HQ of £6,000, and the purchase of a defibrillator costing £1,500.

The Future

Our relationship with Car Parkers and The Rose Theatre remains very strong, and we believe that these income streams should continue for the foreseeable future as well as continuing to forge links with the local community.

The Trustee Board continues to be mindful of its responsibilities and to use its best endeavours to ensure that the Group's income is used wisely for the overall benefit of 3rd Kingston Scouting. The Leaders continue to teach useful skills to the young people in the Group within an interesting and challenging environment.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees, 13 June 2024



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of 3rd Kingston Scout Group

I report on my examination of the accounts of 3rd Kingston Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Group, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Group'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

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.

Mr Paul Gadd

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13th June 2024.



**3rd KINGSTON SCOUT GROUP [Charity number 303754]
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

		2023 /2024			2022 / 2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
INCOME					
Section Activities					
	Membership Subscriptions	5,686		5,686	5,680
	<i>less: District / County / National share</i>	(3,584)		(3,584)	(3,502)
	Subscriptions Retained	2,102	0	2,102	2,178
	Gift Aid	2,059		2,059	1,943
	Camp & Sleepover Income	2,725		2,725	1,925
	Section Activities & Outings	65		65	411
	Donations & Grants Received	1,078		1,078	352
	Fundraising less donations paid out	0		0	0
		8,029	0	8,029	6,457
Group					
	HQ & Car Park rental income	13,160		13,160	12,770
	Profit on Uniform Sales	(104)		(104)	25
	Bank / Investment Interest	4,645		4,645	4,577
	Miscellaneous Income	0		0	0
		17,701	0	17,701	17,724
TOTAL GROSS INCOME		25,730	0	25,730	24,181
EXPENDITURE					
Section Activities					
	Youth Programme & Activities	4,265		4,265	3,291
	Youth Training Books & Badges	832		832	954
	Camp & Sleepover Expenditure	2,232		2,232	2,618
	Equipment	1,863		1,863	1,248
	Donations	80		80	30
	Leader Uniform	178		178	0
	Printing, Postage & Stationery	50		50	36
		9,500	0	9,500	8,177
Headquarters Running					
	Rates	691		691	1,159
	Water & Sewerage	340		340	177
	Electricity	3,028		3,028	2,032
	Insurance	2,765		2,765	2,840
	HQ Repairs & Maintenance	42,089		42,089	344
	Car Parking Contract	0		0	0
	Depreciation	0		0	0
		48,913	0	48,913	6,552
Group					
	AGM Expenses	231		231	249
	Socials	608		608	541
	Website & Broadband	1,511		1,511	1,480
	Investment Costs	0		0	0
	Legal Fees	0		0	0
	Miscellaneous Expenditure	0		0	0
		2,350	0	2,350	2,270
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE		60,763	0	60,763	16,999
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(35,033)	0	(35,033)	7,182



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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
		2023 / 2024			2022 / 2023	
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds	
FIXED ASSETS (net)						
	Land&Buildings	1		1		1
		1	0	1		1
CURRENT ASSETS						
	Uniform/TShirt stock	471		471		692
	Bank					
	Current Accounts	33,171		33,171		73,861
	Deposit Accounts	8,068	1,630	9,698		29,473
	Investment Accounts	75,670		75,670		50,000
	Cash & Deposit at Epsom & Ewell Scout Shop	159		159		176
		117,539	1,630	119,169		154,202
less: CURRENT LIABILITIES						
	Creditors & Accruals	0		0		0
		0	0	0		0
NET ASSETS		117,540	1,630	119,170		154,203
FUND BALANCES						
General	Balance @Beginning of the Year	152,573		152,573		145,391
	Transfer between Funds			0		0
	Surplus for the Year	(35,033)		(35,033)		7,182
	Balance @End of the Year	117,540		117,540		152,573
Guymer (Restricted)	Balance @Beginning of the Year		1,630	1,630		1,630
	Transfer between Funds			0		0
	Surplus for the Year		0	0		0
	Balance @End of the Year		1,630	1,630		1,630
Total Balance @ End of the Year		117,540	1,630	119,170		154,203
The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 10th June 2024 and signed on their behalf						
			Gareth Hill	Treasurer		

