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Sea Scout Group**

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**Annual Report &
Financial Statements
For the Year to
31 December 2023**

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 06020

Royal Navy Registration Number: 56

Charity Registration Number: 303819

THE PETERSHAM & HAM SEA SCOUT GROUP

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 303819

ANNUAL REPORT

Governing Document: Royal Charter 4th January 1912, as amended 19 July 1991

Objectives: 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.

Trustees:

All served from 1st January to 31st December 2023 unless noted.

Name	Role		Dates
Christopher Wright	Group Scout Leader	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Jon Kirkup	Deputy Group Scout Leader	<i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Elizabeth Cahill	Chair & Independent Trustee	Elected	From 08.10.23
Julian Sheraton-Davis	Independent Trustee	Elected	
	Chair	Elected	To 08.10.23
Mark O'Brien	Treasurer	Elected	
Alex Porter	Secretary	Elected	From 13.03.23
Tina Aird	Secretary	Elected	To 12.03.23
Karin Noble	Hon. President	Nominated	To 08.10.23
Chris Hill	Leaders Representative	Elected	
Patrick Lane-Spollen	Leaders Representative	Elected	
John Roscoe	Parent Representative	Elected	
Sophie Cavanagh	Parent Representative	Elected	
Debbie Vega	Parent Representative	Elected	To 08.10.23

Elizabeth Cahill was elected as new Chair at our Annual General Meeting on 8 October 2023. Julian Sheraton-Davis resigned as Chair but agreed to remain as an Independent Trustee, and Debbie Vega and Karin Noble resigned as Trustees. The Board of Trustees would like to thank them for the valuable support they have given the group over the course of 2023 and in some cases for many years prior to that.

Group Leadership Team:

All served from 1st January to 31st December 2023 unless noted.

Name	Role	Dates
Christopher Wright	Group Scout Leader	
Jon Kirkup	Deputy GSL	
Christopher Hill	Water Master	
Russell Holroyd	Quarter Master	
Sarah McCarthy	Group Leader for Scouts	
Louise Harris	Group Leaders for Cubs	
Fiona Elliot	Group Leader for Beavers	
Amy Benning	Group Training Manager	
John Roscoe	Group Communications Manager	
Derryn Lovett	Explorer Scout Leader*	

**Attends meetings of the Group Leadership Team*

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GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

2023 was another strong year for the Group:

- Membership was fairly flat across the year reflecting the fact that pretty much every section we have continues to run at capacity, and at the year-end, the number of Young People regularly attending our 4 Scout Troops hit a combined 119, the highest number we have had in modern times.
- We delivered an exciting programme across all sections with a focus on getting back out on the water and camping.
- Our Beaver Colonies each organised a sleep over in our HQ and 2 of them took part in the District New Year Party
- Our Cub Packs came together for a Winter Camp at Walton Firs in March, held a joint Water Activities Camp at TYM in May and held a Summer Solstice Camp at our site.
- Our Scouts once again took part in the RN Swimming Gala at HMS Raleigh, Torpoint in February and returned to Swanage and Brownsea Island in September.
- We continued to develop our relationship with the Pfadfinderbund Süd Scouts in Germany with our Phoenix 3 Troop travelling to the Black Forest to join them for a camp during the Easter break.
- Our Scouts and Explorers visited the Wye Valley again for canoeing and kayaking in July and both participated in the District Water Weekend at TYM in June.
- Over the Summer, 2 of our Leaders and 3 Explorers took part in the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, and we sent a contingent to the local District's 'Korea' themed Camp at Chalfont St Peter
- We committed to sending an expedition to Kenya in 2024, finalising the expedition team in December, and commencing fundraising.
- I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our adult volunteers without whom we would be unable to offer such a fantastic programme to so many Young People.

Membership Numbers 2019 to 2023

	Jan '24	Jan '23	Jan '22	Jan '21	Jan '20	Jan '19
Scouts	119	112	106	80	83	55
Cubs	80	79	84	93	98	88
Beavers	59	73	64	49	62	76
Squirrels	15	13				
Total	273	277	254	222	243	219

Gender Split by Section for 2023

	Male		Female	
	TY	LY	TY	LY
Scouts	51.3%	54.5%	48.7%	45.5%
Cubs	58.8%	51.9%	41.2%	48.1%
Beavers	67.8%	68.5%	32.2%	31.5%
Squirrels	60.0%	69.2%	40.0%	30.8%
TOTAL	57.5%	58.1%	42.5%	41.9%

Numbers are taken from the annual census returns which are made in January each year, reflecting the position as at the end of the previous calendar year.

Chris Wright
Group Scout Leader

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Member Subscriptions	49,027.00		44,354.88	
Activities and Camps	55,620.59		51,870.11	
Hire of Premises	4,621.30		3,727.34	
Fundraising and Fireworks	21,146.33		19,471.75	
General Donations	6,123.07		8,137.45	
HMRC Gift Aid	9,831.49		9,208.92	
Electricity Refund	-		3,344.13	
MISC	351.42		-	
Total		146,721.20		140,114.58
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Activities & Camps	53,189.03		52,352.21	
Capitation	13,850.00		12,700.00	
Purchase and maintenance of boats	440.75		10,223.55	
Maintenance of premises and grounds	14,800.77		6,648.65	
Equipment	12,500.52		9,889.97	
Training	273.60		367.25	
General expenses	1,893.58		3,827.67	
Loan repayments	500.00		49,991.43	
Insurance	7,827.04		4,453.61	
Light, heat, water and telephone	8,523.98		3,084.97	
Bank Interest			2.71	
Uniforms	2,850.40			
Fundraising and fireworks	6,759.62		4,170.23	
Total		123,409.29		157,712.25
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		23,311.91		(17,597.67)
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD - GENERAL FUND		90,262.77		132,268.17
Depreciation New Scout Hut		(24,407.73)		(24,407.73)
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD - GENERAL FUND		89,166.96		90,262.77

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023		2022		Change
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets (note 7)		927,493.57		951,901.29	(24,407.73)
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank - HSBC Current Account	9,761.56		6,193.00		3,568.56
Cash at Bank - HSBC -Standing Orders	87,018.56		78,491.56		8,527.00
Cash at Bank - Santander Activities	20,452.13		9,641.53		10,810.60
Cash at Bank - Santander Donations	3,075.47		2,284.85		790.62
		120,307.72		96,610.94	23,696.78
Debtors: Erik Armstrong ESU	1,925.00		1,925.00		
		1,925.00		1,925.00	
Creditors: amounts falling due withing one year (note 8)					
Accrued Expenditure - Gas, Electricity and Water	(559.33)		(174.46)		(384.87)
Loan Payments due within 12 months	0.00		(500.00)		500.00
Net current assets		121,673.39		97,861.48	23,811.91
Total assets less current liabilities		1,049,166.96		1,049,762.77	(595.82)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (note 8 and note 10)					
Loan Payments due greater than 12 months	(42,500.00)		(46,500.00)		
		(42,500.00)		(46,500.00)	
Total net assets		£ 1,006,666.96		£ 1,003,262.77	
REPRESENTED BY					
General Fund		89,166.96	£ 90,262.77		- 1,095.81
Designated Fund - New Building		960,000.00	960,000.00		-
Outstanding loan payments		(42,500.00)	(47,000.00)		4,500.00
		£ 1,006,666.96		£ 1,003,262.77	£ 3,404.19
Designated Fund - New Building					
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		960,000.00		960,000.00	
Transfer from General Fund					
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		£ 960,000.00		£ 960,000.00	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

Expenditure on the planning and construction of the replacement HQ building is capitalised. The final completion payment was made during the year after which we have started to apply depreciation to the carrying value of the asset to reflect the fact that it will have a finite lifetime.

2. Income

Apart from subscriptions and other occasional lettings, the charity was funded by the fundraising activities of the Executive Committee and parents of Young People.

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

3. Uniforms

Uniforms are written off on purchase and a physical control is maintained on movements.

4. Maintenance Costs

Grounds and premises maintenance expenditure covers items spent on our Main Headquarters Building, the grounds and access road, fences, hedges and grass cutting.

5. General & Designated Funds

General funds are available at the discretion of the Trustees for the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are funds set aside by the Trustees for a specific purpose, but which may be varied at the discretion of the Trustees. A designated New Building Fund is in place for upgrading the premises.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

Changes to the value of Fixed Assets are shown below at cost:

	£
At the beginning of the year	951,901
Additions	-
Revaluations	-
Disposals	-
Depreciation	(24,408)
At end of the year	927,494

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7. Creditors

An analysis of creditors is shown below:

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans and overdrafts	0.00	(500.00)	(42,500.00)	(46,500.00)
Trade creditors				
Accruals and deferred income	(559.33)	(174.94)		
Taxation and social security				
Other creditors				
Total	(559.33)	(674.46)	(42,500.00)	(46,500.00)

8. Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or have sought to claim or been paid expenses for fulfilling their role of Trustee and there have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

9. Material Post Balance Sheet Events

Loans totalling £37,500 were pre-paid in full and a loan totalling £5,000 was waived during July 2024, leaving a balance of nil loans outstanding.

These Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees at a meeting on 2 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

C.M.Wright

Christopher Wright
Group Scout Leader

E.Cahill

Elizabeth Cahill
Group Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of the Petersham & Ham Sea Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Petersham & Ham Sea Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 next statement.

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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Name: Cornelius Stassen

Date: 5th October 2024