

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

23rd Camberwell (St Giles) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HMRC charity reference number

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

18a Gilesmead
79 Camberwell Church Street
London
Postcode S E 5 7 L N

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	Roy Webber	Group Scout Leader	
2	James Cross	Deputy GSL	
3	Daniel Hosier	Deputy GSL	
4	Rebecca Chiles	Cub Leader	
5	Sabiene Cross	Beaver Leader	
6	Leigh Savage	Chair	
7	Joanna Broadbent	Treasurer	
8	Mary Owen	Secretary	To 8/11/22
9	Jacqueline Baxter	Secretary	From 8/11/22

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Barclays Bank	6 Market Place, Bexleyheath, DA6 7DY
Bankers	Metrobank	One Southampton Row, WC1B 5HA
Financial services (prepaid expenses cards)	Soldo Financial Services	The Tara Building, Tara St, Dublin, D02 F991, Dublin

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders and individual section leaders and meets every 3-4 months or more often if necessary. A parents' committee, led by the Chair, supports the Group's fundraising activities.

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

This 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.

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Financial risk is mitigated by operating dual authorisation for payments, taking payments online instead of in cash and by using pre-paid payment cards subject to payment controls as instead of petty cash.

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would rent a hall from neighbouring organisations such as the Salvation Army on a short term basis, as we have done this year while the premises have been without a power supply. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. The Group's lease on the scout hall expires in 2033, giving us medium term security of tenure.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all new or significant activities and recorded in writing.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from membership subscriptions and fundraising. The group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities and continued payment of rent and other expenses related to the hall and equipment such as the minibus should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee keeps the level of subscriptions and activity charges under review and will continue to do so in the 2023/24 financial year in light of the operating loss in the 2022/23 financial year and scheduled rent increase under the hall lease.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there were to be a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or the Group as a whole. We have mitigated this risk by asking parents to volunteer to help with the Beaver and Cub sections where we are most in need of additional support. There is a strong and well-established leadership team in place, recognising that Roy Webber may retire in the short to medium term. Daniel Hosier has taken on the role of Deputy GSL, alongside James Cross, this year to reflect this.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there were to be a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or the Group. The Group is an active group with large Beaver, Cub and Scout sections and a partnership agreement with the Phoenix Explorer Unit. Membership numbers have remained steady over the past several years and waiting lists are in operation for some sections.

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 normal scouting activities include weekly section meetings, badge work, regular camps and participation in District events such as sports days, football tournaments, quiz nights and chess and draughts tournaments. We have resumed our normal pattern of meetings and camps now that COVID-related restrictions are no longer in force.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

The Group is grateful to Newcomen Collett for a grant towards the Scout summer camp in 2022.

The Group received discretionary rate relief from Southwark Council in addition to mandatory rate relief.

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.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Group activities included a birthday bowling event to celebrate a return to normal scouting after COVID restrictions lifted. All sections enjoyed Family Camp and participated in the traditional Remembrance Day service. The Scouts section organised a week long camp in Wales for their summer expedition, as well as a return to the traditional spring camp under canvas and cooking on open fires. Community activities included litter picking in Camberwell and a visit to a local care home. Cubs came second in the district football competition, attended District science badge day and at least half of the 22 cubs attending spring camp were first time campers. The Beavers took part in the District hike, had a sleepover, took part in the Big Garden Bird Watch for their animal friend badge and earned their money skills badge by attending a trading post evening.

Section E**Financial Review**

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 fall short. The Group Executive considers that the group should hold the following sums:

£14,210 for one year's rent (estimated sum £7,500 in light of rent review due this year), garage rent (£1,200 for 23/22), utilities (£2,200), van expenses (£1,700) and insurance (£1,610)

£1,500 for cost of a D1E driving qualification for J Chiles to allow him to drive the minivan and trailer

£4,000 towards purchase of a newer minivan when we consider the current vehicle needs to be replaced, reflecting annual depreciation in value of current minivan

£5,000 for estimated cost of repairs to restore electricity supply to the hall and £2,100 for renting alternative premises

£1,000 for a group wide event at no cost to members in May 2023

The Group considers it should hold approximately £15,000 in general funds to ensure continued operational security. After designated funds and approximately £6,175 in funds collected in 2022/23 for two spring camps and a summer camp being held in 2023/24 for which expenses have not yet been incurred, reserves of approximately £22,515 were held against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by higher net income than expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic, when we were unable to run our normal activities. We operated at a small loss this financial year.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

We operated at a small loss of £2,390 this financial year. This does not threaten the Group's viability but we will keep membership fees and activity charges under review in 2023/24 and consider hiring the hall more regularly to increase income.

Further financial review details (optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

<p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The Group has not historically had sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p> <p>The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p>

Section F Other Optional Information

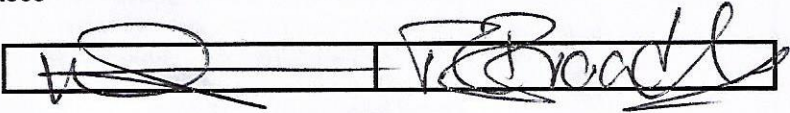
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)								
Full name(s)	Leigh Savage	Joanna Broadbent						
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Treasurer						
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23rd Camberwell (St Giles) Scout Group (Charity no. 303832)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01.04.2022	To	31.03.2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Donations, legacies and similar income	13,907.00	14,709.00
Membership subscriptions	100.00	37.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	15,740.00	11,969.24
Camps and activities	29,747.00	26,715.24
Sub total		
Grants		
Grant from Newcomen Collett	1,000.00	0.00
Southwark COVID recovery grant	0.00	12,763.00
Jack Petchey award	0.00	250.00
Sub total	1,000.00	13,013.00
Fundraising events (gross)		
Uniform sales	380.50	904.00
Cash floats	0.00	1,398.89
Tuck shop	1,100.50	908.00
Halloween	519.10	378.50
Fireworks	1,527.82	20.00
Xmas dinner	1,861.00	2,038.40
London Marathon	100.00	150.00
Lord Mayor's Show	254.00	0.00
Other fundraising activities	0.00	182.00
Sub total	5,742.92	5,979.79
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	1,665.00	1,615.00
Hire of equipment	839.00	761.00
Sub total	2,504.00	2,376.00
Investment income		
Bank interest	83.93	116.64
Sub total	83.93	116.64
Total Gross Income	39,077.85	48,200.67
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	39,077.85	48,200.67

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Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,090.50	4,025.50
Youth programme and activities	454.01	524.76
Adult support and training	72.00	42.20
Rent	6,525.00	6,000.00
Water and Sewerage	125.20	126.70
Electricity and Gas	1,747.81	986.96
Broadband	316.80	316.80
Insurance	1,609.19	1,417.39
Minivan running costs (excluding insurance)	1,705.63	3,063.79
Garage rental	1,164.80	1,131.00
Materials and equipment	1,048.53	1,457.53
Contribution to camp costs	14,987.70	4,088.81
Camp refunds	2,078.80	980.00
Uniforms	349.50	873.70
Badges	805.21	325.12
AGM and trustee expenses (1)	436.50	311.80
Independent examination costs	720.00	0.00
Sundry	0.00	34.00
Bank charges – Go Cardless	871.65	844.09
Bank charges – Soldo electronic petty cash	135.96	121.59
Bank charges – PayPal	35.57	40.00
Sub total	39,280.36	26,711.74
Fundraising expenses		
Halloween	214.94	229.44
Fireworks	425.20	70.00
Xmas dinner	727.73	792.37
Tuck shop	802.50	731.50
Marathon	0.00	112.00
Lord Mayor's Show	0.00	35.00
Sub total	2,170.37	1,970.31
Total Gross Expenditure	41,450.73	28,682.05
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	41,450.73	28,682.05
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2,372.88	19,518.62
Cash funds last year end	58,872.27	39,353.65
Cash funds this year end	56,499.39	58,872.27

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Receipts and payments account

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For the year from	01.04.2022	To	31.03.2023


Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

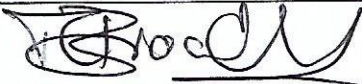
	31.03.23	31.03.22
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account (Barclays)	24,566.38	27,431.90
Bank current account (Metrobank)	188.57	188.57
Bank deposit account (Metrobank)	30,793.65	30,709.72
Soldo (Balance in electronic petty cash)	941.79	533.08
Cash/Floats	9.00	9.00
Total cash funds	56,499.39	58,872.27
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Uniform stock (shirts @ £10)	220	
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	14,000	16,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	30,000	30,000
Other	3,000	3,000
Sub total	47,220	49,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	103,719.39	107,872.27

(1) Reimbursement of leader travel expenses pursuant to expenses policy approved by the trustees in accordance with CC11

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12 May 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature





Print Name

Leigh Savage (Chair)

Joanna Broadbent (Treasurer)

**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
23rd Camberwell (St Giles) Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account.

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 may state to the charity's trustees those matters which 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 responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), does not apply.

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 Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent Examiners 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 statement below.

Independent Examiners 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 proper accounting records are kept (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 Acthave 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,
3. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.


John Lambourne FCA
For and on behalf of
Latham Lambourne Ltd
Chartered Accountants
18 Woodlands Park, Bexley, Kent, DA5 2EL

31 July 2023