



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	January	2023	To	31	December	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name 14TH WALTHAMSTOW SCOUT GROUP

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 303866

Charity's principal address 205a Wood Street
 London
 Postcode E17 3NU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Hawes			
2	John Hawes			
3	Robert Howard			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scouts. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules document.
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	As per above the charity is constituted by The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules document.
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Elected by volunteers at the AGM.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR). The group is managed by an elected board of trustees, comprising a Group Chairperson, Group Scout Leader, Group Treasurer and Group Secretary along with individual section leaders, parent's representatives and others nominated onto the committee for their knowledge or skills. The Trustee Board meets every two months on average.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the group are as part of the wider Scout Association. The purpose of the Scout Association is "to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society." This is achieved through the Scout Method which states that "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; • and make and live by their Promise." We are guided by the

Values of Scouting which are:

- 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. In line with the Scout Association, our goals to 2025 are based around achieving:
- Growth; enabling more young people and adult volunteers to benefit from scouting and the skills it gives them.
- Inclusivity; ensuring barriers to inclusion are removed and working to build tolerance.
- Community impact; making a difference in our local and global community.
- Youth-shaped; ensuring our young people get a voice in scouting, share their experiences and take on leadership roles.

In line with the objectives of the Scout Association, our group has actively engaged in various activities that promote the personal development of young people, while empowering them to contribute positively to society. The trustees have ensured that all activities undertaken adhere to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Main Activities:

Youth Empowerment and Development: We have provided numerous opportunities for young people to develop essential life skills through the Scout Method, which emphasizes learning by doing, shared decision-making, and taking responsibility. Activities have included a mix of indoor and outdoor events, designed to be both enjoyable and challenging, allowing young people to explore new experiences and build confidence.

Spiritual Reflection and Values-Based Learning: Our programs encourage participants to engage in spiritual reflection and make meaningful contributions based on the core values of Scouting, which include integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation. These values guide the behavior and development of the young people we serve.

Inclusivity and Community Impact: We continue to make Scouting accessible to all, by removing barriers to participation and fostering an inclusive environment that welcomes individuals from diverse backgrounds. We have also contributed positively to our local and global community through service projects and other community-based initiatives that align with our goal of making a tangible impact.

Growth and Youth-Led Initiatives: We have focused on increasing membership and participation, enabling more young people and volunteers to benefit from the positive impact of Scouting. Furthermore, we ensure that the voices of young people are heard, and they are given leadership roles and responsibilities within the organization, fostering a youth-shaped environment.

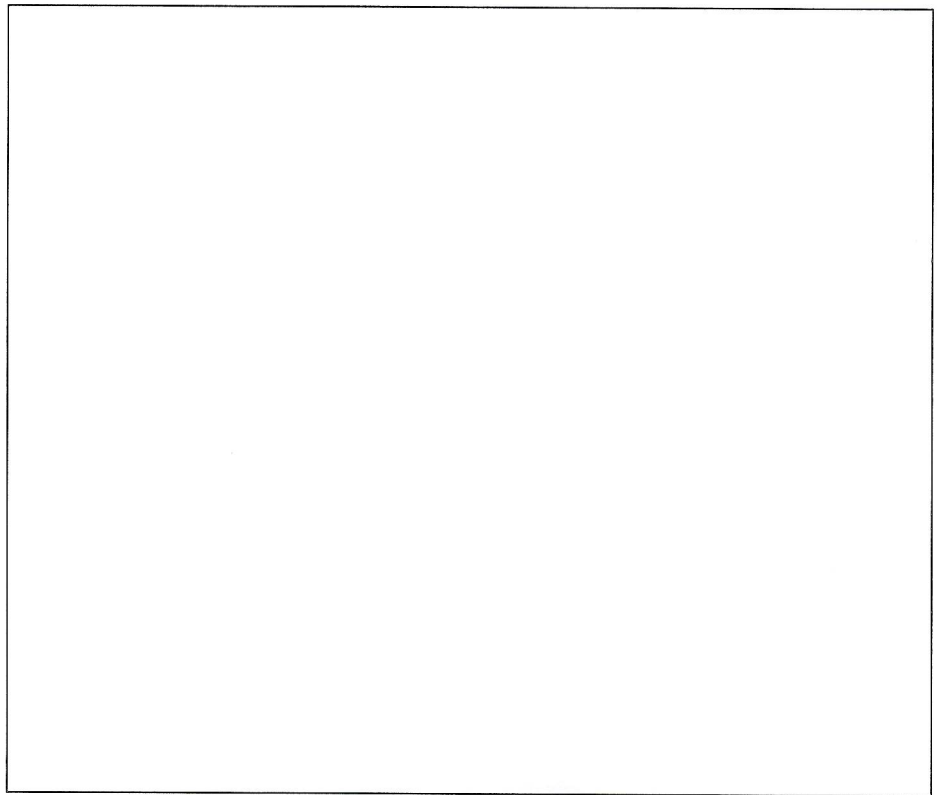
The trustees confirm that in carrying out these activities, they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and continue to prioritize the interests and development of young people in the community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2023 has been a remarkably successful and productive year for the 14th Walthamstow Scout Group. Our membership has consistently remained at full capacity, a testament to the growing interest in our activities and the strength of our programs. We have also focused on engaging the local community by actively encouraging more adults to volunteer. This crucial support from volunteers has allowed us to extend opportunities for even more young people to experience the benefits of scouting.

A significant collaboration with our partner explorer section has seen the successful launch of several events aimed at raising funds for our much-needed hall roof replacement project. These efforts have brought us closer to our financial goal while building a stronger connection between the younger members and the wider community.

Key to our progress this year was the appointment of a Grants Manager, whose efforts are already showing promise. They have begun the complex but vital task of identifying and applying for grants, ensuring that we can secure additional funding for the roof repair project.

We were also fortunate to appoint a new treasurer, Joanna Mason, whose diligent work has been pivotal in streamlining and improving our financial systems. Thanks to her leadership, we have been able to achieve greater transparency and organization in managing the group's funds, positioning us well for future growth.

This year saw our entire group, alongside the explorers, participate in a highly successful district camp. With 111 adults and young people in attendance, the event was a fantastic opportunity to strengthen bonds, develop new skills, and create lasting memories.

In addition to the camp, we organized a full day out for over 100 young people at Colchester Zoo, offering them a chance to experience wildlife and engage in educational and fun activities outside the regular scouting environment.

Our commitment to maintaining and improving our facilities was also a key focus this year. We completed significant work on our hall's lobby, including the installation of a new ceiling, updated lighting, and freshly boarded and painted walls, creating a much more welcoming entrance. The main hall also received a complete repaint, refreshing the space for the many events and activities we host.

Finally, we installed a new alarm system and security cameras, ensuring that our building remains safe and secure for the benefit of all members and visitors. These upgrades reflect our dedication to providing a safe and welcoming environment for our community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group's policy is to keep £5k as a minimum in reserves that can be used to run and maintain the hall so that it can continue to be used to generate income. Any surplus reserves will be retained for future expenditure on the repairs to the roof which will be necessary in the next five years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NA

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 including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Investment policy: All funds are held in cash in a mainstream bank.

Section F

Other optional information

Brought forward cash reserves are £13k higher than the cash reserves on the submitted accounts for the financial year ending 31 December 2022. In 2023 an exercise was undertaken to consolidate all banking and reporting responsibilities for all the sections within the Scout Group. This resulted in additional bank accounts being recognised and included in the accounts for the first time in financial year ending 31 December 2023.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

D. Hawes

Full name(s)

DAVID CHARLES HAWES.

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TRUSTEE

Date

29.10.24.

Charity Name 14TH WALTHAMSTOW SCOUT GROUP	No (if any) 303866
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rental income	13,572.49			13,572.49	2,147.00
Income from running events	12,411.13			12,411.13	-
Membership Fees	9,576.00			9,576.00	-
Donations	1,692.15			1,692.15	2,319.68
Group Shop - clothing	1,262.03			1,262.03	-
Other income	677.03			677.03	-
Bank interest	72.83			72.83	-
Income from grants	-			-	10,309.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,263.66			39,263.66	14,775.68
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	39,263.66	-	-	39,263.66	14,775.68
A3 Payments					
Admin	165.64			165.64	-
Bank fees	723.95			723.95	-
Donation	-			-	-
Equipment	5,413.74			5,413.74	-
Group events	10,222.88			10,222.88	-
Group meetings and badges	2,283.62			2,283.62	-
Group Shop	2,389.23			2,389.23	-
Hall Consumables	272.83			272.83	-
Insurance	694.92			694.92	-
Miscellaneous expenses	17.00			17.00	-
Training	50.00			50.00	-
Utilities	2,737.04			2,737.04	2,051.13
Venue Maintenance	4,299.74			4,299.74	11,178.46
Sub total	29,270.59	0	0	29,270.59	13,229.59
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	29,270.59	-	-	29,271	13,229.59
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,993.07	-	-	9,993	1,546.09
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,070.66			19,071	- 8,795.39
Cash funds this year end	29,063.73			29,064	19,070.66

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	14th Walthamstow Beavers	1,737.00	-	-
	14th Walthamstow Cubs	2,103.46		
	14th Walthamstow Scouts	4,902.65		
	14th Walthamstow Scout Group	20,320.62	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	29,064	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Scout building		-	613,670
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 14th Walthamstow Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 14th Walthamstow Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: *Jack Sharville ATT CTA*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
Association of Tax Technicians and Chartered Institute of Taxation

Address: *c/o 205a Wood St, London E17 3NU*

Date: 28 October 2024