

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Major Activities and Achievements in the period

The Group, which has been in continuous existence since 1938, is part of the Scout Association of the United Kingdom. The Group is a registered charity. A governing document explains how the charity is set up, and how it should operate. In the Scouts' federation of charities, the governing document is referred to as a 'constitution'. The Group follows the Association's progressive training scheme to help young people from the age of 4yrs up to 14yrs to achieve their individual potentials and to become responsible citizens. Training is coupled with having fun. Badges and awards are presented as they complete various tasks within the training programme.

At the beginning of the period the Group's registered membership with the Scout Association was 110 young members (Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts & Young Leaders) plus 18 Adult Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Skills Instructors: a total of 128. At the end of the period membership was 125 young members and 20 Adult Leaders: a total of 145. The Group remains one of the largest in the District. Additionally, there are 10 ex-officio, nominated or co-opted non-uniformed adult Trustees. All adults in the Group are unpaid. All activities, as well as costs of running the Headquarters and purchase of equipment are funded via subs received from parents and fun-raising activities undertaken by the Group.

Young members attend meetings and activities organised by their Sections and by the Group as a whole. They also participate in activities with members of other Groups in the Blackwater Valley Scout District. Our Annual General Meeting on 10th May 2023 was held at our Scout Hut. Numerous badges and awards have been presented. Social activities and camps have included Group Jamboree, Spring, Coronation, Summer and Autumn camps. The Group was also able to run a Christmas Shopping Evening in December and helped at the Lakeside Fun Day, Wheels Days and Christmas Fantasia. We had a trip to the Pantomime and held our Group Carol Service at St Mary's Church. The Group prides itself on the harmonious relationship that exists between all the adults, both uniformed and non-uniformed. It has a record of retaining these adults, some of whose years of service are in double figures.

The Group held a Fund-raising Quiz Evening during 2023, which raised £1,072.45 for the Scout Group and an additional £500 to send to the Disasters Emergency Committee, for those suffering in the Turkey & Syria Earthquake. The Guildford Lottery support also continues. A donation of £2,250 was received from Surrey Street Rodders and other donations were received totalling £2,887.53.

For the last few years, the Scout Group has been fundraising and developing plans to demolish its existing dilapidated Scout Hut on its premises in Ash Vale and replace it with a new Scout Headquarters. A bid for a sum of money from 'Your Fund Surrey', to realise this ambition has reached the final stage of the application process. The bid has very strong local community and business support, along with that of the Parish Council and our MP. A strong element of the bid includes using the building during the day time, when the Scout Group are not using it, for community wellbeing activity. This too, has the support of several groups and organisations that undertake such activities. With the very large number of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides using the building each week, and the community activity, the bid is very strong. An announcement on the status of the bid will be made at the AGM.

The Group is a Trust established under rules that are common to all Groups within the Scout Association and Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Association. The Accounts have been drawn up on a Receipts and Payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year. It is believed that they show a sound financial position with adequate reserves for normal activities.

Approved by the Trustees on: 7th May 24

Signed on their behalf by: R. Lucas
Richard Lucas (Chairperson)

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1st ASH VALE SCOUT GROUP

Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Trustees: Ex Officio – Appointment

Group Scout Leader
Scout Leader
Cub Scout Leader (Wayfarers)
Cub Scout Leader (Pathfinders)
Beaver Scout Leader (Monday)
Beaver Scout Leader (Tuesday)
Group Chairman
Group Treasurer
Group Secretary

Name

David Moyle
David Moyle
Kate Bunting
vacant
Sarah Brown
Katherine Lester
Richard Lucas
Magdalena Jackson
Jess Muirhead

Trustees: Elected

Trustees: Nominated - Appointment

Members of the Trustee Board

Christa Scott-Fernandez
Vicki Brodie

Andy Hooker (QM)
Doreen Garrett
Linda Moyle
Barbara Simpson
Linda West
John Baker
Ian Dibsdall
Lyndsey Armitage
Chris Fitzpatrick

Trustees: Co-opted – Appointment

Bankers:

Lloyds TSB Bank Plc

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association

19400

Charity Commission Number:

305683

Group's Headquarters:

1st Ash Vale Scout Group
6 Wood Street
Ash Vale
Surrey
GU12 6JG

signed on their behalf by:
Richard Lucas (Chairperson)

Approved by the Trustees on:

1st ASH VALE SCOUT GROUP
Receipts and Payments account summary
for the year ended 31st December 2023

Notes	<u>This year</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total receipts for the period (see page 3)	£ 28,987.52	£ 26,705.44
Total payments for the period (see page 4)	£ 24,944.75	£ 21,749.30
Net receipts (payments) for the period	<u>£ 4,042.77</u>	<u>£ 4,956.14</u>
Cash, Bank and similar funds brought forward	<u>£ 70,291.54</u>	<u>£ 65,335.40</u>
	<u>£ 74,334.31</u>	<u>£ 70,291.54</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

Cash, Bank and Building Society		
6 Group Lloyds Current Account	£ 69,257.50	£ 65,233.75
7 Cub Camp Account		
Floats	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
8 Cash in Hand - Linda West	£ 10.48	£ 10.48
	<u>£ 69,317.98</u>	<u>£ 65,294.23</u>

Non Monetary Assets - Assets for the Charity's own use

Land & Buildings - Freehold plot and HQ building vested in the name of the Scout Association Trust Corporation
 - Building valued at £210,000

Scout Equipment - Valued and insured for £15,000

Furniture and other contents - Valued and insured for £2,500

Liabilities - NIL

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Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
<u>Membership</u>			
Subscriptions	£ 19,647.98	£ 10,826.47	
Less paid to Scout Association	<u>-£ 5,940.00</u>	<u>-£ 4,400.80</u>	
	£ 13,707.98	£ 6,425.67	
<u>Donations & Grants</u>			
Surrey Street Rodders - Wheels Day	£ 2,250.00	£ 1,800.00	
Carol Concert	£ 319.67	£ 261.00	
Other Donations	<u>£ 2,887.53</u>	<u>£ 3,227.70</u>	
	£ 5,457.20	£ 5,288.70	
<u>Activities</u>			
Pantomime	£ 680.00	£ 1,751.00	
Scout Camps	£ 1,838.42	£ 5,263.45	
Scouts	£ 225.00	£ 312.00	
Jamboree	£ 4,443.47	£ 4,404.08	
Other	<u>£ 598.94</u>	<u>£ 1,752.42</u>	
	£ 7,785.83	£ 13,483.03	
<u>Fund Raising (gross)</u>			
Fantasia	£ 125.65	£ 594.00	
Other	<u>£ 1,566.21</u>	<u>£ 809.90</u>	
	£ 1,691.86	£ 1,403.90	
<u>Sundry Receipts</u>			
Uniform Sales	<u>£ 44.65</u>	<u>£ 104.14</u>	
	£ 44.65	£ 104.14	
<u>Other camps</u>			
Rent	<u>300</u>		
	£ 300.00		
	<u>£ 28,987.52</u>	<u>£ 26,705.44</u>	

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Payments for the year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Premises</u>		
Electric	£ 1,481.84	£473.00
Gas	£ 2,088.87	£1,529.00
Cleaning	£ 17.62	£213.06
Water & Sewerage	£ 182.93	£235.37
Insurance	£ 732.35	£658.35
Repairs and Renewals	<u>£ 426.84</u>	<u>£807.69</u>
	£ 4,930.45	£3,916.47
 <u>Donations & Grants</u>		
Carol Service	<u>£ 200.00</u>	<u>£181.00</u>
	£ 200.00	£181.00
 <u>Activities</u>		
Group	£ 1,267.86	£295.29
Scout Camps	£ 7,324.62	£6,630.07
Beavers and Cubs	£ 245.92	£196.26
Scouts	£ 1,206.64	£410.27
Pantomime	£ 760.00	<u>£1,558.00</u>
Jamboree and Jubilee Camp	<u>£ 3,934.28</u>	<u>£2,746.57</u>
	£ 14,739.32	£11,836.46
 <u>Fund Raising Expenses</u>		
Wheels Day	<u>£ 486.76</u>	£73.27
	£ 486.76	£73.27
 <u>Admin / Establishment Expenses</u>		
AGM	£ 57.90	£66.40
Sundry inc training	£ 584.45	£284.68
Website	<u>£ 465.31</u>	<u>£172.78</u>
	£ 1,107.66	£523.86
 <u>Trustees Expenses</u>		
<u>New Hut</u>	<u>£ 264.00</u>	<u>£1,980.00</u>
	£ 264.00	£1,980.00
 <u>Other Expenses</u>		
Remembrance Day Wreath	£ 27.50	<u>£27.50</u>
Uniform	£ -	£531.06
Badges	<u>£ 767.52</u>	<u>£1,258.69</u>
	£ 795.02	£1,817.25
 <u>Purchase / Maintenance of Equipment</u>		
Various	<u>£ 2,421.54</u>	<u>£1,420.99</u>
	£ 2,421.54	£1,420.99
	<u>£ 24,944.75</u>	<u>£21,749.30</u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Ash Vale Scout Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity 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: *C Oakland*

Name: Charlotte Oakland

Qualification: ACCA

Address: 23 Old School Place, Woking, GU22 9LY

Date: 7th May 2024