

## **1st Hinchley Wood Scout Group - Trustees Report and accounts for year ended 31st March 2024**

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Charity Name 1st Hinchley Wood Scout Group  
Scout Association Registration Number 41045  
Registered Charity Number 305727

Principal address S. Govind  
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### **Trustees**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Dates if not whole year</u>
Jaqui	Group Chairman	
Signor	Group Scout Leader	
Chris Seaney	Group Treasurer	
Sunita Govind	Group Secretary	
Amanda Moylan-Jones		

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Group's governing documents are those of 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.

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scout Groups.

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

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.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with a Group Scout Leader; who with other leaders meet every 3 months or so.

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;
- Assisting in the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support;
- Group public occasions;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

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The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### Objectives and Activities

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

The Aim of The Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

### Public Benefit

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions. Subscriptions were changed to a voluntary contribution basis while the pandemic affected activities and attendance

Two key principles demonstrate that Scouting's aims for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than to those as a beneficiary.

### Achievements and Performance

The Group has an active Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop, also a partnership agreement with Esher Scout District to operate the 1st Hinchley Wood Explorer Scout Unit.

The majority of Group, District and County activities had resumed to prior the covid Pandemic. Some of the meetings were still carried out via Zoom.

The leaders have done a fantastic job of providing an excellent programme through out the year,

As at 31.1.24 Census date

Beaver Colony (6-8 years) membership	24	(2022: 23)
Cub Scout Pack (8-11 years) membership	31	(2022: 35)
Scout Troop (11-14/15 years) membership	35	(2022: 20)
Explorer Scout Unit (14/15-18 years) membership	18	(2022: 20)
Adult Leaders & Assistants, Network Scouts, etc.	34	(2022: 34)
	total	142 (2022:132)

The leased open space area (from Elmbridge BC) next to the headquarters continues to be of great use for meet activities and functions.

Thanks are due to our local councillors and others for their support.

The Group continued to appoint parent Section representatives tasked with increasing parent involvement in Group activities, especially fundraising.

Fund raising @ the May Fair and Quiz Night resumed during the year.

The Christmas tree sales and profit had another record contribution in 2023 - this continues to be well supported Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Esher & surrounding areas.

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### Financial Review

#### Reserve policy

The Group also holds sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

In addition to ongoing activities, funds are needed to update the facilities of the group including Premises, equipment as well as minibuses.

As at 31st March 2024 these unrestricted funds amounted to £66984.88

#### Investment Policy

The Group does not maintain Long Term Investments and surplus funds are held in current or deposit accounts maintained with **UK** based Banks.

### Plans for 2023-24

Plans for the coming year include:

- 1.To continue to provide excellent youth training activities for boys and girls aged 6-25
2. To ensure the Group has sufficient well trained adults to lead and support these activities.
3. To develop the parental support across all the roles needed for the Group's operations.
4. To develop adventurous activity opportunities and facilitate the training of activity leaders.
5. To make further improvements to the headquarters and to the leased land area adjacent to the headquarters for training purposes.We hope to receive grant support for this work.

### 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)	Chris Seaney	Sunita Govind
Position	Group Scout Leader	Treasurer
Date	25th August 2024	

## 1 st Hinchley Wood Scout Group

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year ended 31st March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	
	Total funds	Total funds	
<b><u>Cash at Bank</u></b>			
Bank Current Accounts	32,267.81	38961.14	
Bank Deposit Accounts	112,977.27	<u>118799.13</u>	
total cash Funds	<b>145,245.08</b>	<b>157,760.27</b>	
<b><u>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</u></b>			
Badges,Lifeboats & Other Stock	918.98	1037.9	
Buildings Net Book Value - see below	19874.31	23186.7	
Motor Vehicles Net Book Value - see below	9351.3	8015.4	
Scouting Equipment, canoes, etc (Insured Value)	<u>66308</u>	<u>61963</u>	
Sub Total	<b>96,452.59</b>	<b>94203</b>	
<b><u>Liabilities- Those due within one year</u></b>			
Subscriptions not yet paid - District	5362.55	5289.05	
<b>Designated Funds (see below)</b>	78,186.70	78,186.70	
<b><u>Buildings</u></b>			
At Cost	66248	66248	
Depreciation over 20 years	-46373	-43061	
Net book Value	<b><u>19875</u></b>	<b><u>23187</u></b>	
<b><u>Motor Vehicles</u></b>			
At Cost	37538	37538	
Depreciation over 10 years	-30858	-29523	
Net book Value	<b><u>6680</u></b>	<b><u>8015</u></b>	
<b><u>Designated Funds</u></b>			
	<u>Mini bus</u>	<u>purchase of</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>replacement</u>	<u>land</u>	
Balance as at 31.03.2023	28,186.70	50,000.00	78,186.70
Transfers during the year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance as at 31.03.2024	28,186.70	50,000.00	78,186.70

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 25th August 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Group Scout Leader: Chris Seaney

Treasurer: Sunita Govind

**1 st Hinchley Wood Scout Group**

**Statement of financial activities including Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31st March 2024**

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2023/24</u>			<u>2022/23</u>		
	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Total Funds
<b><u>Donations and legacies</u></b>						
Membership subscriptions	11,268.39		11,268.39	24305.94		24305.94
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to Esher District	-5,289.05		-5,289.05	-5265.4		-5265.4
Net Memberships retained	5,979.34		5,979.34	19,040.54		19,040.54
Donations	700		700	2450		2450
General grants provided by companies and local authorities	15,000.00		15,000.00	1813.33		1813.33
Gift Aid	4,580.97		4,580.97	0		0
Sub total	26,260.31		26,260.31	23,303.87		23,303.87
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>						
<b><u>Fundraising (Gross)</u></b>						
Christmas Tree Sales	34,098.44		34,098.44	34204.98		34204.98
May Day	2,222.65		2,222.65	2657.57		2657.57
Elmbridge Lottery	669.5		669.5	743		743
Quiz Night Sales	568		568	516.74		516.74
Jamboree Funds	0		0	1702		1702
AGM	0		0	0		0
Other	536.67		536.67	627.75		627.75
Sub total	38,095.26		38,095.26	40,452.04		40,452.04
<b><u>Youth Programme and Activities</u></b>	<b>£13,834.99</b>		<b>£13,834.99</b>	<b>4041.32</b>		<b>4041.32</b>
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>						
Bank Interest	2,448.14		2,448.14	554.26		554.26
<b><u>Total Gross Income</u></b>	<b><u>80,638.70</u></b>		<b><u>80,638.70</u></b>	<b><u>68,351.49</u></b>		<b><u>68,351.49</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>						
<b><u>Charitable Payments</u></b>						
Youth Programme and Activities	19,123.55		19,123.55	23076.22		23076.22
Online Subscriptions	254.17		254.17	175.35		175.35
Adult Support & Training	246.15		246.15	45		45
Uniforms	1,204.80		1,204.80	57.25		57.25
AGM & Trustee expenses	1,144.62		1,144.62	911.07		911.07
Property expenses	31,497.39		31,497.39	16.48		16.48
Materials & Equipment	3,142.24		3,142.24	4485.27		4485.27
Van Costs - Insurance/Road tax/fuel/permits	2,630.52		2,630.52	863.21		863.21
Insurance	1,119.99		1,119.99	7686.04		7686.04
Membership Levy to JMC 22 & 23	6,540.00		6,540.00			
Jamboree fees	495		495	3200		3200
Scout Badges	879.87		879.87	732.9		732.9
Sub total	68,278.30		68,278.30	41,248.79		41,248.79
<b><u>Fundraising Payments</u></b>						
Christmas Tree Purchases	18,972.80		18,972.80	17500.71		17500.71
May Day	997.24		997.24	1244.16		1244.16
Quiz night	357.75		357.75	489.67		489.67
Sub total	20,327.79		20,327.79	19,234.54		19,234.54
<b><u>Donations</u></b>	<b>653.86</b>		<b>653.86</b>	<b>250</b>		<b>250</b>
<b><u>Total Gross Expenditure</u></b>	<b>89,259.95</b>		<b>89,259.95</b>	<b>60,733.33</b>		<b>60,733.33</b>
<b><u>Net Receipts/(payments)</u></b>	<b>-8,621.25</b>		<b>-8,621.25</b>	<b>7,618.16</b>		<b>7,618.16</b>
<b><u>Transfers between funds</u></b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Cash funds last year end</u></b>	<b><u>75,606.13</u></b>	<b>78,186.70</b>	<b><u>153,792.83</u></b>	<b>67,987.97</b>	<b>78,186.70</b>	<b>146,174.67</b>
<b><u>Cash funds this year end</u></b>	<b><u>66,984.88</u></b>	<b>78,186.70</b>	<b><u>145,171.58</u></b>	<b>75,606.13</b>	<b>78,186.70</b>	<b>153,792.83</b>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Hinchley Wood Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year to 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 5 attached.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you 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**

In 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:

a) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act or  
b) the accounts did not comply with the accounting records or  
c) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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15-11-24