

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

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	High Street, Staines
	Barclays Bank Plc	Leicester LE87 2BB
	Virgin Money	Gosforth NE3 4TG
Auditor	Stewart Holmes	Staines TW18 1NQ

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:

- the induction and training of trustees;
- 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, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every month except August and December.

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 Adms and Advisors other than those elected.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

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:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

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 activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14.5. If there was 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. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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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

All sections take part in regular camping activities, with the exception of younger Beaver Scouts who sleep indoors and also undertake a number of outings and activities. There are various programmes of fund raising across the Group for both the Group itself and local, national and Scouting charities. The sectional Leader teams ensure that the termly programmes are planned to provide a suitable balance of activities.

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 not a grantmaking organisation and therefore has no such policy. The contribution made by volunteers cannot be overemphasised. The Group relies entirely on volunteer Leaders and helpers.

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

The total membership of the Group as at 31st January 2023 was 82 with 7 names on the waiting list. The Leaders and helpers involved continue to provide a progressive and challenging programme of events and activities. Fund raising including Gift Aid has continued to provide the necessary finance for the Group's activities.

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 activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to between 6 and 12 months running costs, circa £15000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £233,323 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

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 does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse 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

<p>Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)</p>	<p>The Group has been offered a long term lease of land at Ashford Sports Club, we have been granted permission to build and our fundraising is now underway.</p>
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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)	HELEN LITVAK	LOUISE SEARS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	21 06 23	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Activities	1,529	-	-	1,529	3,586
Camping	4,806	-	-	4,806	-
Donations	590	-	-	590	3,340
Gift Aid	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,395
Interest	391	-	-	391	108
Misc	2,829	-	-	2,829	1,415
Subscriptions	15,969	-	-	15,969	11,148
100 Club	598	-	-	598	887
Grants	-	2,900	-	2,900	20,108
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,137	2,900	-	32,037	41,985
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,137	2,900	-	32,037	41,985
A3 Payments					
Activities	3,148	-	-	3,148	3,295
Camping	4,123	-	-	4,123	-
Equipment	255	1,361	-	1,616	-
Trophies	92	-	-	92	326
100 Club	420	-	-	420	455
New HQ	-	-	-	-	2,704
Existing HQ repairs	265	-	-	265	1,520
Subscriptions	4,118	-	-	4,118	4,466
Supplies & Materials	1,616	-	-	1,616	25
Utilities	1,433	-	-	1,433	466
Gas	260	-	-	260	-
Insurance	1,439	-	-	1,439	1,336
Motor	6,087	-	-	6,087	7,172
Computer, IT and web services	793	-	-	793	300
Donations	294	-	-	294	69
Postage	11	-	-	11	-
Misc	360	-	-	360	585
Sub total	24,714	1,361	-	26,075	22,719
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,714	1,361	-	26,075	22,719
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,423	1,540	-	5,962	19,266
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Add back Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	227,704	-	-	227,704	-
Cash funds this year end	232,126	1,540	-	233,666	227,704

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Accounts	59,861	1,540	-
	Bank Deposit Accounts	92548	-	-
	Bond	75000	-	-
	Cash	4717	-	-
	Total cash funds	232,126	1,540	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Tax Claim	3,528	-	2,425
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Badge Stock	Non monetary		90
Motor Vehicles	Non monetary		8,000
Scouting Equipment, furniture etc	Non monetary		52,397
trailer	Non monetary		3,828
Land & Buildings	Non monetary		242,228
		-	306,543

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Unpresented Cheques (Fundraisers account)	unrestricted	145	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature


Print Name
 H. LITVAK
 L. SEARS

Date of approval
 2/16/23
 2/16/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....8th Ashford Scout Group.....

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended31st March 2023.....

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1- 9

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 might state to the charity's trustees those matters 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 or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group 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 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 Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:Stewart Holmes.....

Qualification: ...Independent Examiner

Address: 60 Brightside Avenue.....

.....Staines, TW18 1NQ.....

Date: 20/6/2023

Signed: 