



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	1	2023		31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut
Burwood Close, Hersham,
Surrey
Postcode <input type="text" value="KT12 4JJ"/>

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	Michael Bennett	Chairman		Group Scout Council at AGM
	Anna Wathen	Treasurer		Group Scout Council at AGM
3	Edward Grimsey	Scout Leader		Walton & Weybridge Scout District
4	Glenn Evans	Cub Scout Leader		Walton & Weybridge Scout District
5	Nicola Neal	Beaver Scout Leader		Walton & Weybridge Scout District
6	Charles Joynt			Volunteer
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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
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	Barclays	Walton on Thames Branch

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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	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, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust, established under its rules which are common to all Scouts
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organization and Rules of The Scout Association

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>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</p> <p>The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of his / her appointment, which include (but are not restricted to) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maintenance of the Group's property and equipment • The raising of funds and the administration of the Group's finances • The insurance of persons, property and equipment • Group public occasions • Assisting with the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support <p>Supporting bodies:</p> <p>Our supporting parent body is Walton & Weybridge Scout District, which is responsible for the overall management of scouting in Walton-on-Thames, Weybridge & Hersham</p> <p>Risk and Internal Controls:</p> <p>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</p>
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Section C

Objectives and activities

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

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

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)

The method of achieving the Aim of The Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based upon The Scout Promise and The Scout Law and guided by trained adult leadership. The Scout Group provides activities for 6- to 14-year-old children and aims to support the provision of activities for 14- 25-year-olds through the district-managed Explorer Scout and Network Scout provisions

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

We are extremely grateful to many volunteers we have that help out with a number of events that we hold during the year. Many of these do not even have children in the Scouts movement anymore but they still contribute which is always well received. Without their help and those of the parents whose children are active Scouts we wouldn't be able to do as much as we do in terms of outbound events. We are also reliant on the continued support of parents helping out with weekly meetings so that we can maintain a healthy number of scouts in each section and ensure we meet the guideline set regarding the ratio of parents to number of scouts.

Our aim is to seek grant funding from third parties to help us build a much-needed new roof for the Scout Hut.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The past year has seen a continued strong membership in the circumstances. We remain the largest of the 7 groups in Walton & Weybridge Scout District.

Notable highlights are

Beavers

At the beginning of a new term, we welcome new beavers into the scouting network, reflecting on the values and history of scouting, incorporating fun games to learn the meaning of their new or continued journey.

We had 50% HQ based activities and 50% of external activities across 2022.

Spring term saw 85% of attendance

Summer Term saw 79% attendance

Autumn term saw 84% attendance

Operating at full capacity of 24 beavers.

3x Young leaders.

Spring term started with 3 leaders but increased to 6 leaders by end of 2022.

Extensive waitlist in operation.

A selection of activities at HQ consisted of; Gardening badge, creating bird houses, global issues, Lazer Lions, Community Impact, space badge, cooking badge, Experiment badge, Water games and emergency aid.

A selection of External activities consisted of; Capture the flag, Pioneering, Brooklands museum, trampolining, rugby, Litter picking, Hershams Hunt, Adventure course, nightline, Zip line & grass sledging,

Events across 2022: Remembrance parade, St George's parade, Tuf of War, Walton Firs Sleepover, Bazzaz, Thames Mariners and Brookland museum.

470 badges were awarded in 2022.

Cubs

2023 was a great year for cub scouting activities. We ran our varied program throughout the year, focussed on ensuring all cubs have the opportunity to complete their Silver Award during their time with us. We moved our annual autumn camp from a hut-based camp at Walton Firs to fully under canvas! This was very well received and will become the standard in future (in fact we've already repeated this in 2024).

In 2023 we had 3 warranted leaders with a further 2 regular adult helpers, 1 DoE helper and a consistent supply of parent helpers to allow us to run a successful and enjoyable programme.

Membership increased to 30, and we accepted members off the waiting list for the first time in many years. With the numbers coming through beavers and the projected number of cubs, we expect to steadily move back towards a full pack of 36 cubs in 2024/25.

Scouts

In 2023, Scouts had been meeting face-to-face for 2 years and enjoyed putting the restrictions of COVID lockdowns firmly in the rear-view mirror. Highlights of our weekly meetings included cooking, theatre workshops, outdoor wide games, craft evenings, the Scientist badge, campfires and our own assault course - plus the return of our Christmas Party!

We enjoyed a night hike on Box Hill, a survival camp at Polyapes, the District Water Activity Day in Shepperton, and the highlight of the year was our week-long Summer Camp based near Cardiff in South Wales. A lack of adult volunteer availability continued to limit our ability to run further weekend events during the year, and this is something we aim to find ways to improve in 2024.

Our three existing Young Leaders turned 18 during the year and have remained with us as adult helpers; we hope they will be able to undertake the necessary training to become leaders during the next year, subject to university commitments.

At the end of 2023 we had 33 scouts in the Troop, and we were also joined by two new Young Leaders.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 2 year's primary running costs, circa £20,000

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

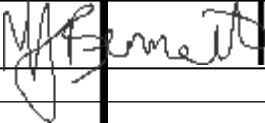
Subscriptions are charged within the group for membership, to cover the immediate running costs of the Group and a yearly administrative charge by Walton & Weybridge District, Surrey County Scout Council and The Scout Association which are reviewed on an annual basis. These subscriptions do not unduly restrict membership and it is the Group's principle that no one should be excluded from scouting, because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions or camp fees. Expenditure is carefully monitored by each section leader with subscriptions supporting normal meeting activities, however, further funds for meetings offsite e.g paint-balling are paid by parents/carers to subsidise the activity. This fiscal year has been particularly challenging with Covid rules stifling the opportunity to hold meetings under the Scouts rules and regulations. As such we have had to reduce subscriptions across all sections so that at least we can keep up maintenance and costs for the Scout hut whilst we wait to return to normal Scouting.

Section F Other optional information

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)	Michael Bennett	Brian Perreira

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasure
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Date	15/10/2024
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1st Hersham Scout Group		305801	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	1 January 2023	To 31 December 2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestrict ed funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowme nt funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	19,491	-	-	19,491	16,391
Investment income	431	-	-	431	71
Donation / Grants	4,021	-	-	4,021	7,140
Activities	15,810	-	-	15,810	21,456
Fund raising	9,358	-	-	9,358	9,962
Sundry	24	-	-	24	214
Lottery, Club 200, Troop B	321	-	-	321	3,540
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,455	-	-	49,455	58,774

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		-	-		58,774

A3 Payments

Premises	6,574	-	-	6,574	3,676
Activities	6,742	-	-	6,742	27,532
Fund raising expenses	5,166	-	-	5,166	10,721
Admin / establishment expenses	456	-	-	456	5,837
Badges/PPE/Flag	909	-	-	909	1,138
Uniforms	182	-	-	182	400
Membership costs	5,077	-	-	5,077	
Events	23,479	-	-	23,479	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	48,585	-	-	48,585	49,304

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	48,585	-	-	48,585	49,304
Net of receipts/(payments)		-	-	870	6,925
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		-	-	116,807	109,882
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	113,912	11,687

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

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowme nt funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	98,059	-	-
	National Savings			

	15,811	-	-
Cash in Hand	42	-	-
Total cash funds	113,912	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

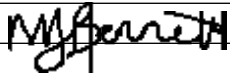
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Premises	Unrestricted	75,000	5,109
Scouting equipment	Unrestricted	12,678	2,627
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

B5 Liabilities

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Michael Bennett	18/11/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: 1ST HERSHAM SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2022 Charity no (if any) 305801

Set out on pages

1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

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 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 22/4/23

Name: PHILIP M O'HALLORAN

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICAEW FCA 7412307

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A.
