

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Charity No: 305839

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Trustees

Beesley, Michael John
Buckingham, Steven
Carmichael, Lauren
Carmichael, Robin
Dalton, Tom
Davison, Jeremy (elected 20.9.22)
Everitt, Martyn Douglas
Hemsley, Valerie
Hockin, Gareth
Lomax, Stewart
Moon, Terry George
Ringe, Henry James George
Ringe, Sheila Ann
Robison, Oliver
Sheppard, Heather
Whittle, Natalie Helen

Charity Number

305839

Charity Address

Scout Headquarters
Whitehill Road
CROWBOROUGH
East Sussex
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Independent Examiner T S B Lee ACIB

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc
Victoria Branch

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Chairman's Report

Last year we looked back on a challenging period of 24 months during which our activities had been constrained and our membership numbers had suffered as a result.

I am pleased to report that 2022 brought considerable relief and we entered 2023 back to our full programme of activities and events, once again able to take an active part in our community; our membership numbers have climbed and even exceeded those immediately prior to the pandemic.

Fortunately, our finances had been strong and with generous support through grants we weathered the loss of income and our financial position remains secure.

The particular challenge we face, exacerbated by our growing membership is, like many charitable organizations, finding people who are willing to volunteer and bring their time and skills to support all we do on behalf of our local youngsters. Our programmes are intended to both educate and challenge with the intention of assisting and enabling everyone to grow as responsible and understanding members of the community with an empathy for the beliefs and customs of all. We are fortunate to have a number of experienced volunteers but as the years pass it is imperative that new people step forward or ultimately, we will not be able to continue to meet the growing demand to support our present and increasing membership.

We are indebted to all our volunteers whether they are directly involved with our membership or providing all that is necessary to maintain our premises, finances, equipment; everything that is necessary but not always immediately visible. To all we extend our thanks.

Trustees

The trustees named on Page 1 have served during the year. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, which allows Warranted Leaders to opt-in as Trustees and for the Group Scout Council to elect others as is felt appropriate.

Investment Policy

The Group's Trustees are authorised to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity. However, the Group does not hold sufficient funds to invest and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy with all funds being held in cash using only banks or building societies that are included in the Financial Services Compensation Scheme

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Constitution, Objects and Policies

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. Its governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of which 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 this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The reserves policy of the Group is to maintain sufficient funds to continue the charitable activities of the Group for a minimum period of 3 months should income and fundraising activities cease and also sufficient to meet any major unforeseen cost generated as a result of necessary maintenance to the Group's freehold property. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold circa £15,000 in this respect. The Group held reserves sufficient to meet this target at the year-end wholly in line with the policy.

The Sections hold sufficient funds to meet their immediate needs.

Public Benefit

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.

Financial View

Funds available are sufficient to permit the charity to continue in operation in the medium term.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

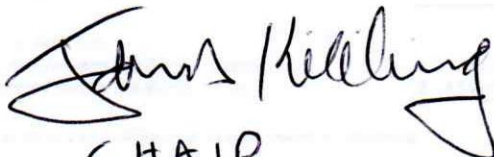
The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the charity trustees of the Group, which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities including the registration, keeping of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment, and is responsible for the maintenance of the property, the raising and administration of the Group's funds, the insurance of people, property and equipment, assisting with recruitment and appointment of necessary sub committees, administrators and advisors other than those elected.


The trustees are responsible for the identification of major risks and for safeguarding the resources of the charity and to this end the Group has in place insurances and internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. Damage to the building may require use of the premises of neighbouring organisations, reduced income could demand increased subscriptions, a material reduction in Leaders or members could result in a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on the 13th September 2023 and signed on their behalf


CHAIR

Trustee


SECRETARY

Trustee

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839
Year ending 31st March 2023

Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended

	<u>31st March 2023</u>		<u>31st March 2022</u>
INCOME			
Subscriptions	£ 22,622.00	note 1	£ 15,293.00
Less Capitation Paid	<u>£ 11,715.00</u>		<u>£ 11,542.00</u>
Net Subscription income	£ 10,907.00		£ 3,751.00
Less Expenditure			
Headquarters			
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 7,632.00	note 2	£ 1,699.00
Caretaking -			
Cleaners' wages	£ 5,275.00		£ 5,178.00
materials	£ 353.00		£ 275.00
Insurances	£ 2,130.00		£ 1,996.00
Equipment purchases	£ 1,205.00		£ 407.00
Telephone	£ 220.00		£ 199.00
Web site	£ 288.00		£ 285.00
Utilities -			
Gas	£ 1,160.00		£ 850.00
Electricity	£ 798.00		£ 404.00
Rates -			
Water	£ 602.00		£ 738.00
Council	£ 246.00		£ 126.00
Refuse disposal	£ 564.00		£ 436.00
	<u>£ 20,473.00</u>		<u>£ 12,593.00</u>
Other Costs			
Stationery & Postage	£ 128.00		£ 196.00
Gifts & Trophies	£ 143.00		£ 152.00
Online Scout Manager	£ 201.00		£ 233.00
Net Cost of T Shirts, Scarves & Badges	£ 2,030.00		£ 1,082.00
	<u>£ 2,502.00</u>		<u>£ 1,663.00</u>
Depreciation	£ 1,096.00	note 3	£ 2,515.00
Camp			
Income	£ 3,660.00		£ 1,555.00
less costs	<u>£ 3,177.00</u>	£ 483.00	<u>£ 936.00</u>
			£ 619.00
Other Activities			
Section Activities and Events - income	£ 410.00		£ 159.00
Section Activities and Events - costs	<u>£ 4,545.00</u>	<u>-£ 4,135.00</u>	<u>£ 2,629.00</u>
			<u>-£ 2,470.00</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income before Fundraising	<u>-£ 16,816.00</u>		<u>-£ 14,871.00</u>
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid	£ 3,144.00	note 4	£ 1,008.00
Fund Raising Activities			
Donations	£ 1,225.00		£ 632.00
Grants rec'd		note 5	£ 15,063.00
Secondhand Uniforms	£ 115.00		
BBQ's	£ 1,801.00		£ 599.00
General			£ 50.00
Chocolate Tombola			£ 258.00
Xmas Wreath Making	£ 724.00		£ 476.00
Hire of Hall	£ 5,920.00		£ 3,298.00
Interest rec'd	<u>£ 39.00</u>	<u>£ 9,824.00</u>	<u>£ 4.00</u>
			<u>£ 20,380.00</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u><u>-£ 3,848.00</u></u>		<u><u>£ 6,517.00</u></u>

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839

Balance Sheet as at

31st March 2023

31st March 2022

Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings		£ 52,160.00		£ 52,160.00
Building Improvements	£ 30,093.00		£ 30,093.00	
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 26,805.00</u>	£ 3,288.00	<u>-£ 25,709.00</u>	£ 4,384.00
Equipment at Cost	£ 18,507.00		£ 18,507.00	
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u>	£ -	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u>	£ -
Total Fixed Assets		<u>£ 55,448.00</u>		<u>£ 56,544.00</u>

Current Assets

Balance at Bank- Group	£ 24,677.00		£ 25,529.00
unrestricted reserve	£ 15,000.00	note 6	£ 15,000.00
Sections etc.	£ 7,052.00		£ 11,704.00
Cash in Hand- Group			
Sections etc	£ 26.00		£ 43.00
		£ 46,755.00	£ 52,276.00
Total Assets		<u>£ 102,203.00</u>	<u>£ 108,820.00</u>

LESS Current Liabilities

Sundry Creditors	£ 269.00		£ 3,038.00
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Net Assets

	<u>£ 101,934.00</u>		<u>£ 105,782.00</u>
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REPRESENTED BY-

General Fund balance as at	1st April 2022	£ 105,782.00	£ 99,265.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-£ 3,848.00	£ 6,517.00
General Fund balance as at	31st March 2023	<u>£ 101,934.00</u>	<u>£ 105,782.00</u>

Notes to accounts:

- 1 Covid 19
Post Pandemic membership and attendance returned to previous numbers
- 2 Repairs & Maintenance

Replacement of front porch it having deteriorated to a dangerous condition	3,454
Replacement of rotten window frames	1815
galvanising of safety railings	612
	<u>5881</u>
- 3 Fixed Assets
Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Building Improvements	20% on cost
Equipment at Cost	25% on cost
- 4 Gift Aid
The increased amount reflects the increasing subscription income as the Pandemic subsided
- 5 Grants Received
Previous year reflects the continuing Covid 19 Pandemic financial support from HM Government
- 6 Reserves
funds held in case of unforeseen circumstances 15000

James Hillberry
Chair

J. Justice

SECRETARY

13th September 2023

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Crowborough Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 Commission (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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


TSB LEE ACIB (Ret'd)
15 August 2023