

Another Amazing Year of Adventures

1st Dipton Scout & Guide Group

Annual Report and Accounts 2023

Registered Charity no: 512890




Scouts
1st Dipton


Girlguiding
1st Dipton

OUR PURPOSE AND METHOD

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association and Guide Association.

1st Dipton Scout & Guide Group exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

This takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and Guiding 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; and



TRUSTEES 2023

Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity

Ivan Jewell	Chair	Rachel Oliver	Treasurer
Keith Slater	Group Scout Leader	Mark Draper	Scout Leader
Brenda Bell	Beaver Scout Leader	Gemma Ferguson	Guide Leader
Richard Jefferson	Cub Scout Leader	Andrew Park	Trustee
Lynn Littler	Trustee		

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 Scouts.

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



PERFORMANCE

What we have achieved over the past year

It has been another amazing year, with such a wide range of activities across all of the sections.

The second Cub Pack has taken some of the load off our waiting list, and both Packs are now flourishing.

Total numbers remained stable at 90 members, double what we had just three years ago. We spent 337 nights away from home, and gained 454 badges!

Our success is due to the amazing Team of Volunteers. Not just the leaders who run the sections, but also our trustees who ensure we have the resources we need to keep going.

Finding volunteers, particularly for the lead volunteer and trustee roles, remains a challenge. We are in urgent need of a new Lead Volunteer for Beaver Scouts, as Brenda, who has done the role for over 30 years, is stepping down in 2024.



Priorities for the next 12 months



- **Increase the number of adult leaders**

We aim to have a minimum of three adult volunteers for each section. All sections require more adults to achieve this.

Recruit a new Lead Volunteer for Beaver Scouts, so the section can continue to flourish.

- **Improve Black Bull House**

Commence refurbishment work to key areas of our HQ, Black Bull House.

- **Continue to Develop Programme of all Sections**

Review programmes and support leaders to deliver varied, fun and youth led programmes which leads to greater participation and more Chief Scout Awards and Guides Gold Awards being gained, with at least 25% of those Moving On gaining the top Awards.





SCOUT & GUIDE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides who have achieved their section's highest award over the last year:

Chief Scout Bronze Award

Joshua Peel
Edward Beckett
Niamh Carlyon

Chief Scout Silver Award

Masie Heslop	Isaac Walker
Alia Terretta	Nathan McNulty
Jay Pearson	
Joshua Colledge	
Elise Johnston	

Chief Scout Silver Award

Noah Tallentire
Dylan Graham
Luke Littler



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Receipts and Payments

Statement of independent examiner: Mrs Lisa Jayne McDonald

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 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 have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Membership subscriptions		
Membership subscriptions	13,285	11,235
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,991	3,756
Net membership subscriptions retained	8,294	7,480
Sub total	8,294	7,480
Donations, Grants and Similar		
Donations	150	726
Tesco	1,125	
Gift Aid		1,605
Amazon	47	1,425
Leslie Sell Grant	900	540
DCC Grants		2,667
County Durham Community Foundation	4,500	
Easy Fundraising	21	27
Sub total	6,744	6,990
Fundraising (gross)		
Raised by group	915	1,097
Other fundraising activities		
Sub total	915	1,097
Other income	-	-
Youth programme and activities	8,802	12,224
Sub total	8,802	12,224
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Property Rent income	2,190	1,515
Other investment income		-
Sub total	2,190	1,515
Total Gross Income	26,945	29,305
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	26,945	29,305

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Building		
Electricity and Gas	3,413	2,926
Insurance	1,522	1,825
Water and Sewerage	606	463
Internet	332	-
Repairs and Maintenance	2,608	9,073
Sub total	8,481	14,287
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	17,826	14,055
Adult support and training	878	86
Materials and equipment	866	761
Uniforms	2,270	1,659
Other costs	-	-
Sub total	21,839	£ 16,561
Fundraising expenses		
Sundries		356
Fundraising costs	220	51
Go Cardless Fees	1,016	822
Sub total	1,236	1,229
Total Gross Expenditure	31,556	32,077
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	31,556	32,077
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,611	- 2,772

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	22,606	27,233
Bank deposit account		
Stripe Payment Card Account	386	
Cash/Floats	196	566
Total cash funds	23,188	27,799
Of which restricted funds		
Reserve fund	7,000	6,000
HQ Membership Fees	5,000	5,000
Held for activities		1,500
HQ Ringfenced Works	5,000	
Total restricted funds	17,000	12,500
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Land and buildings	75,000	75,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	28,000	28,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	103,000	103,000
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 8th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Ivan Jewell

Chair

Rachel Oliver

Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Statement

The group remains in a very healthy position financially.

We saw an increase in expenditure on youth activities as well as uniform, which includes an increase in badges. This demonstrates an increase in the number of activities the youth members are taking part in.

It is also worth noting the difference between income for activities (£8,802) and expenditure (£17,826). Part of the reason for this is the Scout Canal Holiday in April, where a half the income came in the previous year. The other reason is that we continue to obtain grants with which to subsidise our activities and reduce the financial burden on families.

There will be challenges ahead, but the Group remains in a very healthy position to support the sections in delivering fun and adventure packed activities over the coming year.



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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months building running costs.

The Trustee Board has agreed to increase the reserve fund to £7,000 as an amount sufficient to cover annual running costs, due to increasing utility costs.

