

## Group Trustees

### Activities and achievements in the year 2023/24 included:

- Trustees maintained appropriate structures to manage the Group in accordance with the Association's Policies, Organisation and Rules.
- GLV/Leader and Trustee meetings have been held
- Recruitment of new Trustees
- Representation at District Meetings
- Scrutinised annual accounts have been approved by the Trustees
- Accounts and Group activities reported to the Charities Commission
- Further Hall improvements were undertaken

### Major objectives of the Group Trustees for the period 2024/25

- Successor planning to replace the Group Lead Volunteer
- Recruitment of adult volunteers to sustain the youth programme
- Completion of further planned Hall improvements
- Implementation of the Association's Transformation Programme

## From our Chairperson - Alison Dodds

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has welcomed and supported me in my first year as Group Chairperson for Stakeford Scouts; I have learned many new things and have still lots more to learn under the guidance of our experienced and hard-working Leadership Team. The Team works relentlessly at weekly meetings and behind the scenes at home, to deliver a wide range of exciting and challenging activities for our young people. Chief Scout's Awards - the highest youth awards - have been gained in Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts; as have many and varied activity and challenge badges. All Sections are operating at full capacity, with youngsters joining waiting lists too; a clear indication that our volunteers are delivering a great programme.

I am in awe of the enthusiasm and commitment of the adult volunteers who make the weekly sessions possible for all the Sections and the Group as a whole. Everyone works hard to ensure that Scouting Life at Stakeford is of the highest quality and full of enjoyment for our young members. Many thanks also, to our Trustees who undertake necessary administrative tasks to assure good financial and operational governance in accordance with Scout Association rules and regulatory compliance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank firstly, the Elders and Members of Stakeford Methodist Church for welcoming us once again for our Group Christmas Carol Service, which was a resounding success. Secondly, I would like to thank the staff and clients at Stakeford Nursery for the complementary grounds maintenance service they provide at our Hall; this is greatly appreciated

Keep up the amazing work everyone!



## STAKEFORD SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2024

### TRUSTEES SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 March 2024

<u>TRUSTEES</u>		
Group Chairperson	Alison Dodds	
Group Treasurer	Daisy Tong	
Group Lead Volunteer	Tony Railton	
Troop Lead Volunteer	Tim Chrisp	
Pack Lead Volunteer	Graeme Shiel	
Drey Lead Volunteer	Lisa Johnson	
Appointed Trustee	Marlene Railton	
Appointed Trustee	Jeanette Shiel	
Appointed Trustee	Rebecca Marshal	
Appointed Trustee	Carolyn Milburn	
Appointed Trustee	Liam Gladwin	

<u>SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS</u>	This year	Previous Year
	£	£
Total gross income for the year	27,553	14,610
Total gross expenditure for the year	19,185	15,573
Net income for the year	8,369	-963
Capital and reserves	31,548	23,179
<b>Notes</b>		
Membership subscriptions to the Group	8,425	8,800
Membership payments to the Scout Association	3,675	3,933

2,257

**The full, scrutinised end-of-year account is available for inspection on request**

### GROUP MEMBERSHIP (based on the Scout Association census January 2024)

	This year	Previous year	
Squirrels	14	17	
Beavers	18	17	
Cubs	22	30	
Scouts	<u>21</u>		<u>25</u>
Group Youth membership	<u>75</u>	<u>89</u>	
Leaders/Sectional Assistants	18	14	

Executive Committee (excl. Leaders)  
Total Leaders/adult support

7  
25

8  
22

**Total Group membership**

**100**

**111**

## Squirrel Drey

**Highlights of the Squirrel programme have included:**

- Stoppy up night with Easter crafts
- Our first ever Squirrels sleep-over
- Builder and Experiment badges – fun planning, testing and creating
- Wood burning activity – etching names and pictures in to wood
- Finding out about Remembrance Day and attending the parade
- Carol Singing at a local residential care home
- Joining-in at the Group Carol Service
- Finding out about Scouting and other Scout Sections
- Cooking on a camp fire, scavenger hunting and flower picture creation
- Gardener badge – developing little green fingers
- Air Activity Staged Badge with help from the Air Cadets

Elias Wilkinson, Noah Lawson, Theo Dawson, Elliot Clarke and Harry Wright

Achieved the **Chief Scout's Acorn Award** - *the highest Squirrel award*

## Beaver Colony

**Highlights of the Beaver programme have included:**

- Dick Whittington panto trip that was enjoyed by all – Oh yes it was!
- Terrific badge progress, including: cooking, international, safety, gardening, navigator, star gazing.
- Beach-combing and sand-castle building
- Visits to the fire station and Stakeford Methodist Church
- Science badge - predicting and testing
- Burn's Night celebration with songs, poems and games
- Plessey Woods quick quiz orienteering
- Bug houses and hotels, and lots of team competitions
- Grass sledging and Go-carting
- Lodge challenges and team games

**Danny McMillan, Euan Forrest and Isaac Browell**

Achieved the **Chief Scout's Bronze Award** - *the highest Beaver award*

## Cub Pack

**Highlights of the Cub programme have included:**

- Remote-controlled car challenge night
- Success with personal, Six and whole Pack Challenge Awards
- Badge-work including: bird feeders, emergency-aid, collector, safety, communicator and cooking
- Holi Festival celebrations
- Health and Fitness badge – team/Six challenges
- Grass sledging, walks, campfire singing and backwoods cooking
- Group sponsored activity weekend at Hawkthirst Centre
- World food tasting event: sampling food from around the world
- Great team working and Sixer/Secunder development
- Clip n Climb Christmas treat at Cramlington
- Plessey Woods visits for trails and tree identification

Isabell Browell, Beatrice Poxon and Henry Thompson

Achieved the **Chief Scout's Silver Award** – *the highest Cub award*

## Scout Troop

**Highlights of the Scout Troop programme have included:**

- Attendance at a range of overnight activities including camps, expedition challenges, and fundraising challenge; building #SkillsForLife.
- Attendance at a number of outdoor activities, including night hikes
- Excellent progress with badge work and new challenges taken on by Scouts within the Troop and wider community
- Successful completion of Challenge Awards, achieved through a varied and balanced programme utilising some unique and creative ideas
- Group sponsored activity weekend at Hawkthirst Scout Centre
- A great team effort involving all of our youth members and Leader team
- Christmas treat to the cinema
- Narrow boat training cruise on the Hebble and Calder Navigation

**Parker Marshall, Liam Moody, Medina Tate and Harriet Jobling**

Achieved the **Chief Scout's Gold Award** - *the highest Scout award*

# Independent Scrutineer's Report

## Stakeford Scout Group

Independent Scrutineers report on the accounts of the Group for year ending

31 March 2024

### Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Independent Scrutineer

Group Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and, having concluded that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charity Act 1993 apply to this reporting period, Trustees have appointed an Independent Scrutineer to examine the account statements.

It is the duty of the Independent Scrutiniser to undertake without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to the Charity Trustees.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's Constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts for the period **1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**.

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are accurate in accordance with the records presented to me and comply with the Constitution of Stakeford Scout Group.

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Address	10 NEWBIGGIN ROAD ASHINGTON NE63 0TL

Signed	J Scott
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Date	14/6/24
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Stakeford Scouts Group  
YE 31 March 2024  
Profit and Loss Statement

	<i>Notes</i>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>Unrestricted Income</i>			
<u>Donations, legacies and similar income</u>			
Membership subscriptions	1	8,425	8,800
Donations	2	2,162	3,069
Gift Aid	3	9,728	
Other camp income		1,320	
		<u>21,635</u>	<u>11,869</u>
<u>Other income</u>			
Fundraising		2,556	1,704
Sibling discount reimbursed	4	3,193	-
Bank interest	5	170	37
		<u>5,919</u>	<u>1,741</u>
<i>Reserves</i>			
<u>Grants</u>			
Other grants	6	-	1,000
		<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<u>Total income</u>			
		<u>27,553</u>	<u>14,610</u>
<u>Direct costs</u>			
Badges		823	905.18
Leaders expenses		1,920	2,707.35
OSM	7	-	43.00
Youth programme and activities		7,503	2,089.00
		<u>10,245</u>	<u>5,745</u>
<u>Gross Profit</u>			
		<u>17,308</u>	<u>8,866</u>
<u>Administrative Costs</u>			
Bank charges		77	67
Donations		-	605
Utilities		2,325	3,154
Festivities			96
Insurance		921	932
Narrow Boat			475
Material and Equipment, incl. Troop expenses			322
Membership fees to the Association		3,675	3,934
Subscription refunds		-	80
Sundry expenses	8	1,059	165
Repairs	9	882	
		<u>8,939</u>	<u>9,829</u>
<u>Operating Profit</u>			
		<u>8,369</u>	<u>- 963</u>
<u>Profit on Ordinary Activities</u>			
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Stakeford Scouts Group

YE 31 March 2024

Profit and Loss Notes explained

1	Membership subscriptions analysis for the year:	
	Squirrels	1,470.00
	Beavers	1,805.00
	Cubs	3,065.00
	Scouts	2,085.00
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		8,425.00

2	Donations analysis:	
	Northumberland Lottery	52.00
	Leader donations	1,920.00
	Other Donations	190.00
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		2,162.00

£Nil grants were received during the year.

3	Gift Aid	
	We have filed for last 3yrs at 08/05/2024, this will be part of income received in the 2025 financial year.	
	Donations claimed -	
	2021/22	11,033.00
	2022/23	12,911.00
	2023/24	13,710.00
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		37,654.00

	Grants received May 2024	<hr/> <hr/>
		9,727.66

4	Sibling discount reimburse:	
	YE 2022, received 01/04/2023	2,008.00
	YE 2023, received 26/03/2024	1,185.00
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5	Interests received in Savings account ending 5077.	
	Jun-23	32.99
	Sep-23	40.63
	Dec-23	47.86
	Mar-24	48.24
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		169.72

6 No grants / funding received in the year.

7 OSM subscription paid by district for 2023/24

8	Sundry expenses analysis:	
	Postage	22.00
	Flowers and wreath	33.50
	Printer ink	43.00
	Vis vests	106.07
	Uniforms	814.50
	Minibus permit	10.00
	Misc.	30.16
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		1,059.23

9	Repairs analysis:	
	Hall	244.26
	Boiler service	50.00
	Electrical testing	140.00
	LHS Removals	202.18
	Shelves	245.94
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Stakeford Scouts Group  
 YE 31 March 2024  
Statement of assets and liabilities

	Notes	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Unrestricted Cash and Bank</b>			
Current account		11,010	12,948
Savings account		10,021	9,851
Cash		529	585
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>		<b><u>21,560</u></b>	<b><u>22,799</u></b>
Non monetary assets for charity's own use			
Badge stock		260	380
Others		-	-
		<u>260</u>	<u>380</u>
Accrued income			
Gift Aid		9,728	
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>31,548</u></b>	<b><u>23,179</u></b>
Contingent liabilities and future obligations		-	-
Reserves		31,548	23,179
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