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Group Executive Members

Ex Officio

Chair	Mrs Emma Little
Secretary	Ms Rebecca Cowley
Treasurer	Fiona Slater (appointed 29.4.22)
Group Scout Leader	Mr Douglas McIntyre
Beaver Scout Leader	Ms Lea Scott
Cub Scout Leader	Ms Sam Carter
Scout Leader	Mr Mark Lloyd
Explorer Scout Leader	Mr Robin Kennedy

Elected

Ms Victoria Welsh
Dr Jane Halpin
Ms Clair Vineberg (resigned 6.9.23)

Nominated

Ms Dizzy Peverley
Mr Andy Gray
Mrs Jane McIntyre

Bankers

NatWest Bank Plc

Scout Registration number

2558

Charity Registration Number

520716

Contact name and address

Mr Douglas McIntyre
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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2023.

The legal and administrative details of the Group are shown elsewhere in this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR) and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

Objectives of the Group

The Group was formed in 1916 by the adoption of POR by the founding Group leaders, who also acted as Trustees. The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Organisation

The Group is managed by the Trustees, who meet regularly to discuss all aspects of day to day running. The leaders of the Group are Trustees by virtue of their position as a leader.

Investment powers

The Group's investment powers are set out in POR.

Review of Activities

The Group is making very steady progress thanks to the continued and enthusiastic approach by all of the adult volunteers. Their contribution to the successful running of the Group and delivery of programme is immense and they can never be thanked enough for what they do week in and week out.

The Group lost numbers overall as a result of COVID. We had to close the second Beaver Colony and Cub Pack because of falling numbers. We did attempt to reopen these and actually started up a Wednesday Cub Pack again. However, it was not possible to start up the second Beaver Colony and in the absence of that, the numbers of children flowing through to Cubs made the Wednesday Pack no longer viable. Nevertheless, there is progress in numbers attending, which is encouraging.

The Census numbers at the end of January in the following years were:

- 2019 112
- 2020 105
- 2021 81
- 2022 66
- 2023 71

Adult numbers have remained steady at 25-30.

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As we have our own premises, on which business rates are paid, we were fortunate to be included in the COVID grants under the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure provision in the previous two financial years. These have left us in a strong financial position, as shown in the balance sheet. The funding continues to be put to good use to enhance both the provision of Scouting and the premises/equipment.

Policy on reserves

In general, it is the Group's aim to maintain sufficient funds to ensure the success of all of its activities and to provide a contingency to support equipment replacement and unforeseen expenses at short notice. A sum of £1,500 has been designated as this contingency. Currently we have a healthy balance, thanks to the benefit of the Grant support referred to earlier.

Risk management

The Trustees assess the major strategic and operational risks faced by the Group on an ongoing basis and react to mitigate these risks. Through the Scout Association we arrange insurance to cover liability, personal accident and injury to young people and leaders as well as adequate insurance cover for camping and activity equipment and the Group's minibus.

Grant making policy

The Group does not have a policy in respect of making grants.

Approval of the Trustees report

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

E M Little

Mrs E Little

Group Chair

13th September 2023

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1st Washington Scout Group (Charity no. 520716)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023

Receipts and payments

	2022/23	2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	16,152	10,765
Donations	170	230
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	2,317	2,051
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	18,638	13,046
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	11,601
Other grants	1,692	-
Sub total	1,692	11,601
Fundraising events (gross)		
Events income	6,295	147
Section income	-	520
Other fundraising activities	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	6,295	667
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	875	2,465
Hire of minibus	593	401
Other Scout hut income	-	22
Sub total	1,468	2,888
Investment income		
Bank interest	177	2
Bank compensation	-	200
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	177	202
Total Gross Income	28,270	28,404
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	28,270	28,404

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Receipts and payments

	2022/23	2021/22
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,268	3,854
Youth programme and activities	8,770	3,202
Adult support and training	372	165
Rent and Rates	72	37
Water and Sewerage	158	197
Electricity and Gas	955	903
Broadband	378	417
Insurance	1,042	872
Cleaning	1,590	1,890
Repairs and Renewals	5,616	1,290
Materials and equipment	2,531	4,869
Badges and neckers	1,044	301
Minibus and trailer expenses	1,945	3,011
OSM fees	264	306
GoCardless fees	688	342
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Miscellaneous	256	165
Sub total	29,948	21,820
Fundraising expenses		
Detail 1	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	29,948	21,820
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	29,948	21,820
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,678	6,584
Cash funds last year end	39,877	33,293
Cash funds this year end	38,199	39,877

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds	2021/22 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account ****4502	860	1,666
Bank deposit account ****3117	36,646	38,098
Bank deposit accounts ****6336 and ****4588	101	0
Equals Money account	558	100
Cash/Floats	34	12
Total cash funds	38,199	39,877
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account)</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>ok</small>
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	125,000	125,000
Motor vehicles	3,500	4,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	15,000	15,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	143,500	144,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	181,699	183,877

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 13th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signature
<i>E M Little</i>
<i>F M Slater</i>

Print Name	
E Little	Chair
F M Slater	Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting policies

1. Income shown in the Receipts and Payment Account is before deduction of any expenses.
2. Non-monetary assets shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities has been given as an estimated valuation by the Trustees based on their knowledge of the assets involved and their age and condition.
3. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2000) for Charities, as applicable to the Group.
4. The receipts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Independent Examiner's Report

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) but that an independent examination is needed, in accordance with the financial rules of the charity.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 next statement.

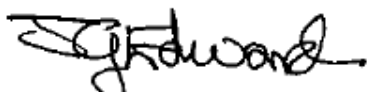
Independent examiner's statement

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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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