

1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group

Charity number: 300452

Receipts and Payments Accounts

for the

Year Ended 31 December 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 300452

**GROUP REGISTRATION NUMBER
WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION** 29733

TRUSTEES Richard Paul Fisher (Chair)
Antony Durrant (Treasurer)
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

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.

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

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

Organisational Structure

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. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parents' representation (if any) and meets every 2 to 3 months.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

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.

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Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity

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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The annual programme includes a wide variety of activities selected to help our members develop skills, knowledge, confidence and friendships as they grow from young individuals to become young adults. Activities include

- Camping and outdoor survival skills;
- Outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing and rock climbing;
- Games and sporting activities;
- Arts and crafts;
- First aid and safety training;
- Learning life skills (eg cooking)
- Days out and theatre trips
- Teaching social, community and cultural respect and awareness
- Individual, team and Group challenges

Our members are encouraged to become involved in the local community through taking part in the local village summer carnival and parading at St Georges Day and at the village Remembrance Day service.

The programme provides opportunity for members to earn badges to show their progression and development and members are also encouraged to earn activity badges in their own time.

Public benefit

We welcome all young people regardless of personal background, faith, gender or circumstances. Inability to pay membership subscriptions will not preclude admittance to the Scout Group. We will make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of disabled persons.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our Trustee meetings the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Volunteers

The Group relies on the assistance of parent helpers to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its members during Group activities.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements in the year

Group

In what ended up as a challenging year, the group has successfully delivered another fantastic programme of activity and events throughout the year. Membership numbers averaged at 76 for the year with all sections well attended each week. The group continues to receive plenty of demand and interest from new and prospective members. Our volunteer numbers have also grown with two new Beaver Section Assistants and a new Assistant Cub Leader. Two of our leaders received their long service awards (a 10 year and a 15 year award) and our GSL received his 25 year service award.

In July the Scout BBQ made a return to the village carnival. It was clearly missed as total sales reached £2,918 with a net profit (split with Explorers) of £1,191. The theme of the village carnival was 'Childrens Films'. We entered a Jungle Book themed 'walking float' into the carnival procession which was awarded first in its category.

In September we held our annual group camp at Phasels Wood. The camp theme was 'Superheroes and Villains' and around 60 members from all sections created evil lairs, climbed Spidey mountain and performed other heroic tasks and dastardly deeds.

On a more challenging note, it was discovered that the entire concrete sub floor throughout the scout hut had failed. In July we lifted the wooden parquet floor and soon realised the whole concrete floor needed to be dug out, dug down and replaced. With the fantastic help from our volunteers, parents and others in our community, we were able to break up and dig out the existing floor in the main hall and start the process of relaying a new floor, but it is a significant project that will involve removing and replacing most of the interior walls and fittings. The hut was out of action for the whole of the Autumn term and is expected to remain out of use for much of 2024.

Beaver section highlights

2023 started with a special visit from a professor of astrophysics from the Open University to help the Beavers gain their Space Badge. Beavers also worked towards their Cycling and Creative badges during the year.

Outdoor adventure was really at the fore in the year with kite making (and flying), water rockets and archery on the village green, chip shop hikes, night hikes, den building, road safety, fire lighting and backwoods cooking.

In May Beavers celebrated the King's coronation with a tea party attended by a few special guests. Also in May Beavers held their own summer camp at Longrove campsite which included a special day trip to Whipsnade Zoo. Not long after in June, was the district Beaveree also at Longrove, which was a chance for our group to mix with the other local Beaver sections.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements in the year (continued)

Cub section highlights

Community and local awareness was at the heart of the Cubs activities with litter picking on the village Green, leaf clearing at Whipsnade Tree Cathedral, and tree planting at Chute Wood on Dunstable Downs.

The Cubs learned Semaphore and used invisible ink as part of their communication badge. They also worked towards their naturalist, local knowledge and entertainer badges during the year

Food was also at the heart (or stomach) of the cubs with 'neeps and tatties' for Burns night, pancakes on Pancake Day, and campfire doughnuts at Longrove.

In May, thirteen Cubs were fortunate to attend a fun-filled water activity day with Luton Sea Scouts, including activities such as rafting and kayaking. The Cubs also held their own coronation party with a picnic and games on the green.

Scout section highlights

In February Scouts attended the February Freezer Camp at Paccar Scout Camp. With temperatures barely above zero the Scouts had an amazing weekend of ziplines, crate stacking, abseiling, axe throwing and many many other activities. The event was an instant favourite among the Scouts. March then again saw another favourite event, Monopoly Run, competing against 8,000 other Scouts, Guides and Explorers in a live action game of Monopoly in London.

Summer term saw a visit from Gargs Animal Encounters giving Scouts the chance meet and hold a variety of exotic animals such as snakes, lizards, spiders, owls, a skunk, a and many others.

Outdoor activities included a summer bike ride, an overnight hike followed by 'champing' at Edlesborough church, laser tag and a survival camp where Scouts had to make a shelter in the woods and then sleep in it.

2023 also saw the return competitions against the other district Scout groups comprising of a district quiz, a district wide game, and the HAT challenge, a competition day comprising a hike and other challenging teamwork activities.

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Financial review

Subscription fees increased to £37 per term which resulted in total subscription fees received of £8,412. As in the previous year, just over half this amount was paid up to district to cover central membership fees.

The gift aid claim received in relation to 2022 donations was £1,404. Additional fundraising generated an additional £931 including £646 from a very successful summer BBQ at the village carnival. There was also a surplus of around £849 on the various camps and additional events in the year as a result of their popularity and high attendance.

The above, and as a result of setting a very tight budget for the Autumn term, meant that from normal Scouting activities alone (excluding the floor works) the group had a £2,114 surplus for the year.

The group faces an enormous financial challenge as a result of the floor failure in the main hall. The trustees agree that the entire concrete sub floor of the hut requires digging out and replacing, which will involve removing internal walls and fitting and rebuilding. Current estimated total repair costs are in the region of £45,000. We have been very fortunate to have received grant funding of £25,425 in the year which, together with the £12,000 of reserve funds set aside for contingency works, put us in good shape to commence works with confidence. We are hopeful that another £10k of grants may be awarded in the new year.

The hut works will remain the biggest financial and operational challenge going into 2024. The cost of hiring replacement venues puts a drain on our resources meaning prudent budgeting is required to ensure the repairs can be completed as quickly as possible.

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 Executive Committee considers that the group should maintain a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs (circa £5000) in its current account at all times..

The Group also has the responsibility to maintain the Scout Hut in good condition for the benefit of current and future members: the Group Executive Committee considers it prudent to carry a reserve of £3000-£5000 against contingent repairs.

Declaration

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 23 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Paul Fisher
Chairman



Antony Durrant
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the trustees of

1st Eaton Bray & Edlesborough Scout Group (Charity No: 300452)

on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

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.

Signed:



Name:

C POWNEY (MAAT, MATT)

Date:

13.05.24.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

GENERAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

	Notes	2023			2022
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
RECEIPTS					
Donations, legacies and grants	1	6,600	24,425	31,025	11,248
Charitable activities	2	8,882	-	8,882	3,843
Fundraising	3	3,312	-	3,312	678
Other income	4	368	-	368	93
Investment income	5	155	-	155	29
TOTAL RECEIPTS		19,317	24,425	43,742	15,891
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities	2	11,268	-	11,268	6,885
Fundraising	3	2,381	-	2,381	-
Premises costs	6	2,146	9,139	11,285	999
General overheads	7	1,135	-	1,135	856
Asset and investment purchases	8	-	-	-	6,503
TOTAL PAYMENTS		16,930	9,139	26,069	15,243
NET CASHFLOW IN/(OUT)		2,387	15,286	17,673	648
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		19,078	-	19,078	18,430
Net cashflow		2,387	15,286	17,673	648
TOTAL CASH FUNDS AT YEAR END	9	21,465	15,286	36,751	19,078

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

CASH FUNDS

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Bank current account	8,429	-	8,429	8,111
Bank deposit account	13,036	15,286	28,322	3,808
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service (Closed)	-	-	-	7,159
	21,465	15,286	36,751	19,078

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE


	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Land & buildings	180,000	-	180,000	180,000
Scouting equipment and furniture	15,727	-	15,727	15,727
	195,727	-	195,727	195,727

LIABILITIES

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Subs paid in advance	-	-	-	37
Expenses incurred but not yet paid	-	-	-	38
	-	-	-	75

APPROVAL

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees on 23 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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RICHARD PAUL FISHER - Chair



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ANTONY DURRANT - Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
1. Donations, legacies and grants				
Membership subscriptions	8,412	-	8,412	7,847
Less: membership subscriptions paid on	(4,316)	-	(4,316)	(3,911)
Net subscriptions retained	4,096	-	4,096	3,936
Gift aid received	1,404	-	1,404	938
Donations	100	-	100	2,874
Grants:				2,000
Fisher Charitable Fund	-	-	-	500
Edlesborough Parish Council	-	-	-	-
St Mary's Village Carnival	-	3,425	3,425	-
Shanley Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-
Leslie Sell Trust	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Beds and Luton Community Fun	-	7,000	7,000	-
Heart of Bucks	-	10,000	10,000	-
Tyl Community Fund (Pennies)	1,000	-	1,000	-
	6,600	24,425	31,025	11,248
2. Charitable activities				
Receipts:				
Group camp	4,165	-	4,165	2,940
Section camps and other youth activities	4,717	-	4,717	903
	8,882	-	8,882	3,843
Payments:				
Scouting programme	1,908	-	1,908	1,700
Group camp	3,793	-	3,793	3,202
Section camps and other youth activities	4,240	-	4,240	688
Badges and unifrom	662	-	662	778
Group supplies, materials and equipment	665	-	665	517
	11,268	-	11,268	6,885
3. Fundraising				
Receipts:				
Carnival BBQ	2,918	-	2,918	-
Carnival Raffle	-	-	-	338
Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising	286	-	286	340
Other	108	-	108	-
	3,312	-	3,312	678
Payments:				
Carnival BBQ	2,272	-	2,272	-
Other	109	-	109	-
	2,381	-	2,381	-

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for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
4. Other income				
Sale of equipment	-	-	-	10
Hall hire (Explorers)	256	-	256	-
Camp tuck shop	112	-	112	83
	368	-	368	93
5. Investments				
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service interest	63	-	63	29
Barclays deposit account	92	-	92	-
	155	-	155	29
6. Premises costs				
Water & sewerage	134	-	134	141
Electric and gas	402	-	402	391
Premises repairs: General	883	-	883	467
Floor repairs	727	9,139	9,866	-
	2,146	9,139	11,285	999
7. General overheads				
Insurance	716	-	716	638
Paypal/Sumup fees	249	-	249	81
Health and Safety	52	-	52	36
Other general administrative costs	118	-	118	101
	1,135	-	1,135	856
8. Asset and investment purchases				
Camping equipment	-	-	-	900
Sound absorption panels	-	-	-	5,603
	-	-	-	6,503