

BATCHWORTH SEA SCOUTS GROUP (Charity No 302621)

Annual accounts for the year
1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

Section A Statement of financial activities

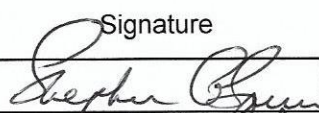

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	22,752	-	-	22,752	21,340
Activities for generating funds	21,482	-	-	21,482	22,256
Investment income	175	-	-	175	46
Incoming resources from charitable activities	14,997	-	-	14,997	13,034
Other incoming resources	-	-	-	-	30,000
Total incoming resources	59,406	-	-	59,406	86,676
Resources expended (Notes 4-5)					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	1,774	-	-	1,774	1,427
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	54,538	-	-	54,538	41,971
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended	-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended	56,312	-	-	56,312	43,398
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	3,094	-	-	3,094	43,278
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	3,094	-	-	3,094	43,278
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	3,094	-	-	3,094	43,278
Total funds brought forward	152,581	130	-	152,711	109,433
Total funds carried forward	155,675	130	-	155,805	152,711

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Section B Balance sheet as at 31st December 2018

		Restricted				
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds	2018	2017
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	(Note 6)	57,500	-	-	57,500	61,250
		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		57,500	-	-	57,500	61,250
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 7)	13,283	-	-	13,283	9,494
(Short term) investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 8)		93,503	130	-	93,633	90,968
Total current assets		106,786	130	-	106,916	100,462
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 9)	8,611	-	-	8,611	9,001
Net current assets/(liabilities)		98,175	130	-	98,305	91,461
Total assets less current liabilities		155,675	130	-	155,805	152,711
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		155,675	130	-	155,805	152,711
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds		139,283			139,283	136,189
Designated fund (Note 10)		16,392			16,392	16,392
Restricted income funds (Note 10)			130		130	130
Endowment funds				-	-	-
Total funds		155,675	130	-	155,805	152,711

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	STEPHEN C. SPURR	09/06/19
	PAUL N. H. MANDER	09/06/19

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years .

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Note 2

Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
 - the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
 - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA

incoming resources

with related

expenditure

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the

Grants payable without performance conditions Support Costs

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees'

Stocks and work in

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

The premises have a substantial value, but are built upon land for which the lease expires in 2017. In the opinion of the Trustees, the cost of establishing a value for these premises is out of proportion to the benefit that might be gained by the user.

The value in the balance sheet is the cost of materials of the original construction of the building excluding the value of materials and services

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Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	2018 £	2017 £
Voluntary income	Membership subscriptions	21,302	21,711
	Less: Membership subscriptions paid to District and County	(6,716)	(5,666)
	Net membership subscriptions retained	14,586	16,045
	Gift Aid	4,482	3,733
	District subscriptions (Explorer Scouts)	1,600	1,400
	Grant from The Scout Association	1,894	-
	Donations - use of our equipment &	190	60
	Donations - Other	-	102
	Total	22,752	21,340
Activities for generating funds	Jumble sales	9,115	9,241
	May Fete	1,936	2,627
	Autumn Fair	-	-
	Quiz Night	-	-
	Christmas party	758	900
	Rental of car park	9,673	9,488
	Total	21,482	22,256
Investment income	Bank interest received	175	46
	Total	175	46
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Uniforms sold	1,111	684
	Beaver/Cub visits to Pantomime (District	-	-
	Family Sailing Day	506	521
	Sale of Boat	-	-
	Beaver activities	592	570
	Cub activities	2,330	1,396
	Scout activities	10,458	9,863

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Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

	Analysis	2018 £	2017 £
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Fundraising trading costs	Jumble sales	287	264
	Grand Carnival Fete (May Fair)	1,024	748
	Quiz Night	21	-
	Autumn Fair	-	-
	Christmas party	442	415
	Speed Scouting	-	-
	Sutton Seeds	-	-
	Total	1,774	1,427
Charitable activities	Youth programme and activities:		
	Beaver activities	993	1,167
	Cub activities	2,552	1,304
	Scout activities	12,449	12,510
	Group costs	-	655
	Adult support and training	665	-
	Support costs:		
	Beavers/Cubs visit to Pantomime (District event)	-	-
	Family Sailing Day	297	222
	Refreshments & supplies for Royal Navy	-	267
	Donations - 2019 Jamboree/Explorer expedition	4,509	-
	Uniform	1,177	1,394
	Group uniform costs	964	1,357
	Equipment & Supplies	4,225	4,196
	Boats/equipment - renewal & repair	5,161	197
	Membership fees - sailing	1,372	1,955
	Marine insurance	1,493	1,433
	Minibus expenses	1,672	1,386
	Minibus insurance	2,128	1,537
	Legal costs	1,500	173
	Rent	636	-
	Water	219	238
	Electricity	771	1,208
	General supplies (first aid, cleaning)	1,356	1,450
	Building maintenance	2,689	1,998
	Building & contents insurance	3,537	3,244
	Depreciation	3,750	3,750
	Postage, stationery & computer	296	18
	Insurance for Helpers & Supporters	-	84
	Gifts to recognise contribution from long term	97	98
	Bank Charges	-	-
	Remembrance Wreath & Donation	30	50
	AGM expenses	-	-
	Total	54,538	41,891
Governance costs			
	Total	-	-

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Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Trustee expenses

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

2018	2017
None	None
None	None

5.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts
Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

2018	2017
£	£
None	None
None	None

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Note 6

Tangible fixed assets

6.1 Cost or valuation

	Leasehold building	Safety boat	Kayak trailer	Minibus	Freehold property	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	1,191	1,087	60,000	35,000	97,278
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	1,191	1,087	60,000	35,000	97,278

6.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

**Basis	SL	SL	SL	SL	
** Rate	2%	20%	20%	25%	

Balance brought forward	-	1,191	1,087	33,750	-	36,028
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	3,750	-	3,750
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	1,191	1,087	37,500	-	39,778

6.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	-	26,250	35,000	61,250
Carried forward	-	-	-	22,500	35,000	57,500

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Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2018 £	2017 £	2018 £	2017 £
Trade debtors	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid owing	7,777	6,214	-	-
Other debtors	3,155	1,260	-	-
Prepayments	2,351	2,020	-	-
Total	13,283	9,494	-	-

Note 8 Cash at bank and in hand

Analysis of deposits

	2018 £	2017 £
Barclays: business saver account	80,430	75,602
Barclays: community account	9,086	11,268
National Saving & Investment account	4,117	4,098
Section bank accounts	-	-
Cash not banked	-	-
Total	93,633	90,968

Note 9 Creditors and accruals

Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2018 £	2017 £	2018 £	2017 £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Debts due to the County/Area/District	-	-	-	-
Monies owed to Leaders/Helpers	480	3,439	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	8,131	5,562	-	-
Total	8,611	9,001	-	-

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Note 10 Endowment and restricted income funds

10.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Pike Pack Football	R	For use by the Cubs for football kit and equipment
Jones Pack Improvement Fund	R	For use by the Cubs to improve their equipment

10.2 Movements of major funds

Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
PIKE PACK Football Fund	80	-	-	-	-	80
Jones Pack Improvement Fund	50	-	-	-	-	50
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	130	-	-	-	-	130

10.3 Transfers between funds

Please give details of any transfers between funds

	Garage & Storage Building Fund £	Batchworth 2018 £	Unrestricted Funds £
Fund balances brought forward	-	16,392	136,189
Net incoming resources before transfers			3,094
Transfers - Unrestricted funds to Batchworth 2018			
			-
Transfers - Garage & Storage Building Fund to Batchworth 2018			
Donations - "Buy a Brick" (Garage & Store)			-
Donations - Garage & Store			
"Sound Pit" events (income less costs)			-
HQ 40th anniversary party			-
Fund balances carried forward	-	16,392	139,283

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Note 11

Transactions with related parties

11.1 Remuneration and benefits

Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee or other related parties by the charity or any institution or company

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit	
		2018 £	2017 £
		None	None

11.2 Loans

Please give details of and amounts owing to or from the charity's trustees or other related parties by the charity at the year end.

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			2018 £	2017 £
Due to trustees and related parties			None	None
Due from trustees and related parties			None	None

11.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or related party has a material interest.

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	2018 £	2017 £
			None	None

Note 12	Additional Disclosures
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The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Batchworth Sea Scouts Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1 to 14.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Commissioners (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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group 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 ;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
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Tim Bond

Qualification: ACA FCT

Address: 3 Grange Park, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 2HX

Date: 24 May 2018

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1st January 2018 to 31 December 2018**

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Batchworth Sea Scouts Group		
Registered charity number	302621		
Royal Navy Group number	10		
Charity's principal address	Riverside Drive		
	Rickmansworth		
	Herts		
	Postcode: WD3 1FS		

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Michael Read	Group Scout Leader		
Ben Taunt	Assistant Group Scout Leader		
Steve Spurr	Chairman		
Lucy Putman	Secretary		
Paul Mander	Treasurer		
Simon Reader			
Deirdre Edwards			
Tom Smith	Cub Leader		
Louise Grant	Cub Leader		
Keith Wall			
Quentin Webb			
Richard Patterson			
James Sylvester			
Vanda Williamson			
Andre Roy	Scout Leader		

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc	32 Clarendon Road, Watford, Herts, WD1 1LD
Solicitor (car park issues)	SA Law LLP	60 London Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1NG
Independent Examiner	Mr T Bond	3 Grange Park, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 2HX

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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.

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 Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every other month.

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 Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Objectives and activities

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.

Contribution made by volunteers

The group is entirely dependent on volunteers for leadership, fundraising, maintenance of buildings and equipment and for the work undertaken by the trustees. No one in the group receives any remuneration. The ethos of volunteering is critical to the success of the group.

Achievements and performance

Batchworth Sea Scouts has run a wide-ranging, active and energetic programme through its different sections for young people from the ages of six to 18. This programme has had the aim of stretching young people towards their individual limits in support of their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development.

Detailed achievements can be found in the reports in the Optional Section of this Report.

Financial review

Treasurer's report of the 2018 Annual Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities

A satisfactory state of affairs with a surplus of £3,094 for the year. This is a drop from 2017 mainly due to an increase in expenditure on boating equipment. In addition, grants totalling £4,509 have been made to members attending the Jamboree and Explorer expedition.

Membership subscriptions have remained constant but the amount payable to District & County has increased so the sum retained by the Group is less. However, it is pleasing to see the improvement regarding the claim for gift aid. It should be remembered there is no cost to parents in completing a 'gift aid declaration'.

Income from Scout, Cub & Beaver activities was £13,380 with costs of £15,994; the Group Executive are comfortable with this level of financial contribution.

Support costs are broadly in line with expectations and are consistent with 2017. The Group continues to invest in both camping and boating equipment for the benefit of existing members, which can only be considered a positive step as it indicates the focus is not entirely on development of the headquarters building. All services and help provided to the Group are by volunteers and no remuneration has been paid for assistance in the Group's functioning.

Balance Sheet

Fixed assets consist of the freehold purchase in 2016 and donation of the minibus in 2017. It is not considered necessary to depreciate the freehold and minibus is being depreciated in accordance with existing policy. Other fixed assets have been fully depreciated. Bank balances stood at 31/12/18 £93,633 (2017 £90,968). The gift aid claim for y/e 31/12/17 has already been submitted and it is the intention to make the claim for y/e 31/12/18 shortly. Prepayments relate to insurance policies with renewal dates not coinciding with 31/12/18. Accruals relate mainly to costs for building maintenance which had been put on hold until the freehold purchase was finalized and outstanding expenses to leaders.

Financial review of the Funds

The principal funding of the Group are by members' subscriptions, associated gift aid and fund raising activities. The latter consists of jumble sales (twice yearly), May Fete and occasional social activities. Assistance from parents is required and always welcomed at these events. Funds generated are utilised to compliment regular activities and support costs. If there is surplus funding, this and monies received from car park rental, grants and donations are used for building improvements and purchase of new equipment.

The Group's policy on reserves (Funds) is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The treasurer considers the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs – circa £20,000.

The Group held reserves of £139,283 (Unrestricted funds) against this at 31/12/18. This level is considerably in excess of this policy, but it is anticipated all available funds will be utilized for the headquarters development. Although not necessarily a complete list these projects include:

- Major roof repair.
- Effective heating system.
- New garage/storage building.

The Development Fund and Garage & Storage Building Fund have been amalgamated into **Batchworth 2018** and is designated for refurbishment & enhancement of the premises. It should be noted the fund is not restricted and can be used for other purposes if the Group so wishes. **The Batchworth 2018** fund balance at 31/12/18 was £16,392.

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. Thus, a risk adverse strategy has been adopted to the investment of funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies and government backed deposits.

After serving 5 years as treasurer this is my final report and it has been a pleasure to be associated with such a successful Scout Group. I started my scouting journey nearly 60 years ago and it is great to see the youngsters having the same adventure & enjoyment as I did.

Paul Mander

GROUP TREASURER

Group Chairman

2018 has been a year of consolidation on the 2017's successes with regard to our membership, equipment and finances.

We have maintained our high membership numbers and recruited new leaders and helpers to continue to run a very comprehensive programme of activities.

Here is a selection of achievements and events from last year;

- Royal Navy Inspection certificate awarded
- HQ car park trees felled and tidied
- GDPR survey and training undertaken
- Financial support agreed for Jamboree participants
- Partnership Agreement signed with District for Explorers
- Photo of members and leaders taken for Travis Perkins
- Small kayaks purchased for Beavers along with various size buoyancy aids
- Oktoberfest Alumni event held
- New tents purchased
- Agreement to replace RIB engine and gearbox
- Successful Jumble Sales, May Fair, Sailing Day, Volunteers' Social and Xmas Party
- HQ re-development plans considered
- Improved subscriptions payments

I would like to thank the many leaders, parent and helpers for making this year another tremendous one for our Group.

After five years of being the chairman, I am delighted to hand over the role to Richard Patterson, who as many of you will know has a longstanding relationship with Batchworth Sea Scouts both as his contribution as a leader as well as from the substantial previous involvement of his family.

Batchworth is in safe hands!

Steve Spurr

Group Chairman

GROUP SCOUT LEADER

2018 was another great year for Batchworth Sea Scouts with many things to be proud of:

- our second Scout Troop has thrived, becoming really successful with 34 members;
- all our sections are close to full and the Group has grown for the eighth consecutive year;
- we have recruited new leaders to most of our sections;
- we have run exciting and challenging programmes for our young people;
- we have had success in District competitions; and
- we have increased the number of people volunteering and helping.

None of this would have been possible without the enthusiasm and commitment of our growing team of volunteers and I would like to thank each and every one of you all for your time and hard work, and to encourage those who have not yet joined the fun, to do so.

More Growth

We followed up the opening of a second Beaver Colony in 2015 with a second Cub Pack in 2016 and a second Scout Troop in 2017, to relieve the pressure on the existing Troop and deal with the growing waiting lists. Numbers of young people in Batchworth have grown by an average of 12% each year for the last eight years. We are now pretty much at the maximum capacity of the Group, but of course all this growth means that we have many new families involved.

Leadership

We now have a strong leadership team with our AGSL, Ben Taunt, making sure that the young people in all our sections can get out on the water or do other adventurous activities at every opportunity, as well as much else. We have new leaders in most sections but could still do with another leader in most sections, especially the Endeavour Scouts on Saturday morning. Can I offer my thanks to all the leaders, old and new, who have given so generously of their time to make the year a success.

Facilities and fundraising

We concluded a new lease with our car park tenants early in 2018 securing an important income stream for us for the foreseeable future. We have acquired a new fleet of kayaks suitable for Beavers, Cubs and smaller Scouts. We have continued to update our stock of tents and other equipment.

Our traditional fundraising events continue to go well, and in 2018 we ran a fundraising event alongside the Rickmansworth Canal Festival for the first time. This was to raise money for the three young people who will be representing Batchworth at the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in July of this year. It was very successful and we plan that this will become a permanent part of our programme.

Volunteers

Volunteers are what makes everything we do at Batchworth possible. As well as the uniformed leadership team we have a strong Executive Committee and many others who help with fundraising, with social events and with managing and maintaining our buildings, equipment and boats. Our numbers of volunteers are growing but the more we have, the more we can do. I am delighted that we have found replacements for our Chair and Treasurer and have been able to fill other important roles. But please think about where you could help. We have volunteering opportunities requiring fundraising skills, communication and IT skills, project management and construction skills, to name but a few. Help us if you can, in whatever capacity, and no matter how much or how little time you can spare. Our "*bite sized volunteering*" plan means there's something for everyone to do

2018 was a great year for Batchworth. 2019 is promising to be just as good, with a further Royal Navy Inspection in the Autumn. Thank you to everyone who gives up their time for the young people in Batchworth Sea Scouts.

Michael Read


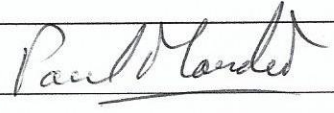
Group Scout Leader

The group's web site is at www.Batchworth.org.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	STEPHEN CHARLES SPURR	PAUL NICHOLAS HOLLETT MANDER
Position (e.g. secretary, chair, etc.)	CHAIRMAN	TREASURER

Date 9th June 2019