



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11TH IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP

CHESTERFIELD DRIVE IPSWICH IP1 6DW

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES & EXAMINER'S REPORTS & FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

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Incorporated by the Royal Charter Charity Number 306101

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GROUP SCOUT LEADER MIKE HOLLINGSWORTH

TRUSTEES:

CHAIR ROBERT WELSH

TREASURER DAVID DEGIORGIO

SECRETARY KAREN MACFADYEN

Oliver Arthur, Dave Baldry, Chris Baldry, Mary Baldry, Paul Flack, Angela Garrod, Paul Goffin, Patrick Jameson, Joanna Jones, Hayley Mason, Richard Mason, Shane O'Halloran, Sharon Pickering, Carl Reeder, Andy Sparks, Adam Suchowij & Kathleen Suchowij.

BANKERS:

CO-OPERATIVE BANK: 9 – 11 QUEEN STREET, IPSWICH IP1 1SW

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Deborah Hurst ACMA

Group registration number with the Scout Association: 5225

Charity Reg No: 305658

Trustees Report

The trustees of the 11th Ipswich Scout Group are the officials of the Group executive committee. The trustees are detailed at the front of this report.

Structure, governance and management

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 Charity Commission.

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 and meets every 2 months.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their 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;
- Arranging accommodation and assisting to find camping grounds;
- 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.

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:

- Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. 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 may be necessary.
- Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient 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 Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities are commenced.
- 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 on-going 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 may be necessary.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, 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.

The Scout Group consists of the following Sections:

- Beaver colony
- Cub Pack (Monday)
- Cub Pack (Wednesday)
- Scout Troop
- Young Leaders
- Scout Active Support

The executive committee, sub committees, leaders and helpers work together to provide a high standard of maintenance and care of all young people, property, vehicles and equipment in their charge.

Public benefit

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial review

The trustees have not formally set a target for reserves.

The current level of reserves held is £302,361 (2022: £238,662)

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Group Scout Leader's Report for 2023 AGM

Well, thankfully, I'm pleased to be able to write this report and say what a good year we've had as a Group. For the first time in some while we have been able to return to offering a full programme of experiences to the young people of the Group, including camps by all Sections, and a postponed Group Camp in September of last year at Hallowtree. It was great to see so many young people and Leaders out together enjoying themselves, even if the weather wasn't too kind. Still, this is Britain! My thanks go to all who took part in making that weekend so successful; hard work I know but rewarding.

We've also been able to improve our vehicle fleet by buying a new Citroen van to replace our much-loved old Transit kit van, to accompany and compliment the two minibuses already purchased. Additionally, we've bought a trailer so that for smaller camps it might be possible to reduce our carbon footprint by using a minibus(es) and the trailer rather than having to always take the van. Also, for larger camps, we can increase our load carrying capacity and therefore our ability to take more young people to camp.

For two of our former Scouts, and now Young Leaders in the Group, Kaya Bhattachrjee and Ronnie Ransome, their time to enjoy the best experience they'll ever have, attending the World Scout Jamboree to be held in South Korea in August of this year, is now that much closer and, by the time you read this report, they will be close to, or will have had to make, their final payment towards their trip. I wish them all the best in anticipation of what they will enjoy and say well done for a phenomenal fund-raising effort.

As is always the case my grateful thanks go to all those who are involved in the leadership of the young people in the Group, and the opportunities and experiences they provide, whether they be uniformed or otherwise. Similarly, I thank the members of the Executive Committee who enable those of us proving the Scouting opportunities the chance to do so without having to worry overly about matters like insurance, building maintenance, etc. Particularly I must single out the Group's Treasurer, David Degiorgio, who continually has his finger on the pulse of the Group's finances. The Prime Minister could do worse than having David as Chancellor of the Exchequer!

Finally, while we are a stronger Group today than we were when I wrote my report last year, we're always looking to be stronger, and bigger. Therefore, if you know of someone who wishes to be a volunteer in the best organisation for young people in the country, or if you are willing to become involved, let me, or any of the Leaders know; you'd be more than welcome.

Thanks for reading this report, and for all your support.

Yours in Scouting,
Mike Hollingsworth, Group Scout Leader.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 11 th Ipswich Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2023	Charity no (if any)	305658
Set out on pages	8 & 9 <small>(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.		
Responsibilities and basis of report	As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or • the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.		
Signed:		Date:	18th April 2023
Name:	Debs Hurst		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)		
Address:	6 East Gores Road		
	Coggeshall		
	Essex CO6 1RZ		

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

Nothing to disclose.

Receipts and Payments accounts and balance sheet

	2023	2022	2021
<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	£238,662	£197,641	£176,700
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
FIREWORKS	£134,737	£126,194	£0
RENTS	£17,639	£15,914	£9,027
GIFT AID	£0	£1,695	-£326
INTEREST	£2,579	£2,046	£2,497
QUIZ NIGHTS	£0	£0	£0
200 CLUB	£580	£375	£440
MISCELLANEOUS	£45	£552	£74
SECTION SUBS	£0	£1,746	£878
MEMBERSHIP FEES	£3,831	£2,605	£30
DONATIONS	£316	£100	£1,466
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	£2,582	£48,854	£19,907
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£162,309</u>	<u>£200,081</u>	<u>£33,993</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
FIREWORKS	£60,256	£48,402	£100
GENERAL RATES	£777	£470	£143
WATER	£608	£268	£193
ELECTRIC	£1,021	£998	£522
GAS	£3,283	£1,181	£880
BROADBAND & WEB HOSTING	£706	£208	£417
POSTAGE & STATIONERY	£549	£406	£252
TRANSPORT	£5,394	£4,212	£613
MEMBERSHIP FEES	£4,425	£3,840	£2,956
GROUP CLOTHING	£48	£178	£0
BANK CHARGES	£0	£5	£0
CLEANING/WAGES	£1,915	£1,710	£1,505
INSURANCE	£1,181	£988	£1,387
BUILDING REPAIRS/RENEWALS	£1,077	£2,331	£272
EQUIPMENT	£13,065	£423	£176
EQUIPMENT CONSUMABLES	£404	£228	£35
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	£0	£90,645	£1,554
MISCELLANEOUS	£3,810	£1,750	£2,047
THURSDAY SCOUT TROOP	£2	£655	£0
YOUNG LEADERS	£89	£162	£0
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>£98,610</u>	<u>£159,060</u>	<u>£13,052</u>
	2023	2022	2021
<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>£63,699</u>	<u>£41,021</u>	<u>£20,941</u>

<u>CLOSING BALANCE - BANKED</u>	<u>£302,361</u>	<u>£238,662</u>	<u>£197,641</u>
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CASH HELD BY SECTIONS

THURSDAY BEAVERS	£484	£229	£152
MONDAY CUBS	£262	£554	£377
WEDNESDAY CUBS	£464	£1,024	£785
THURSDAY SCOUT TROOP	£511	£430	£0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,721</u>	<u>£2,237</u>	<u>£1,314</u>

MONETARY ASSETS*

CO-OPERATIVE BANK	£1,043	£9,923	£6,335
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK	£206,264	£135,000	£148,000
UNITED TRUST BANK	£95,054	£93,739	£43,306
<u>TOTAL (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)</u>	<u>£302,361</u>	<u>£238,662</u>	<u>£197,641</u>

NON MONETARY ASSETS*

BUILDINGS*	£555,312	£503,000	£490,732
EQUIPMENT*	£93,373	£91,000	£83,000
VEHICLES*	£92,613	£104,000	£9,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£741,298</u>	<u>£698,000</u>	<u>£582,732</u>

* SHOWN AS INSURED VALUES

These accounts were approved at The Group's AGM held on 9 May 2023 & signed on behalf of The Group

Treasurer - David Degiorgio



Group Scout Leader - Mike Hollingsworth

