

Scouts



11th Ipswich

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11TH IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP

CHESTERFIELD DRIVE IPSWICH IP1 6DW

UNAUDITED

**TRUSTEES & EXAMINER'S REPORTS
& FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

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Chief Scout Lt.Cdr (Hon) Bear Grylls RN Incorporated by the Royal Charter Charity Number 306101

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Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisors

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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, Hayley Mason, Richard Mason, Shane O'Halloran, Sharon Pickering, Carl Reeder, Andrew Sparks, Adam Suchowij & Kathleen Suchowij.

Joanna Jones resigned 28/9/2023

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 Group 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 £341,545 (last year: £302,361)

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 2024 AGM

When I wrote my report last year two of our former Scouts, and now Young Leaders in the Group, Kaya Bhattacharjee and Ronnie Ransome, were in the closing stages of fund raising prior to their trip to South Korea to attend last year's World Scout Jamboree. While they tell me they enjoyed their experience, unfortunately weather conditions were such that arrangements had to be changed early on in the Jamboree meaning that they weren't able to benefit from the total experience as they might have been.

I'm pleased to say that over the past year the Group has grown in all Sections, to the point where we are looking, (again), at the possibility of starting a second Beaver Colony, as it's from there that a Group grows. Also, we have a number of older Scouts for whom we may be able to start up again, an Explorer Unit.

Camping is an integral part of Scouting and I'm pleased to say that both Cub Packs and the Scout Troop have several camps in the pipeline for this year. As is always the case, by the time of the AGM the Scout Troop has already held a number of its camps, and has more planned, culminating in their summer camp which, this year, is to be held in Holland. While I have now reached a point where I think my camping days are now behind me, (my body just can't take nights of laying on hard ground anymore), I do miss all that being at camp brings and I wish all Sections every success with their camps this year.

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 all members of the Trustee Board who enable those of us providing Scouting opportunities the chance to do so without having to worry about matters like insurance, building maintenance, etc.

Many of you will know that this is my final AGM as the Group Scout Leader, as having served ten years in that role, I'm required to step down. While I will remain very much part of the Group, and I will miss some parts of the GSL role, I am looking forward to being able to continue to play a part in the life of 11th Ipswich Scout Group.

As I come to the close of this report, I can't end without mentioning fireworks. Thanks to another great result from last year's display financially the Group is stronger than ever, and my thanks go to all involved in making our displays over the years so successful. I must also, again, thank David Degiorgio, our Group Treasurer. As I said last year the Prime Minister could do much worse than having David as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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

**Yours in Scouting,
Mike Hollingsworth, Group Scout Leader.**

Independent Examiners Report for Accounts ending 31 March 2024



**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
11th Ipswich Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

305658

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/03/2024**.

**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:

- 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:

D. Hurst

Date:

22nd April 2024

Name:

Deborah 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 for Accounts ending 31 March 2024

	2024	2023	2022
<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	£302,361	£238,662	£197,641
 <u>RECEIPTS</u>			
FIREWORKS	£115,615	£134,737	£126,194
RENTS	£15,890	£17,639	£15,914
GIFT AID	£2,485	£0	£1,695
INTEREST	£6,344	£2,579	£2,046
QUIZ NIGHTS	£68	£0	£0
200 CLUB	£675	£580	£375
MISCELLANEOUS	£250	£45	£552
SECTION SUBS	£0	£0	£1,746
MEMBERSHIP FEES	£5,237	£3,831	£2,605
DONATIONS	£200	£316	£100
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	£0	£2,582	£48,854
 <u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	 <u>£146,764</u>	 <u>£162,309</u>	 <u>£200,081</u>
 <u>PAYMENTS</u>			
FIREWORKS	£68,484	£60,256	£48,402
GENERAL RATES	£626	£777	£470
WATER	£697	£608	£268
ELECTRIC	£2,383	£1,021	£998
GAS	£429	£3,283	£1,181
BROADBAND & WEB HOSTING	£834	£706	£208
POSTAGE & STATIONERY	£125	£549	£406
TRANSPORT	£6,812	£5,394	£4,212
MEMBERSHIP FEES	£5,671	£4,425	£3,840
GROUP CLOTHING		£48	£178
BANK CHARGES	£0	£0	£5
CLEANING/WAGES	£2,730	£1,915	£1,710
INSURANCE	£1,272	£1,181	£988
BUILDING REPAIRS/RENEWALS	£11,129	£1,077	£2,331
EQUIPMENT	£3,744	£13,065	£423
EQUIPMENT CONSUMABLES	£216	£404	£228
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		£0	£90,645
MISCELLANEOUS	£1,545	£3,810	£1,750
THURSDAY SCOUT TROOP	£803	£2	£655
YOUNG LEADERS	£0	£89	£162
BEAVERS	£55	£0	£0
WEDNESDAY CUBS	£25	£0	£0
 <u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	 <u>£107,580</u>	 <u>£98,610</u>	 <u>£159,060</u>

	2024	2023	2022
SURPLUS	£39,184	£63,699	£41,021
<u>CLOSING BALANCE - BANKED</u>	<u>£341,545</u>	<u>£302,361</u>	<u>£238,662</u>
<u>CASH HELD BY SECTIONS</u>			
THURSDAY BEAVERS	£453	£484	£229
MONDAY CUBS	£615	£262	£554
WEDNESDAY CUBS	£1,117	£464	£1,024
THURSDAY SCOUTS - GENERAL	£572	£511	£430
THURSDAY SCOUTS - CAMP A/C	£3,055	£0	£0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£5,812</u>	<u>£1,721</u>	<u>£2,237</u>
MONETARY ASSETS*			
CO-OPERATIVE BANK	£8,882	£1,043	£9,923
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK	£115,127	£206,264	£135,000
UNITED TRUST BANK	£97,535	£95,054	£93,739
NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY	£120,001	£0	£0
<u>TOTAL (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)</u>	<u>£341,545</u>	<u>£302,361</u>	<u>£238,662</u>
<u>NON MONETARY ASSETS*</u>			
BUILDINGS*	£594,176	£555,312	£503,000
EQUIPMENT*	£110,478	£93,373	£91,000
VEHICLES*	£92,613	£92,613	£104,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£797,267</u>	<u>£741,298</u>	<u>£698,000</u>

* SHOWN AS INSURED VALUES

These accounts were approved at The Group's AGM held on 7 May 2024 & signed on behalf of The Group

Treasurer - David Degiorgio



Group Scout Leader - Mike Hollingsworth

