

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group**

**Report and Accounts**

**31/03/2024**

Registered Charity Number

1122940

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### **Trustees Annual Report**

For the year ended 31 March 2024

**Charity name:** 28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group

**Registered Charity Number :** 1122940

#### **Charities Principal address:**

43 ST. Marys Terrace  
East Boldon  
NE36 0LX

#### **Names of trustees who manage the charity:**

Mark Ireland  
Allison Gray  
Malcolm Naylor  
Andrew Carr  
Matthew Allison  
Denis Fishwick  
Joanne Dickens

#### **Type of governing document and constitution:**

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

#### **Trustee Selection methods:**

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and are voted in by existing scout leaders.

#### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:**

royal charter granted 4 january 1912 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 royal charter granted 4 january 1912 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 royal charter granted 4 january 1912 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

**Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:**

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

We continue to work toward achieving all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for our oldest members and many of the activities in the younger sections help to give our Scouts the necessary skills for them to be able to tackle the Award.

Our most valuable resource continues to be our dedicated volunteer leader team who work incredibly hard and give vast amounts of time to ensure that we are able to continue to offer such a high standard of quality activities and residentials to our Scouts.

**Major Activities and Achievements in the Year**

The group continues to thrive with healthy numbers and a large waiting list. Camps and activities have been well attended with residentials to Thurston OEC, Willow Bog, our annual summer camp, a Cub sleepover at Beamish Open Air Museum and we also entered a team for the South Tyneside Thurston Challenge. Weekly sessions are well attended with various activities taking place both in the hut and at other venues in the locality.

We continue to work towards achieving all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for our oldest members and many of the activities in the younger sections help to give our Scouts the necessary skills for them to be able to tackle the Award. Successful qualifying expeditions were run at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. The leadership of expeditions has now transferred to one of our 'homegrown' leaders who has been part of our group since joining Beavers aged 6.

Works on the Willow Bog renovations have come to a temporary standstill due to volunteer time constraints and the delay in the transportation of our new generator across the river. We have a contractor in place and we're hoping to make progress on this very soon.

Our most valuable resource continues to be our dedicated volunteer leader team who work incredibly hard and give vast amounts of time to ensure that we are able to continue to offer such a high standard of quality activities and residentials to our Scouts. Many of our leaders, including our current acting GSL have chosen to become leaders after progressing through our group as youth members and we're really proud to see them now taking a leading role.

Our small but incredibly dedicated fundraising team has done a tremendous job raising funds to help support 7 of our Explorer Scouts to be able to take part in the Tall Ships Race. They had an amazing experience despite some dreadful weather conditions and were able to share their experiences at our AGM.

The Group continues to be financially sound. The funds available have allowed the Group to meet all of its objectives. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group continues to be financially sound with cash reserves increasing to £28,115 (£18,273: 2023). The funds available have allowed the Group to meet all of its objectives. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis.

Approved by the trustees on 15/01/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:  
  
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**Allison Gray**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**

c/o 43 St Mary's Terrace  
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## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**

28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group

### **Registered Charity Number 1122940**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5,6 and 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**


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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

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**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group****Receipts and Payments Accounts**

For the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Fundraising, donations and grants	8,079	3,957
Subscriptions (Net of member fees)	20,632	21,465
Camps and activities	18,684	17,524
Minibus and hall donations	12,319	13,301
H M Revenue and Customs gift aid repayment	12,331	1,870
Willow Bog hire income	815	3,120
Sale of uniforms	973	1,140
Interest received	17	2
<b>Sub total</b>	<u>73,850</u>	<u>62,379</u>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>		
Sale of equipment		
<b>Sub total</b>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total receipts	<u>73,850</u>	<u>62,379</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Electricity, rates, water and insurance	5,705	4,304
Hall cleaning and maintenance	6,713	8,452
Camping and other activities	39,935	19,962
Willow Bog maintenance and repairs	3,519	1,606
Equipment, consumables and uniforms	2,459	2,941
Leader training		1,180
Motor expenses (including minibus insurance)	3,816	2,715
Telephone and parentmail	1,096	1,114
Bank charges	153	
Loan repayments		5,000
Sundry expenses	612	457
<b>Sub total</b>	<u>64,008</u>	<u>47,731</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>64,008</u>	<u>47,731</u>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	9,842	14,648.00
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<u>18,273</u>	<u>3,625</u>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<u>28,115</u>	<u>18,273</u>

**Approval statement**

We approve these accounts which comprise a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year. We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts and for providing all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Approved by the trustees on 15/01/25 and signed on their behalf by:

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**Allison Gray**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group****Statement of assets and liabilities  
at the end of the period at 31 March 2024**

	2024 £
<b>Cash funds</b>	
Main account	26,452
Savings Account	1,663
Credit card	0
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>28,115</b>

<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Current value</b>
Building - hut development costs	113,106
Willow Bog outdoor centre costs	142,720
Two minibuses	18,000
One small trailer	1,600
42 tents and other shelters	5,955
First aid kits	450
Rucksacks	1,760
Audio visual equipment, cameras and computers	3,045
Sports and games equipment	255
Compasses, maps and cases	1,750
Water heater	300
Trangia stoves	660
Stock - badges and uniforms	500
	<b>290,101</b>

Future obligations/Liabilities	
Cleaning equipment lease: 13 months	917