Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: 64TH BUSHEY AND OXHEY SCOUT GROUP

Other names the charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 3 0 2 5 2 1

HQ registration number:

Charity's principal address:

BOURNEHALL LANE
BUSHEY
HERTS
Postcode: W D 2 3 3 J U

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Holdback	Chair	Whole Year
2	Jilna Patel	Trustee	Whole Year
3	Bruno Ashton	Trustee	Whole Year
4	Sam Shepherd	Trustee	Whole Year
5	Julia Almira Meloy	Trustee	Whole Year
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of the 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 (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	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 (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation. 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	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. Furthermore, 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 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 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 4 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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	**The Purpose of Scouting** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their

personal development,
empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting
As Scouts we are guided by these values:
Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method
Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the
values of Scouting and:
- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

• policy on grantmaking;
• contribution made by volunteers;
• policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group maintained its 4 sections (Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels) with a total average membership of 85.

Each section held weekly meetings at the Scout Hut as well as participating in regular additional activities including camps and events both locally and nationally.

The Group also received 2 councillors grant of £695 and £1250 towards fixing the windows and a new fence, respectively.

The Group spent £39k on improving the Scout Hut (windows refurbishment, new heaters), as well as precautions against vandalism to the hut (security lights, metal fence, CCTV). This was essential to make the hut efficient, safer and to accommodate the growing group

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**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 hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £20,000.
Quantify and explain any designations	The Group held reserves of approximately £24,000 against this at year end. This is within the level required for operating expenses. s
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	
• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	
• investment policy and objectives;	

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G 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)	David Holdback
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair
Date	18 05 23

64TH BUSHEY AND OXHEY SCOUT GROUP

Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
Income Statement	**£**	**£**
Income	81,243	25,214
Expense	(108,109)	(18,355)
Net Income	**(26,866)**	**6,859**
Balance Sheet	**£**	**£**
Bank	38,595	50,905
Accrued Income - Grants	-	-
Accrued Expenses	(308)	-
Net Assets	**23,731**	**50,597**
Reserves - brought forward	50,597	43,738
Net Income - current year	(26,866)	6,859
Total Reserves	**23,731**	**50,597**

The income for 2023 includes local authority support grants, totalling £1,945, and the expense includes refurbishment of the Hut totalling £39.5k

2022 £8k Covid Grants; 2023 includes £695 + £1,250 Councillors grants;

2023 includes £39.5k in refurb (£16k windows refurbishment, £4.5k new heaters, £1k security lights, £16.5k Fence, £1.5k CCTV)

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16 October 2023

Mrs Jilna Patel
27 Moatfield Road
Bushey
Herts WD23 3BP

Dear Jilna,

64th Bushey & Oxhey Scouts Accounts 2022/2023

I am writing to you to confirm that I have scrutinised these accounts as requested. Whilst it is not necessary for the accounts to be audited you have adopted the recommendation that these accounts be independently examined which involves the following procedures:

- comparison of these accounts with the accounting records;
- inspection of all accounting records for material errors;
- analytical review of the accounts to identify problems;
- review of accounting policies, material assumptions & judgements;

As an examiner I have an understanding of your activities & accounting systems, the nature of your

assets, liabilities, income & expenditure was able to plan this work properly.

I am pleased to say that I did find your accounts to be in very good order and am happy to agree with them.

I was also very pleased to see that you adopted the recommendations I made last year including successful enrolling under the Gift Aid scheme, review of your insurances including inspection of the fire extinguishers and preparation of risk assessments.

All utility bills are up to date and the amount owed of £571.37 from Castle Water has been received. All Utilities are in the name of the Group.

In closing can I say it is always a delight to meet you and thank you for your co-operation in this process. You are doing an excellent job for your Group.

With best wishes and apologies for not writing sooner.

Yours sincerely

Barry Hulin FCII

Watford South District Treasurer