

28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group

Report and Accounts

31 March 2019

Registered Charity Number  
1122940

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group**  
**Registered Charity Number - 1122940**  
**Trustees Annual Report**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2019**

**Major Activities and Achievements in the Year**

Our Scout Group continues to be exciting and vibrant. This has been another extremely successful year for the Group, with membership steady at 220 youth members and 70 adult leaders/helpers. We continue to have an extremely high retention rate. The building is proving to be an outstanding resource and the amount of community usage has gone up. This year our main focus has been to invest time and resources in our younger/newer leaders so that we can secure the sustainability of our Group.

The Group has remained extremely active and there were 15 residential/camps in this year. Trips included: Thurston, Comondale, Coniston, Fordel Firs, Edinburgh and many nights at West Hall Campsite near Whitburn. All sections of the group were offered at least 5 opportunities for a trip. The Beaver Scouts had lots of fun at the National Trust property, Gibside.

The Duke of Edinburgh's award continues to be strong in our group and in this year we had many Explorer Scouts pass their Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards. There were expeditions in Kielder, North York Moors, Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and High Pennines. The group continues to be in the position to offer the award at all levels, working in partnership with South Tyneside Council Youth Service.

The Group has taken on Willow Bog Cottage in Kielder Forest. This is proving to be a fantastic resource and fantastic challenge. We have had generous grants from the following organisations towards the works: The Big Lottery, Rothley Trust and The Community Foundation. We have also engaged in several fundraising activities.

The Group continues to be financially sound and Gift Aid claims have been made across the year. 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 trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Approved by the trustees on 21 January 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Simon Gray  
Group Scout Leader

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 2019, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

**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.

R A Purvis FCA

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Chartered Accountants  
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Heaton Road  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE6 1SE

21 January 2020

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group  
Receipts and Payments Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2019**

		2019		2018
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Fundraising, donations and grants	49		1,372	
Subscriptions	45,005		44,475	
Camps and activities	14,807		14,459	
Minibus and hall donations	10,723		8,343	
H M Revenue and Customs gift aid repayment	8,338		9,881	
Grants and donations for Willow Bog	16,550		27,567	
Sale of uniforms	1,496		2,204	
Leader training	990			
Interest received	22	97,979	101	108,402
<b>Asset sales</b>				
Sale of equipment	-		44	
Sale of minibus	14,800	14,800	1,000	1,044
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>112,779</u>		<u>109,446</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Electricity, rates, water and insurance	2,792		2,624	
Hall cleaning and maintenance	5,327		4,432	
Camping and other activities	34,631		34,956	
Equipment, consumables and uniforms	5,468		5,584	
Members fees	8,033		7,509	
Leader training	647		2,900	
Motor expenses (including minibus insurance)	2,746		3,656	
Telephone and parentmail	3,805		970	
Sundry	357	63,805	232	62,863
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>				
Willow Bog outdoor centre	36,552			25,547
Minibus	21,391	57,942		12,113
		<u>57,942</u>		<u>37,660</u>
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>121,747</u>		<u>100,523</u>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		( 8,969)		8,923
Fund balances brought forward		14,827		5,904
		<u>5,858</u>		<u>14,827</u>
Fund balances carried forward				
- Main account		4,298		4,774
- Savings Account		2,426		10,434
- Credit Card		( 866)		( 381)
		<u>5,858</u>		<u>14,827</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.

Mrs C Weston (Chairman)  
On behalf of the trustees  
21 January 2020

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**as at 31 March 2019**

	£
<b>Monetary assets</b>	
Bank accounts	<u>5,858</u>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	
Building - hut development costs	113,106
Willow Bog outdoor centre costs	62,181
Two minibuses	26,000
One box trailer	2,500
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	355
Compasses, maps and cases	1,760
Water heater	300
Trangia stoves	660
Stock - refreshments	200
Stock - badges and uniforms	400
	<u>220,272</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
None	<u>-</u>

The company had financial commitments contracted for but not provided for in the accounts of £2,592

East Boldon Scout Group is a registered charity number 1122940. Its registered office is East Boldon Scout Hut, Rear of the Grey Horse off Front Street, East Boldon, Tyne and Wear, NE36 0SJ.

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 On behalf of the trustees

21 January 2020