



Trustees Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended December 31st 2022

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: 30th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group
Registered Charity Number: 1059442
Group Registration Number with the Scout Association 44651

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Trustees	Name
Group Scout Leader	Mr Ian Gornall
Beaver Leader	Mrs Heather Harper
Cub Leader	Mrs Victoria Couch
Scout Leader	Mr Christopher Williams
Chairperson	VACANT
Treasurer	Miss Kathryn Shaw
Secretary	Mrs Samantha Done
Transport Manager	Mrs Medha Chitale

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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 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 parent’s representation. The Committee meets approximately every three months, with additional meetings as required. 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 administration the 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.

Risk and Internal Control

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 property and equipment. The Group would request the use of property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the Penketh Methodist Church and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders, helpers’ supporters and members. The Group through the capitations 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 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 closure of the Group.



- Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged between 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership 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.

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.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, 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.

Achievement and Performance

Youth membership continues to be strong with the waiting list showing an excess of potential new members for all sections. Those who are unlikely to get a place are being directed to neighbouring groups. Adult retention is good, with recruitment of new volunteers bringing in new faces and ideas. To encourage parental involvement, we have started to run social events again with quiz and bingo nights and have already gained a volunteer who will act as a fundraiser.

Like other groups, we attended Chamboree this time teaming up with 21st WW to boost both groups' leadership teams. We hosted our Norwegian friends once more, this being their third visit to the event. Beavers and Cubs had their own winter camp at Forrest camp, with the Scouts continuing to camp every month throughout the year.

The sections continue to support district and county events and competitions whenever possible. Underlining our commitment to Scouting across the town and Cheshire, many of our uniformed leaders hold roles in other groups or at a district level and our volunteers take part in the planning and delivery of both Blakfoot and Cheshire Hikes.

Community involvement remains a high priority, with a new automated external defibrillator (AED) presented to the Olive Tree Community Centre in a fundraising venture with the Rainbows and Brownies. To put springtime colour into the community, we linked up once more with neighbouring groups to deliver plants to households and a welcome boost to funds.



In summer we took part in the Penketh Carnival and ran a tea tent, in autumn we took part in the Penketh Scarecrow competition.

Most significantly, after looking at the younger end of our waiting list continuing to grow from September, we took the bold decision to launch Squirrels drey. The section was launched at the end of March and was first seen at St Georges' Day in April. The excited enthusiasm of the young people is infectious and matched by the commitment of the new leaders. We recommend any group to give it consideration and will provide advice or moral support wherever it is required.

The contributions from everyone involved in the Group has been exceptional, putting us in a healthy position for the coming year. My thanks go to all of our volunteers who make this possible.

Ian Gornall
Group Scout Leader
30th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group

Financial Review

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 contingent sum of £2,000.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	Print Name	Title	Date

**Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st December 2022**

	Year ended 31 st December 2022 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31 st December 2021 Unrestricted Funds
Total Receipts for the Year	£18,222	£7,025
Total Payments for the Year	£19,851	£11,751
Net receipts(payment)for the Year	-£1,629	-£4,727
Cash Funds Brought Forward	£18,777	£23,504
Cash Funds Carried forward	£17,148	£18,777

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Year ended 31 st December 2022 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31 st December 2021 Unrestricted Funds
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	£7,414	£5,352
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on District	£3,325	£3,043
Net membership subscriptions retained	£4,089	£2,309
Donations	£21	£304
Legacies	£0	£0
Gift Aid	£1,637	£1,445
Other income	£9,578	£2,874
Total	£15,325	£6,931
Grants		
Maintenance Grant	£0	£0
Other Grants	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0
Fundraising (gross)		
Sale of plants	£688	£84
Other fundraising activities	£2,208	£10
Total	£2,896	£93
Investment income		
Bank interest	£1	£0
Building society interest	£0	£0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0	£0
Property Rent income	£0	£0
Other investment income	£0	£0
Total	£1	£0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£18,222	£7,025


Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Year ended 31 st December 2022 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31 st December 2021 Unrestricted Funds
Charitable Payments		
Donations	£1,841	£300
Youth programme and activities	£11,454	£2,987
Adult Support and training	£25	£337
Rent	£1,260	£1,235
Water and Sewerage	£0	£0
Electricity and Gas	£0	£0
Insurance	£1,174	£1,145
Repairs and Renewals	£1,311	£1,138
Materials and Equipment	£1,504	£2,279
Printing and photocopying	£0	£0
Contribution to camp costs	£0	£0
Uniforms	£130	£659
AGM and trustee expenses	£121	£102
Other expenses	£504	£1,430
Total	£19,324	£11,612
Fundraising expenses		
Plants	£331	£0
Other fundraising	£68	£0
Total	£399	£0
Gross Expenditure	£19,723	£11,612
Asset & Investment purchases, etc.	£128	£140
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£19,851	£11,751

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Year ended 31 st December 2022 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31 st December 2021 Unrestricted Funds
Cash Funds		
Bank Current accounts	£15,057	£17,288
Bank Deposit accounts	£501	£226
Building society accounts	£0	£0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0	£0
Cash in hand	£1,590	£1,263
Total cash funds	£17,148	£18,777
Other monetary Assets		
Tax claim	£0	£0
Debts due to group	£0	£0
Insurance Claim	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0
Investment assets		
Investment Property	£0	£0
Quoted Investments	£0	£0
Other investments	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0
Non Monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	£0	£0
Shop stock	£0	£0
Other stock	£0	£0
Land and Buildings	£0	£0
Motor vehicles	£9,000	£9,000
Scouting equipment , furniture etc	£10,500	£10,500
Other	£0	£0
Total	£19,500	£19,500
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	£0	£0
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	£0	£0
Subscriptions not yet paid	£0	£0
Loan – details	£0	£0
Other Liabilities	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0



As at the Statement date no contingent liabilities had been identified.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name	Date
	Chair	
	Treasurer	