



Annual Report and Accounts 2024

**30th Warrington
(Penketh Methodist) Scout Group**

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administration Information

Administration

Name	30 th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group
Sponsoring body	Penketh Methodist Church
Scout Association registration number	44651
Scout District	Warrington West
Scout County	Cheshire Scouts
Registered charity number	1059442
Registered charity address	5 Hunt Close, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 8FW
Operating premises	Olive Tree Community Centre, Chapel Rd, Penketh, Warrington
Website	www.30thwarringtonscouts.org.uk

Trustees

The charity trustees who managed the charity on the date of signing this report were the members of the Group Trustee Board as follows:

Group Chair	Ian Turnbull
Group Treasurer	Kathryn Shaw
Group Lead Volunteer	Ian Gornall
Sponsoring Body Trustee	Pamela Stephenson
Trustee	Samantha Done
Trustee	Donald Jones

Secretary	Mrs Chris Wong
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Advisors

Independent Examiner	Alison Ormrod FCCA
Bankers	TSB Bank
Insurance broker	Unity Insurance Services

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

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.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is managed

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Group Lead Volunteer and 3 Trustees and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and internal control

The Group Trustee Board 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 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 Board 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 14½ . 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.
- **Financial Loss.** 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 of the charity

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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.

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

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.

Achievements and Performance

Group membership

The annual census returned on 28th January 2025 showed the following numbers of members and volunteers.

	Youth Members	Adult Leaders	Young Leaders
Squirrels	18	7	1
Beavers	21	5	3
Cubs	24	5	2
Scouts	27	6	2
Total	90	23	8

In addition to these figures, we also have 5 other non uniformed adult volunteers who take on roles within the group.

Chairperson's report

I am honoured to present my first annual statement as Chair, having taken office in March 2024. This year has been one of significant transition, as we moved from an Executive Committee to a Trustee Board. This change strengthens our governance, ensuring greater sustainability and effectiveness in fulfilling our mission.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing members of the Executive Committee for their dedication and service. Their hard work has provided a strong foundation for the future. At the same time, I warmly welcome our new trustees, whose skills and commitment will help guide our organization forward.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all our incredible volunteers, whose time and effort make such a difference to the work we do. Your dedication is the backbone of our organization, and we truly appreciate your invaluable contributions. A special thank you as well to our fundraising team, whose efforts ensure we have the resources to continue making a positive impact.

As we step into this new chapter, I look forward to working alongside my fellow trustees, volunteers, and supporters to build a resilient and forward-thinking organization. Together, we will continue to grow and achieve great things.

Ian Turnbull
Chair of the Trustee Board

Group lead volunteer's report

Places in the youth sections continue to be much sought after with a managed waiting list. To accommodate existing members moving up through the sections, our waiting list is only accepting new names for the Squirrel and Beaver sections, with enquiries from those wishing to start their Scouting journey in Cubs and Scout being referred to the District waiting list.

At the AGM in 2024 the Group adopted The Scout Association's standard constitution and replaced its Executive Committee with a Trustee Board. The Trustees have been exemplary with their induction and training processes complete. Transformation into teams is underway and is expected to be complete by the end of 2025.

Four volunteers joined the Group as members of the Trustee Board: Chris, Don, Ian and Pam. Samantha, our former Group Secretary for over ten years, agreed to become a trustee and I thank her for her work in her former role. Four former scouts returned to the Group as young leaders to work on their Explorer mission or DofE volunteering requirements: Poppy, Tom, Will and Will. It was a particular pleasure to invest Charlotte into the Group as adult when she turned 18.

The Group's volunteers continue to give exceptional delivering Scouting experiences in Group, District and County settings. Two members reached milestones in 2024, Heather for 10 years' service and myself for 15 years' service.

The Group's existence and strength is entirely down to the time and dedication generously given by its volunteers. It is my pleasure to thank each of them for their support in delivering Scouting opportunities to the young people in our community. My special thanks go to those who are continuing with their Scouting roles alongside their personal commitments to family and work or those who no longer have children in the group. Thank you all.

Ian Gornall
Group Lead Volunteer

Squirrel section report

January

During the month the squirrels were invited to visit the library as part of their work towards the story time badge. They were tasked with feeding this back to the leaders. They created a book mark, had a puppet show and played with the story dice. They also had a drive in movie night where they made a car out of boxes then the following week used these cars for the movie with popcorn and watched Zog.

We moved 3 squirrels up to beavers.

Badges- Story time, Get creative and Feel good.

February

The squirrels celebrated the year of the dragon for Chinese New Year. They did some Chinese writing, listened to the story of the zodiac calendar and fed the dragon some lettuce. They also enjoyed a cracker dipping station.

We also celebrated Founders Day and learnt about the scouting sections.

We invested 2 squirrels this month.

Badges- Lets celebrate.

March

In March the squirrels made a start on creating the eco bricks. They collected non-recyclable plastics to fill milk bottles. They learnt about recycling and listened to stories and watched BBC bitesize clips. We welcomed a squirrel parent who is a paramedic to come in to teach us about first aid. We looked after our teddy friends and used bandages to dress wounds.

As the nights started to get lighter, we went out on a bear hunt to Mary Ann Meadows. It was a very muddy walk across the field but they all enjoyed this and had a story in the woods. They also found the bear hiding in the tree.

We did some easter crafts as well this month.

We invested 4 squirrels and moved 1 up to beavers

Badges- All around us, community impact, local super hero, emergency aid, all about adventure and explore outdoors.

April

In April we joined the beavers for a day at forest camp in Northwich. We joined a bug hunt, hike and campfire. The squirrels were really well behaved on their first camp experience.

We met at Penketh Gardens to create nature wands, we practiced our parading ready for St Georges day.

Badges- super chef, brilliant builder, feel good.

May

This month saw the 30th Warrington West Squirrel Group celebrate their 1st birthday. We celebrated with a party with games and cake.

We did some cooking making potato boats which they all enjoyed and took home to finish cooking for their tea. They chose from different fillings to add to the potato in their nests. We also joined in the celebrations for The children's trust month. For this we held a 'go nuts for donuts' session. In this session we made donuts and decorated them, we listened to stories played a donut game and then had a donut stall for parents to buy the donuts. We raised money for The Children's trust.

We completed our eco bricks this month and made some plans for what we wanted to build with them.

Badges- all together, super chef, get creative, brilliant builder, all arounds us.

June

We started this month with a session looking at places all around us. We made Father's Days cards and looked at local places on the map. We played a new team work game with toilet rolls and balls and had to work together to transport the balls from one end of the table to the other.

Badges- all about adventure and all around us.

July

The squirrels attended a day at the district camp. They joined in a number of activities such as grass sledges, slack lines, inflatables, caving, backwards cooking and crafts. They all had a fantastic day and went home very tired! We finished the term off with a visitor, Sam from the hive Alchemy came to talk to us about bee keeping. She brought in some honey for us to try and showed us what clothes they need to wear to be safe around bees. Badges- go wild, all about adventure, be active, feel good, explore outdoors, super chef.

August

In the summer holidays a small group of the squirrels joined the leaders to create out planter at Penketh Gardens. We filled it with flowers and plants given to us by Wood end garden centre.

September

We met back after the summer holidays at Penketh Gardens for an evening of games. We had obstacle courses and did some planter maintenance. We attended our first district squirrel event at Tatton park, 'squirrels go nuts'. This was a great day for everyone and weather was perfect. The squirrels also completed some experiments this month as part of our exciting experiments session. They worked out if things could float, looked at what happened with skittles when you add water, we planted a seed to grow.

The squirrels were also lucky to have a water safety session at Penketh pool with Geoff and Kath. We learnt how to be safe in water and had fun splashing our parents in the water.

Badges- be active, all about adventure, feel good, super chef, all together, exciting experiments.

October

In October the squirrels celebrated world animal day. We created bird feeders. We learnt about food labels and the traffic light symbols on packaging. We had an international session Jotajoti in which we joined in with live international activities and chatted to other scouts around the world. We created bonfire art pictures and created a bonfire.

We moved up 3 squirrels this month.

Badges- go wild, all around us, let it grow, all about me, all together and get creative.

November

We were lucky to be joined in November by Steven, a veteran, who came to share stories about the war with us and he brought some things in to show us. The squirrels loved asking him questions and trying on the soldier's helmet. We celebrated world kindness day and shared odd socks, and shared our differences using a colouring activity. We played a name, catching game. We made a start on Christmas crafts for the Christmas tree festival. We made log slice animals, air dried clay toad stools, hoop feeders all with the woodland animal theme.

Badges- local superhero, all about me get creative and let's celebrate.

December

As the year drew to a close we enjoyed visiting the Christmas tree festival and looking at all of the decorations we had made. The tree looked amazing and the squirrels tree was voted the best and we won a box of chocolates.

We finished the year with a great joint party with the beavers at Jellybeans and they all received a kit bag with their initials on as a gift.

We moved up 4 squirrels to beavers.

Badges- all together and let's celebrate.

We look forward to our next year of adventures!!

Nicola Brislen

Squirrels Team Leader

Beaver section report

Winter 2023 Term (from January)

- Musician / Creative / Skills Badge – Created musical instrument from recyclables
- Skills Challenge Badge – Learnt to tie our shoes laces and roll our Neckers
- Personal Challenge Badge - Set personal challenges with the Leaders
- Builder / Nights Away Badges - Sleepover at Church covering the builder badge out of Lego and watched a DVD in the Chapel (in our Sleeping bags) with Hot Chocolate and a biscuit

Spring 2024

- Disability Badge – Discussed disabilities and how this can affect people if born or occurs later in life; Looked at the tools to support; Wrote our names with both hands, our feet and our mouth; Played Chinese Whispers and completed a Blind Obstacle Course
- Community Impact / Skills (Visit) Challenge Badge – We had a great visit to the Police Museum in Warrington
- Outdoors Challenge Badge – We went to Wythenshawe Park and built Hedgehog Shelters out of branches, twigs and leaves
- Nights Away / Explore Badges – We had an awesome 2-night camp at Forest Camp where we did a bug hunt; went on a hike; played Rounders; then we collected wood for the fire and learnt about Fire Safety, how to safely cook on a fire making S'Mores and learnt campfire songs
- Navigator Badge – Planned a walk in local area and draw our maps
- Navigator Badge – Followed a map with grid references and write down what was in that grid reference.

Summer 2024

- Global Issues Badge – Learnt about endangered animals and make animal masks
- Cyclist Badge – At Olive Tree we learnt how to pump up a bike tyre and what equipment are essential for safety on your bike.
- Safety Badge – We went on a walk from Sankey Bridges where we covered Road, Rail and Water safety.
- Nights Away Badge (+ activities on other badges) – We attended the District Camp 2024 Weekend where we got to try out lots of exciting activities, had a fancy-dress party and got to sleep in our tents on a camp area with the rest of 30th Group
- We ended the summer term with a Summer Party at Olive Tree with traditional party food and games

Autumn 2024

- Musician Badge – In groups we made up a band tune with a mix of instruments and then played to the other group
- Disability Badge – We completed set tasks on our own and as a team working together discussing the difficulties and what we can do to make it easier for people with disabilities.
- Cyclist Badge – Out on our bikes to Sankey Valley Park wearing the correct protective wear
- Air Activities – Make paper aircrafts and see who could fly them the highest and the furthest (which types of paper plane was more successful) and we talked about the types of aircrafts
- International Badge – Diwali and Guy Fawkes activities
- Faith Badge – We discussed the different faiths and where / how they practice then we attended the Remembrance Service at Penketh Methodist
- Camp Craft Badge – We learnt how to tie different knots
- Book Reader Badge – We made a Bookmark and talked about caring for books
- Creative Badge – We decorated wooden Christmas Crafts and other Decorations in preparation for the Christmas Tree Festival at Olive Tree

Winter 2024 (until Christmas 2024)

- Creative Badge – Made Paper Snowflake decorations and Christmas Cards to take home and decorated the 30th Christmas Tree for the Christmas tree festival in Olive Tree
- Christmas Party @ Jellybeans - We ended 2024 by attending the joint party with the Squirrels at Jellybeans and they all received a kit bag with their initials on as a gift.

We look forward to our next year of adventures!!

Heather Harper
Beavers Team Leader

Cub section report

The Cubs have had another interesting and busy year during 2024.

We started the year by completing both the Communicator badge and the Scientist Badge where we looked at acids and alkalis, solubility, senses and magnetism. We also completed a rather wet night hike around Moore Nature Reserve. The Cubs took part in the Cubs district craft competition.

In February we started the Astronomer Badge. We made our own model Solar Systems and had a presentation about stars and telescopes. We also began looking at Emergency Aid.

During March we completed the money skills badge learning about currencies, budgets and protecting our finances online. We had a really interesting visit to Premier Aquatics as part of our Animal Care badge. We learnt all about the different types of fish and how to care for them along with the amazing conservation work carried out by the owner.

In April we did some food tasting as part of our Skills Challenge badge and the Chef badge. We completed our Chef badge during May when we looked at food hygiene and cooking methods.

As the weather got better during June we worked hard at completing our Athletics Badge. The Cubs spent the evening at Greystone Recreation Ground doing a 100m spring, a 400m relay, jumping and throwing. As the time for District Camp was nearing we made our costumes with the theme "Under the Sea" in mind.

July started with the District Camp at Bibby's Farm. We all had a great time and enjoyed activities such as crate stacking, the cave bus, archery, Splatapults, grass sledging and of course the evening entertainment. The end of term was finished with a fun night back at Greystone Recreation Ground where we played Rounders along with other games.

After the summer holidays we started back working on our Artist badge. We visited Penketh Gardens as part of the Naturalist Badge looking at the animals and plants found during the autumn period. The Cubs took part in the district Scientist Badge day taking part in activities such as:

Water rockets

Chromatography

Pulse rate

Chemical reactions

Electrical circuits

Mini beast hut

In October the Cubs started working on their Photography badge. We had a presentation about parts of a camera, functions of a camera and different type of photographs. They especially enjoyed posing for the light painting photographs. The Cubs attended Spooky Camp at Forest Camp. They took part in spooky crafts, orienteering, the cave bus, the Norwegian Crane and spent the evening with popcorn and a film. We all had a really great time.

During November we started to look at the Faith Badge. Mark Harwood visited and spoke to the Cubs about the Church and Christianity. We looked at Remembrance and took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade at the Methodist Church. The Cubs had an interesting visit to Wat Phra Singh UK Buddhist Temple in Runcorn. They learned all about Buddhism and the Monks that live there. We also visited Care UK to hear about the work they do to help vulnerable people. The Cubs also assisted by sorting clothes and toys in the warehouse.

We ended the year with Christmas Crafts and our Christmas Party at Tenpin Bowling. There was also a well-deserved break for all the fantastic leaders.

Vicky Couch
Cubs Team Leader

Scout section report

We started the year with 29 scouts and ended the year with 26. 4 moved on to Explorers, 6 left scouting to pursue other activities and 7 joined us from Cubs. We averaged 24 attending our regular troop meetings.

Throughout the year, our activities have included

- 9 Camps, with on average 18 participants
- 1 Practice Hike,
- 2 Expedition Weekends,
- 2 Indoor Climbing sessions
- 2 Kayaking Sessions, and
- 1 Laser Tag Party Evening

And we've done

- International Night, Run by our Young Leaders,
- Climbing
- Pioneering
- Slept in Lavvu's
- Entertainers
- Camp Fire Songs & Skits
- You Shape - Survival
- Back 2 Basics
- You Shape - Chef
- You Shape - Meteorologist
- Waterloo Camp
- You Shape - Skills
- District Camp 2024
- End of Term Games & BBQ
- Kayaking
- WSJ Evening
- Piza Camp
- Cheshire Hike
- Climbing
- Blakfoot Hike
- Remembrance Parade
- Disability Awareness Low Ropes
- Scouting Skills
- Christmas camp

And over the same period we've awarded;

- 57 Challenge Badges
- 68 Staged Badges
- 88 Activity Badges
- 30 Joining in Badges
- 32 YouShape Awards

totalling 283 badges

In addition to these badges, we had 5 scouts complete their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

The scouts undertake a challenge known as Zodiac. Different levels are achieved by sleeping out on a scout event for different numbers of months during a 12-month period; 8 for Bronze, 9 for Silver and 10 for Gold;

This year to date we have awarded 9 Bronze Zodiac Awards and 1 Silver Zodiac Award, with many scouts needing only a couple more camps to complete their challenge.

Things to look forward to in 2025.

- Cheshire Hike in September & Blakfoot Hike in October
- Christmas Camp in December
- A return to Waterloo in June 2025
- Many other camps and hikes

At the AGM in July, we presented the SOTY (Scout of the Year) which is voted on by all the members of the troop. Every Scout votes for the Scout, who in their eyes has been the most helpful, has attended the most meetings and events, and whom best embodies the qualities of scouting.

This year's recipient of the Griffiths Award was Will Clews.

Chris Williams
Scouts Team Leader

Financial Review

Treasurer's report

The accounts for 2024 show a small surplus of £194. This is broadly in line with what was expected. At the end of the financial year, the total funds held by the Group were £18,556. The full accounts for 2024 are included at the end of this report.

The Group is in a strong financial position with considerable reserves and a budget in place for 2025 which predicts a small surplus. The budget is monitored quarterly by the Trustee Board and weekly by the Treasurer so remedial actions can be taken should any unexpected expenses be identified.

2024 was a busy financial year with 26 camps and activities to collect payments for throughout the year. Payments for camps and activities are collected via GoCardless and subs are collected via standing order. Receipt of payments and subs has caused few issues, with the vast majority of parents paying on time.

As a group we budget for a subsidy of up to £1,600 per year (£400 per section). In 2024 we subsidised camps and events to the amount of £1,368.

Fundraising in general was down in 2024 as we did not take part in the Penketh Carnival as expected, or hold a group fundraising event as planned. However, fundraising from our annual Scout Plant Sale in collaboration with other local groups exceeded expectations and brought us in £903. The loss of other fundraising income was fortunately compensated by generous donations from parents and the employer of one of our parents.

Gift aid receipts remain high with a claim of £2,456 being received in early 2024. Completed gift aid declarations by parents remain consistently over 90%. Thank you to all parents who have completed their declaration.

2024 brought the Group considerable unexpected expense for the maintenance of our van and trailer. In total we spent £1,062 more than our planned expense on transport maintenance. Whilst costly, it was vital and was mainly as a result of lack of maintenance in previous years. We do not anticipate extra costs in 2025 as the van and trailer are now in good order.

Over the year we have invested £1,947 in 8 replacement tents, other new equipment and repairs to equipment. This was partially funded by a parental donation, with the rest being funded by our reserve fund for camping equipment rather than general income.

In addition to the equipment funded from our camping equipment reserve fund, we also spent £494 on other equipment for use by Group, which was funded by our general income.

Unlike other Scout Groups, we are in the fortunate position of not having to pay rent and utilities as we are sponsored by Penketh Methodist Church, who kindly let us use their facilities at no cost. We appreciate that running the church and community centre is expensive, so traditionally we have given a donation to the Church to assist with the running costs. This year we gave Penketh Methodist Church a donation of £800. Our thanks go to the Church for their continued support.

In November 2024 the Trustee Board met to review the budget for 2024 and the proposed budget for 2025. The decision was made that it would be necessary to increase subs from £11 to £12 from April 2025 in order to maintain a balanced budget. The increase was mainly needed as a result of the anticipated increase in Membership Fees, but increasing costs across the board was also an influencing factor.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Alison Ormrod for continuing to examine our accounts and for the advice she gives me.

Kath Shaw
Treasurer

Location of funds

At any point the Group's funds could be in held in a number of institutions. The following is a list of all possible locations:

- A small amount (typically £30) is held in cash by the treasurer to be used as a float at fundraising events.
- Our main bank account held at TSB Bank (FCA Reference number 191240)
- A varying amount is held in our account at Equals Money Plc (FCA Registration number 488396) for the purpose of adding funds to prepaid cards used by our volunteers for making purchases on behalf of the Group.
- A varying amount is held in our account at Go Cardless Ltd (FCA Registration number 597190). This money is payment received for camps and activities and will be deposited in our bank account once a week.
- Occasionally, money may be held at Stripe Payments UK Limited (FCA Reference number 900461) before being transferred to our bank account. This is for the purpose of accepting credit/debit card payments for fundraising events via an event/ticketing platform.
- Occasionally, money may be held at Squareup Europe Ltd (FCA Reference number 900846) before being transferred to our bank account. This is for the purpose of accepting credit/debit card payments via a card machine at fundraising events.

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 consider that they need to retain enough funds to pay for all essential outgoings of the Group for the period of 6 months, should there be no income from subs or fundraising. Recent experience of the global pandemic and suspension of Scouting have led us to take a cautious but realistic approach.

Considering the static outgoings of the Group, the Group deem that £4,000 is needed to meet this purpose.

Additional funds

The Group has three designated funds held within Unrestricted funds. These are

- 1) A fund to enable the eventual replacement of the Group van, which is essential to the effective running of outdoor camps. At current prices, the Group deem that £11,000 should be kept in this fund. This amount will be subject to periodic review.
- 2) A fund to provide for a subsidy of up £2,000 towards the 4-yearly Chamboree camp. The Group deposit £500 a year into a savings account for this purpose, therefore this fund will hold between £0 and £2000 at any time.
- 3) A fund for camping equipment. This fund will be our first source of monies for new camping equipment, and repairs and replacement. Our camps are costed to include a small uplift for equipment renewal and any profit is added to this fund. The amount in this fund varies over time and typically amounts to several hundred pounds.

These funds are in addition to the amount set aside under the Reserves Policy.

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. The majority of the Group's funds are held in cash using a mainstream bank.

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st Dec 2024

Receipts and payments account summary for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Year ended 31 st December 2024 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31st December 2023 Unrestricted Funds
Total Receipts for the Year	£21,323	£19,631
Total Payments for the Year	£21,129	£18,417
Net receipts(payment)for the Year	£194	£1,213
Cash Funds Brought Forward	£18,362	£17,148
Cash Funds Carried forward	£18,556	£18,362

Receipts for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Year ended 31 st December 2024 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31 st December 2023 Unrestricted Funds
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	£11,803	£10,027
Less: Membership subscriptions paid to District	£5,014	£3,723
Net membership subscriptions retained	£6,789	£6,304
Donations	£1,216	£178
Legacies	£0	£0
Gift Aid	£2,456	£1,709
Other income	£9,930	£9,087
Total	£20,391	£17,278
Grants		
Maintenance Grant	£0	£0
Other Grants	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0
Fundraising (gross)		
Sale of plants	£903	£699
Other fundraising activities	£0	£1,641
Total	£903	£2,341
Investment income		
Bank interest	£29	£12
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	£29	£12
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£21,323	£19,631

Payments for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Year ended 31 st December 2024 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31 st December 2023 Unrestricted Funds
Charitable Payments		
Donations	£800	£700
Youth programme and activities	£10,123	£10,768
Adult Support and training	£0	£60
Rent	£1,260	£1,260
Water and Sewerage	£0	£0
Electricity and Gas	£0	£0
Insurance	£1,102	£1,270
Repairs and Renewals	£2,029	£1,058
Materials and Equipment	£2,091	£1,481
Printing and photocopying	£0	£0
Contribution to camp costs *	£1,368	£0
Uniforms	£243	£468
AGM and trustee expenses	£218	£112
Other expenses	£313	£959
Total	£19,547	£18,137
Fundraising expenses		
Plants	£0	£0
Other fundraising	£0	£281
Total	£0	£281
Gross Expenditure	£19,547	£18,417
Asset & Investment purchases, etc.	£1,582	£0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£21,129	£18,417

* Contributions to camp costs are disclosed separately with effect from 2024 to assist with the understanding of the accounts.

Statement of assets & liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2024

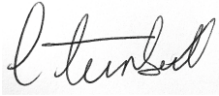
	Year ended 31 st December 2024 Unrestricted Funds	Year ended 31 st December 2023 Unrestricted Funds
Cash Funds		
Bank Current accounts	£14,519	£14,553
Bank Deposit accounts	£1,542	£1,813
Building society accounts	£0	£0
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£0	£0
Cash in hand	£2,495	£1,996
Total cash funds	£18,556	£18,362
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	£6,500	£9,000
Scouting equipment , furniture etc	£10,500	£10,500
Other	£0	£0
Total	£17,000	£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

Declaration


The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11th May 2025.

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Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Ian Turnbull
Group Chair
11th May 2025



Kathryn Shaw
Group Treasurer
11th May 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 30th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 30th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 30th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group 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 30th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 30th Warrington (Penketh Methodist) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Alison JE Ormrod

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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1st April 2025

AGM Minutes

30th Warrington West (Penketh Methodist) SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday 12th July 2024 @ 19:00 Eagle Sports, Sankey Room, WA5 2SZ

1. Introduction and welcome

In attendance: Ian Gornall, Ian Turnbull, Kath Shaw, Samantha Done, Vicky Couch, Heather Harper, and the Group Scout Council (GSC)

2. Apologies for absence

Chris Williams, Nicola Brislen, Paul Carey.

3. Governance topics

- Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 03/07/2023 – approval proposed by Ian Turnbull, seconded by the GSC.
- Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) - approved.
- Note the Group's financial year - approved from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023.
- Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council – no nominees
- Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board – minimum of 5 trustees needed, proposed by Ian Turnbull, seconded by the GSC.
- Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) – recommended at 5 –10 trustees and 5 GSC members. Proposed by Ian Turnbull, seconded by the GSC.

4. Review of the previous year

- The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 30th Warrington West (Penketh Methodist) Scout group. Overview given by Ian Gornall the GLV, 101 young people on roll and large waiting list but the group needs new volunteers for both uniformed rolls and trustee positions. New members welcomed to the group and an overview provided of the highlights of group activities and fundraising.
- Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts –Kath Shaw presented overview of the group accounts to the GSC. Accounts examined by Alison Ormrod. Approval proposed by Ian Turnbull, seconded by the GSC.

5. Making appointments

- [If required] Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board – Ian Gornall proposed Ian Turnbull as Group Chairperson. Agreed by whole GSC.
- [If required] Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board –Ian Turnbull proposed Kath Shaw as Group Treasurer, approved by GSC.
- [If required] Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board –Ian Turnbull proposed Samantha Done and Pam Stevenson, approved by the GSC.
- [If required] (Re-)appoint Group President and/or Vice Presidents
- Appoint the Independent Examiner - Alison Ormrod -proposed by Ian Turnbull, seconded by the GSC.

6. Closing remarks

Thanks to Samantha Done for 10 years service as the Group Secretary. Thanks to ex-officio members for service to the executive committee. Appeal to the GSC for volunteers for the trustee board from Ian Turnbull.
Meeting closed at 7:45pm

Next Trustee Board meeting will be on Monday 9th September 2024, 19:00 at the Olive Tree Community Centre