

Annual Report 2024/25

These accounts have been reviewed internally by the trustee board and are pending review by the independent auditor. An AGM will be held in the near future to cover them with the group scout council.

The chair of the Trustee Board remains vacant following the last role holder stepping down due to family ill health. Volunteers are being requested to fill the role.

I would like to thank each of the leaders and trustee board for their hard work and dedication through the period. The group also has a limited volunteer pool which is limiting growth and needs to be addressed with retirements expected, some parents are occasionally volunteering and young leaders are moving to full leaders. A lot of hidden work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the group has the funding, equipment and governance to deliver the fun filled programme to our members and to operate this charity.

The group accounts remain healthy with a substantial increase in reserves. This primarily has occurred due to an Insurance payout for our minibus which was written off in a no fault accident. Expenditure has dropped to typical levels with the previous year skewed by the Kandersteg International trip.

The group continues to hold a £15.4k bequest from the former Group Scout Leader and former school headmaster. No decision has been made on the allocation of these funds with a drive to find a fitting tribute or legacy.

The group continues to take advantage of grants, fundraising and schemes such as Gift Aid and GASD to reduce the cost to our members and discount camps, trips and regular activities.

With the reserves available the group continues to keep subs to members at a very low level despite rising costs for insurance and the let to local council.

We look forward with confidence that we can continue to support and develop our young members and grow the group. The trustee board is keenly aware of the local issue it has in attracting volunteers to lead the group and this may be a concern in the years ahead if not resolved.

Kind Regards



Jamie Kirkwood
Group Lead Volunteer & Trustee

Trustees of the Group Are:

- Vacant – Group Chair (Lesley Anderson resigned during reporting period)
- Vacant – Group Secretary
- Dorothy Kirkwood – Group Treasurer
- Jamie Kirkwood – Group Scout Leader

Registered Address

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