

23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group



Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2020

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Trustees' Report

1 Reference and Administration

1.1 Administration

Name: 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group

Sponsoring Body: St Augustine's Parish Church, Diocese of Rochester, Church of England

Established: 1938-39

Scout Association Registration Number: 10011744

Registered Charity Number: 267692

Principal Address: c/o 25 Romany Rise, Orpington, Kent BR5 1HG

1.2 Trustees

The trustees who managed the charity from 1st April 2019 to the date of signing this report were the members of the Group Executive Committee as follows:

Chair	John Bruce (until 12 October 2019) Colin Goodwin (from 12 October 2019)
Secretary	Henry Hudson
Treasurer	Richard Jones (until 12 October 2019) Jonathan Pownall (from 12 October 2019)
Group Scout Leader	Jenny Owens
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Sandra Goodwin
Quartermaster	Gary Owens
Fundraising committee Chair	David Wilcox
Other Elected Members	Paul Gubby Robert Townsend
Sponsoring Body Nominated Representatives	Rev. Steve Spencer Helen Baker

1.3 Advisers

Independent Examiner	Raymond Kirk CPFA
Bankers	Barclays Bank Lloyds Bank Nationwide Building Society Bath Building Society
Insurers	Unity Insurance Services

2 Structure, Governance and Management

2.1 Introduction

The 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group was formed just before the outbreak of World War Two. Although a Scout Commissioner of that time said it all began in 1938, the first record we have is a note in a log book saying the first Scout meeting was held on 7th November 1939.

The Group is sponsored by the Church of England, St Augustine's Bromley Parish in the Diocese of Rochester. It is part of Bromley Scout District which in turn is part of the Greater London South East Scout County. It is registered with the Scout Association under registration number 10011744.

This Annual Report is issued by the trustees of the 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group in conformity with requirements of relevant Charities Acts and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. It covers the financial year ended 31st March 2020 and the census year ending 31st January 2020.

2.2 Governing Document

The Group is established as a trust under rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The governing documents are those of the Scout Association, consisting of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the byelaws of the Association and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association. The Group constitution follows the model constitution set out in POR.

2.3 Management

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. The trustees 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 a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leader, and other members as appropriate. It meets at least three times per year.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leaders 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 Advisers other than those who are elected.

3 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:

- **Safeguarding.** Keeping young people safe is a paramount responsibility of all adults in Scouting. The Group Administrator ensures that adults are checked through the Disclosure and Barring Service and the Scout Association's systems before appointment and that renewal takes place prior to expiry. All adults in the Group are required to complete the Scout Association Safeguarding Awareness Course. Young people are encouraged to raise any concerns that they may have affecting them or another member of the Group with a trusted adult and/or with their own parents or guardians.
- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. The Group, through the capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy and takes out additional accident insurance for supporters (non-members).
- **Reduction or loss of leaders.** The group is reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there were to be 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 this might necessitate closure of the Group.
- **Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there were to be 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 this might necessitate closure of the Group.
- **Reduced income from fundraising.** The Group is reliant upon income from subscriptions, fundraising and ancillary sources such as hall hire. The Group holds reserve funds 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. The current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the suspension of all face-to-face Scouting, fundraising activities and hall hire lettings. However, the Group has sufficient reserves to remain financially viable for the foreseeable future (see section 6.1 below).
- **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 and other local Scout Groups. The Group has insurance cover in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and to compensate for the loss of income from hall hire to third parties arising from physical damage to the premises. (The insurance does not cover loss of hall hire income due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.)
- **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 two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

4 Objectives and Activities

4.1 Objectives

The objectives of a charity are set out in its governing document and therefore 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.

4.2 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.

5 Achievements and Performance

5.1 Development Plan

In the short term as with many others we face the challenges arising from the global Covid-19 pandemic, initially by ensuring a safe return to Scouting activities in accordance with National and District requirements. There will also be financial challenges as there has been a reduction in subscription income whilst Scouting activities have been suspended. In the short term we are highly likely to need to use some of our financial reserves to support a safe return to Scouting activities.

A further challenge we face as a Group, in common with many other Scout Groups, is complacency and resistance to change. For this reason, in 2011 the Scout Association published a vision for Groups to develop. The six key targets which we follow are:

- A Growing Group
- A Focused Group
- A Relevant Group
- A Youth Led Group
- A Sound Group
- A Diverse Group

5.2 Group Membership

SECTION	Youth Members			Adult Leaders			Young Leaders		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Monday Beavers (Spitfires)	24	15	12	5	3	3	2	0	0
Tuesday Beavers (Hurricanes)	20	13	13	3	3	4	1	1	1
Monday Cubs (Baloo)	21	23	24	6	5	6	0	0	1
Tuesday Cubs (Kim)	15	22	23	4	7	4	0	0	1
Friday Scout Troop	15	22	23	3	7	7	0	0	0
Thursday Phoenix Explorers	23	33	38	3	3	3	0	0	0
Total	118	128	133	24	28	27	3	1	3

In addition, we have a number of Group Sectional Assistants, Instructors, Group Executive Officers, a Group Scout Leader and Assistant Group Scout Leader. The total Group Membership as at the January 2020 census was 163.

5.3 Group Scout Leader Report

It seems quite a long time ago now but back in July 2019 we were delighted that six of our Explorer Scouts were able to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia USA, a once-in-a-lifetime experience for them. This continued a long tradition of members of the 23rd Bromley being selected to attend World Scout Jamborees which is a testament to the strength of Scouting provided across the whole Group, from Beavers to Cubs to Scouts to Explorers.

After the Summer in the normal way as a Group we attended the local Remembrance Parade and for the second year one of our Scouts, Oliver Ward, sold chocolate poppies after the parade in aid of the Royal British Legion. Well done Oliver; it is really nice for the Group to be able to support other causes in our community.

In December we said goodbye to John Senior. John was Scout Leader at the 23rd when I joined in 1975 and he always remained a loyal supporter of the Group.

All the sections took part in the Christmas Fair and helped to raise £657 for group funds. The Christmas carol concert was well attended and the collection of £124 was donated to Bromley Brighter Beginnings, a local charity that works with vulnerable families.

2020 started as normal with the pantomime, Sleeping Beauty, which was well supported by the Sections.

We also received a donation of £4,363 from Sir Robert McAlpine for much needed new camping equipment. Sir Robert McAlpine was celebrating its 150th anniversary and was supporting causes in the community.

On March 17th, 2020, face to face Scouting was suspended because of coronavirus, but that did not stop us helping our community. A number of the leaders got together and delivered leaflets offering help and support for people who could not leave their homes or needed extra support at this very difficult time. We did weekly shopping, collected prescriptions and posted letters.

In June, as schools were preparing to return, we were pleased to be able to help a primary school by lending them our two big mess tents so that the children had shelter from sun and rain to eat their lunch and they were able to restart their education.

As we slowly started to come out of lockdown our thoughts turned to how we could restart our meetings, keeping everyone safe and following Government guidance. Scouting is working with the National Youth Agency and we are watching developments closely.

We wrote to all parents and carers in July and will share more detailed plans during the autumn term. We would encourage all parents and carers, young people and volunteers to raise concerns, ask questions and provide feedback. This can be done either via their section leaders or by email to gsl@23rdbromleyscouts.org.

In August we set our first monthly challenge for the whole Group. The challenges will be linked to activity badges, so everyone from Beavers to Explorers can take part. The first challenge is linked to the Hikes Away badge and more monthly challenges will follow.

As we come to the end of this very strange year, I would like to express my thanks to all the leaders and supporters who have continued to offer good quality Scouting for our young people. Sandra and I know it hasn't been easy, but we are very grateful for your continued support.

The Group Executive have still been working behind the scenes and our thanks also go to them. As always thanks go to Sandra Goodwin, Assistant Group Scout leader; her support is invaluable.

Finally, I hope we will be able to return to some resemblance of normal Scouting in the not too distant future. Until then, take care and stay safe.

Jenny Owens

Group Scout Leader

5.4 Section Activities

The Group actively follows the Scout Association's progressive training scheme within each Section (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) through weekly meetings, badge work, County and District activities, outdoor activities, week-long and weekend camps (indoor and outdoor). This year was, as usual, a full and active year with a busy programme for all sections. The following is a brief report on each section since the last AGM.

Beavers - Hurricanes

We are currently at about 13 beavers with a couple due to join when we return to face to face Scouting. However during the time we haven't been meeting each week we have been running Zoom meetings which have included activities such as Pictionary, quizzes, bingo etc which the Beavers have all thoroughly enjoyed.

We are currently working with Monday's leader to do a few joint meetings together as it'll be nice for our Beavers to get to know Beavers in the other Colony.

Ellie Howard

Beaver Leader (Spitfires)

Beavers - Spitfires

The winter term was very interesting as it was our first term with the Beavers after taking over from Stella and Marina; it was a bit of a learning curve for the young people as well as us older ones. We had an awesome trip to Bromley fire station and an educational visit to St Augustine's Church. In November, 10 brave Beavers spent their first night away from home on 'Mars' no less, where we made spaceships and water filters. The Beavers cooked themselves dinner from scratch and stayed up much later than they should have done. On our Monday night meetings, we covered lots of badge work including cycling, healthy eating and the Green Cross Code which was used by all Beavers when posting their letters to Santa. We had a great Christmas party with lots of seasonal crafts and a special visit from the man in red to hand out presents and our first Chief Scout Bronze award to Lewis Kember.

We finished 2019 with a New Year's Eve Sleepover where we did orienteering, cooking and had some sparklers. Everyone managed to stay awake to watch the London fireworks on the big screen at midnight.

January term got started with a trip to the Group's Pantomime which is always a great night out. We went for a litter pick in the local area and had a jam-packed skills night where all the Beavers learnt how to iron and roll their scarf, tie their shoelaces and light a candle. We had an epic Hogwarts camp in February, where 20 young Wizards had to travel through the 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ wall with their ticket to be sorted into houses. They earned points for their house and did Wizarding activities like Quidditch and a potions class. We had two weeks of first aid training before we had to cut the term short in the middle of March. Unfortunately, we missed out on our much-anticipated sleepover in Legoland at Easter and our Under the Stars camp in June, but we will hopefully have many more camps next year.

In May we started meeting virtually on Zoom instead of in the hall. A rather strange experience to start with but the Beavers who get involved really throw themselves into it, completing challenges during the week between the meetings often in preparation for what the following meeting will entail. We have managed to make rockets and squirrels, do a few experiments, learn about disabilities and endangered animals as well as making cakes, fudge and pizzas and finding our way out of an escape room. The Beavers have taken an active part in the leadership of the Zoom meetings, running games and activities. Zoom has really called on the parents to help us leaders out as we have found there are many things that are quite challenging to explain to the young ones without someone off to the side to help them out so all the helpful people sitting just off screen are much appreciated by the leadership team even if they get a little competitive and clearly use Google during the quizzes! Many Beavers have also done a camp out at home and have been working on badges left, right and centre. We were very proud to have a Chief Scout Bronze Award presented over Zoom to Jessica Dobbs.

Laura Evans

Beaver Leader (Hurricanes)

Cubs – Baloo Pack

September and October saw us settling back in and doing Badge Work and sorting out Sixes etc and we had a Bingo night and celebrated Halloween. In November we had a visit from Lucas's to Rudge with his reptile collection, this was a brilliant evening, and we have the details if anyone else would like them.

After that it was Christmas preparations, cards to make and a stall at the Christmas Fair to be organised. January was quite quiet, and February saw 12 of our Cubs taking part in the District DIY Badge at the 3rd West Wickham HQ. A great day was had by all. We followed this up with a Winter Madness Camp where lots of fun was had.

March of course changed everything - Family Camp and then Summer Camp where cancelled but hopefully re-booked for 2021. We've kept in touch with our parents during Lockdown, lots of badges have been done and quite a few took part in the Hike to the Moon.

A very strange year has been had by us all but hopefully we all come through it well.

Tim Snook

Cub Leader (Baloo Pack)

Cubs – Kim Pack

We started the Winter 2019 term with 27 cubs and carried out the following before Christmas:

- Games Night / Pinewood Derby Weigh Inn
- Pinewood Derby Race
- Christmas Fair
- Reptile Evening
- Christmas Party

After Christmas we started a new program which included the following activities:

- Team work challenges
- Paper Plane competition
- Challenge Award Night
- Games night
- Tin can Pancakes
- Flag Construction (for Wide Game)
- Wide Game Night

Luckily at the beginning of March before the Covid restrictions we were able to take 17 Cubs on camp at Chatham dockyard for a “Crash out on HMS Cavalier“

The week after this camp all face to face Scouting was suspended, we took to the world of online content and supplied all the Cubs with activities and badge work they could do at home. I did have some interest from 5-6 Cubs with this and they managed to tick off quite a few badges. Unfortunately our numbers have drastically shrunk to 10 members over lockdown and the Summer term and two of these are due to go up this Christmas.

Fingers crossed for when we can restart face to face Scouting again and re-grow the pack.

Chris Powell

Cub Leader – Kim Pack

Scout Troop

We currently have 35 Scouts across 6 patrols, 17 girls and 18 boys with 7 awaiting going up ceremony to Explorers.

Between October 2019 and March 2020, we had an active programme which included;

- A Conker Championship held over two evenings
- A sleepover held at Wilberforce Activity Centre enjoying outdoor wide games and challenges
- Carried out the Teamwork Challenge Badge
- Attended Scarefest National Camp at Gilwell Park
- Made poppy wreaths for Remembrance Day Service
- Our now annual Christmas/New Year Sleepover was held on 27 December
- Attended the Group pantomime production of Sleeping Beauty

- In February we had Winter Camp at Downe Activity Centre in torrential conditions but still managed to complete activities such as Pedal Karting, grass sledging and axe throwing
- Completed sections of the Communicator activity badge
- Celebrated Chinese New Year
- Had fun flipping pancakes for Pancake Day

Unfortunately, face-to-face Scouting stopped in March 2020 and we made the decision not to carry out virtual Scouting. A number of challenges were made available to the Scouts via e mail and some of them took part in the 'Sleep Out, to Help Out' challenge in support of Harambee for Kenya. There were also lots of avid hikers who undertook the Group hiking challenge. Many have also worked on badges and challenges through lockdown which will be reviewed and awarded when we return.

We have had wonderful help from a number of Leaders over the last year. We unfortunately said goodbye to Michael Costello who has gone to support another Troop in need of leaders. Sam, Nick, Connor, Katie, Chris, Alan, David, Pat and Chip have helped to keep the Troop going strong but due to personal commitments and changes in jobs/ going to university, we are now in need of people to add to our Troop Leadership team.

Thank you to all of the leaders for the work they have done over the last year.

Alan Alexander
Scout Leader

Explorers – Phoenix Unit

The Explorer Unit have had over 35 Young People on our books throughout last year, making us one of the largest Explorer Units in Bromley! Having such a large Unit has meant that as a leadership team we have had to think up some novel programme ideas that we can run. We have continued to run a programme that is a mixture of fun, education and adventure - importantly the Explorers input into what they want their programme to include. One of their suggestions was to try out yoga, so we arranged for Flins Fitness to come along one Thursday evening to run a taster session. Some of the Explorers enjoyed it so much that they signed up to attend their youth yoga sessions!

One of the more educational evenings we held was with the Metropolitan Police Road Safety Team – they came along with Virtual Reality headsets to show our Explorers the dangers of driving. Did you know that drivers aged 17-19 only make up 1.5% of UK licence holders, but are involved in 9% of fatal and serious crashes where they are the driver? With a number of our Explorers soon to be getting their own driving licences it was great for them to get first hand advice and an interactive activity about how to stay safe when driving.

We also had a great camp at Frylands in November, making use of some of the new camping equipment that the group were donated. Our successful year continued at the Bromley District Scouts of Steel Competition in March where one of our two teams was crowned Explorer Champions after posting the fastest time on the tough mudder style assault course.

We were proud to have three of our Explorers being awarded Jack Petchey Achievement Awards over the last year – they are aimed at recognising those who put in the effort and do their best. Each winner is awarded £250 for them to spend on an activity or equipment of their choice.

As with other sections, lockdown has been challenging but we have held a number of virtual meetings, many of which were organised by our Explorers. We had a quiz, a fun twist on Bingo and a scavenger hunt around the house!

After almost four years of helping run the Explorer Unit, Claire Pester has decided to step away from weekly

Explorer meetings so that she can spend some more time with her family. Claire will still be on hand to lend a hand when we need an extra leader, but a huge thank you must go to Claire for all that she has done to support the Unit over the years (we will certainly miss her ideas and suggestions of what to do on a Thursday night!).

Dave Goodwin

Explorer Scout Leader

5.5 Faiths & Beliefs Programme

The Group is sponsored by St Augustine's Parish Church. Membership of the Group is open to all faiths and beliefs. The Group actively promotes the Scout Association Faiths and Belief Programme, developing Scouting values, personal attitudes and a range of beliefs, Scouts' Own and St Augustine's youth structured services, attendance at the District St. George's Day Parade service and at the Remembrance Day Service at St Augustine's Parish Church.

5.6 Community Activities

Within the family of Scouting and the community the following are typical of the past year:

- District Camps and events.
- Annual Pantomime
- The HQ is used as a Polling Station for local and national elections
- The HQ is used on weekly basis by two Brownie Packs
- Shopping for local residents during the Covid-19 pandemic

5.7 Fund Raising Activities

The Group's regular events are:

- Online shopping 'Easyfundraising'
- Annual Pantomime
- Bi-annual Gang Show
- Christmas Fair
- Quiz Nights & Race Nights
- Short Term Hall Hire.

5.8 Adult Recruitment Training

Welcome to our new leaders that have joined us this year. Robert Powell joined Hurricanes in May 2019. In September 2019 Laura Evans, Joe Tregent and Emily Kilby joined Spitfires. Joe and Emily have since gone to University so will only be available to help during the holidays. In September 2019 Marina Snook moved from Spitfires to Baloo and in September 2020 Alison Ancrum moved from Hurricanes to Spitfires.

We said thank you and goodbye to Stella Green in July 2019 and Paul Saunders in July 2020 for their many years of service as Leaders at the 23rd Bromley.

All our leaders at 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group have completed the required GDPR and safeguarding training modules to bring us in line with the new laws and Scout Association rules

5.9 Facilities

The Group Executive recognises its responsibilities with respect to Health and Safety within our headquarters building. To this end it is a regular agenda item at Executive meetings. Up until September 2020 a cleaner was employed to maintain hygienic standards within the building. Future arrangements are under consideration as the building remains closed at the present time. The fire extinguishers are tested on an annual basis by a third-party inspector and there is a regime of regularly testing the smoke alarms.

6 Financial Review

6.1 Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue its charitable activities should there be a shortfall in income and fundraising activities. We do not set out to make an annual surplus but aim to at least break even on day to day expenses and maintain sufficient funds over the longer term for the maintenance, repair and renewal of our equipment and assets and for capital investments in our premises. The Group held unrestricted reserves of £43,052 at the year-end together with restricted funds of £7,717 towards HQ refurbishment and equipment purchases. In total our monetary funds (i.e. cash and bank balances) at the financial year end stood at £50,769.

6.2 Investment Policy

The Group has adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash or instant access deposits using mainstream banks or building societies covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The Group Executive Committee regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

6.3 Fundraising

The Group is dependent upon membership subscriptions to fund its core activities and additional sources of income to support the membership and for the maintenance, renovation, refurbishment and replacement of buildings and equipment. All parents are encouraged to subscribe to Gift Aid to maximise the tax relief on subscriptions we can obtain through HM Revenue & Customs.

In addition to membership subscriptions the Group undertakes a number of fundraising activities throughout the year as set out at 5.7 above.

6.4 Assets and liabilities

In addition to the monetary assets shown in the balance sheet, representing cash and bank balances, the Group has non-monetary assets which are valued for insurance purposes at the amounts shown below.

Land and buildings	£567,664
Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock	£17,909
Scouting equipment	£38,193

Land and buildings represent the HQ premises which are leased from St Augustine's Church in the Diocese of Rochester under an Insurance and Repairing lease whereby the Group enjoys beneficial use of the asset and bears the cost of insurance, maintenance and enhancement expenditure. The lease was renewed in 2016 and runs until 2045. The annual payments due under the lease are £10 until 2025, rising to £25 from 2025 and £50 from 2035.

Contents and stock primarily comprise furniture and fittings in the HQ premises as well as props, staging, sound and lighting equipment for pantomimes and gang shows. Much of the sound and lighting equipment was renewed during the year and this is shown under the purchases of equipment heading in the accounts.

As noted above we also purchased new camping equipment during the year using the donation received from Sir Robert McAlpine under their community grant scheme and we record our gratitude for their generosity.

6.5 Financial review

The accounts are presented below. Overall income and expenditure for 2019-20 are both lower compared to the previous year because the Group has not undertaken any major overseas expeditions during the year. The overall deficit for 2018-19 included expenditure on the Kenya trip for which the related fundraising income had been recognised in previous year's accounts. Such timing differences are a normal feature of receipts and payments accounting and excluding Kenya, the remainder of the Group's activities showed a net surplus of £8,783.39 (including donations) for 2018-19. The Group made a surplus of £1,893 for 2019-20 and remains in a strong financial position overall.

We have commenced fundraising for our HQ refurbishment project, details of which can be found on our website at <https://23rdbromleyscouts.org/wordpress/hall/hqproject/>. Monies raised are held in a restricted fund for the purpose which currently stands at £7,587.

In mid-March 2020, the coronavirus pandemic precipitated a country-wide lockdown which led to the suspension of all face-to-face Scouting activities nationally. As set out in the Group Scout Leader's report in section 5.3 above, as at the date of this report we have not resumed physical meetings. This is a contributory factor to petty cash balances held at the year-end being higher than normal because cash had been collected or withdrawn for activities in March which did not go ahead, such as the Legoland sleepover referred to in the Spitfire Beavers Section report.

The lockdown period has seen a reduction in our membership subscriptions, and we have deferred the forthcoming Christmas Fair, Pantomime and Gang Show in order to comply with regulations and best practice in respect of social distancing. These events normally provide us with a valuable source of fundraising income as well as being enjoyable activities for the Group and local community. We continue to incur the standing costs of maintaining our headquarters and contributing to Scout Association national overheads, so the Group is forecasting a deficit for the forthcoming financial year. Nevertheless, as noted in section 6.1 above, we have healthy financial reserves, so we do not foresee any short-term financial difficulties.

7 Conclusion

The past year has been another year of quality Scouting provided by all involved with the Group. We are extremely fortunate to have such a fantastic team of Leaders, Young Leaders, Executive Members and Adult Supporters who make it all happen for the young people. The year ahead brings challenges, but we are confident in our resilience and are guided by our Founder's motto, "be prepared."

8 Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:

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Name:

Colin Goodwin

Jonathan Pownall MA ACA CISA

Position:

Group Chair

Group Treasurer

Date:

16 October 2020

16 October 2020

Receipts and Payments Account

23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group Receipts and payments summary for the year ended 31 March 2020

	2019-20 Unrestricted funds £	2019-20 Restricted funds £	2019-20 Total funds £	2018-19 Total funds (restated) £
Total receipts for the year (see page 18)	28,239.27	4,513.00	32,732.27	45,529.70
Total payments for the year (see page 19)	26,586.04	4,233.37	30,799.41	65,967.50
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,653.23	279.63	1,932.86	(20,437.80)
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2019	41,398.79	7,437.35	48,836.14	69,273.94
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2020	43,052.02	7,716.98	50,769.00	48,836.14

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2020

	2019-20 Unrestricted funds £	2019-20 Restricted funds £	2019-20 Total funds £	2018-19 Total funds £
Monetary assets				
Section current accounts	7,932.64		7,932.64	7,752.22
Group current accounts	9,966.41	129.63	10,096.04	10,118.42
Building society account	22,917.53	7,587.35	30,504.88	30,293.59
Cash held	2,235.44		2,235.44	671.91
Total funds	43,052.02	7,716.98	50,769.00	48,836.14

Prior year receipts and payments have been restated to include Section totals within the main headings rather than being shown separately. There is no impact on total funds held.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds comprise £129.63 in respect of equipment and £7,587.35 for the Headquarters refurbishment and repairs fund. The HQ building is leased from St. Augustine's Church.

The Group has two Designated funds held within Unrestricted funds. These are £1,386.46 in respect of the Jamboree fund and £123.09 for the Kenya fund. These will be used to finance future expeditions of a similar nature.

Non-monetary assets

In addition to monetary assets shown above the Group has non-monetary assets as described below. The valuations shown represent the replacement values for insurance purposes as at the most recent renewal in March 2020:

HQ premises	£567,664
Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock	£17,909
Scouting equipment	£38,193

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16 October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

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Colin Goodwin
Group Chair
23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

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Jonathan Pownall MA ACA CISA
Group Treasurer

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2020

	2019-20 Unrestricted funds	2019-20 Restricted funds	2019-20 Total funds	2018-19 Total funds (restated)
	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions				
Membership subscriptions	12,750.94		12,750.94	11,210.70
Less: capitation paid to District	(6,075.50)		(6,075.50)	(6,302.70)
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,675.44		6,675.44	4,908.00
Donations, legacies and gift aid				
Collections	124.85		124.85	-
Donations received	534.96	4,513.00	5,047.96	4,187.35
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	1,044.55		1,044.55	-
Fundraising income				
Christmas Fair	657.30		657.30	726.16
Pantomime	2,300.00		2,300.00	120.00
Gang Show	-		-	1,522.74
Other fundraising activities	640.34		640.34	3,342.24
Activities and events				
Camp receipts	10,815.41		10,815.41	23,332.10
Family camp	-		-	310.00
Group events	2,880.27		2,900.27	4,486.99
80th Anniversary Dinner Dance surplus	148.98		148.98	-
Investment and property income				
Hall hire	2,180.00		2,180.00	2,390.00
Interest received	217.17		217.17	204.12
Total receipts	28,219.27	4,513.00	32,732.27	45,529.70

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**23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group
Payments for the year ended 31 March 2020**

	2019-20 Unrestricted funds £	2019-20 Restricted funds £	2019-20 Total funds £	2018-19 Total funds (restated) £
Charitable payments				
Youth programme and activities				
Core meetings and activities expenses	3,063.77		3,063.77	1,872.72
Jamborees and trips	638.00		638.00	22,155.79
Prizes	37.60		37.60	-
Sports day	327.28		327.28	167.80
Event costs				
Annual General Meeting	481.55		481.55	14.33
Carol and church services	35.76		35.76	35.00
Retirement and commemoration events	375.41		375.41	-
Special events	-		-	2,473.83
Badges, uniforms and training				
Badges	262.80		262.80	279.70
Scarves and uniform	894.05		894.05	697.97
Camp fees and costs	12,429.00		12,429.00	30,072.43
Purchases of equipment				
Camping equipment and gaz	36.87	4,233.37	4,270.24	-
Pantomime and gang show equipment	2,301.49		2,301.49	660.76
Props and costumes	548.12		548.12	558.38
Other equipment	120.00		120.00	532.72
Insurance	1,270.87		1,270.87	1,228.57
Headquarters running costs				
Building maintenance	36.00		36.00	654.12
Cleaning	774.03		774.03	829.84
Waste collection	615.54		615.54	471.68
Ground lease	10.00		10.00	10.00
Broadband	391.73		391.73	388.08
Electricity	361.79		361.79	362.51
Gas	366.72		366.72	580.92
Water	200.98		200.98	329.50
Donations made	254.85		254.85	1,125.00
Service charges and miscellaneous expenses				
Online Scout Manager fees	63.64		63.64	-
PayPal fees	31.50		31.50	58.51
Printing, postage and stationery	235.73		235.73	352.28
Website hosting costs	57.46		57.46	55.06
Fundraising expenses				
Christmas Fair expenses	67.00		67.00	-
Pantomime licence	276.50		276.50	-
Total payments	26,566.04	4,233.37	30,799.41	65,967.50

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Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's 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 Trust 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: **REDACTED**

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Date: 16 October 2020