



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

1st Upton St Leonards
Scout Group



The Scout Group is an educational charity, excepted from registration with the Charity Commission

Registered with the Scout Association – unit number 10016255

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Our Year on a Page

123 Youth Members¹

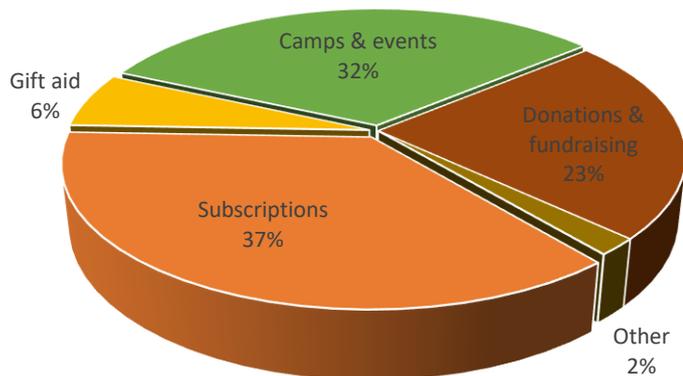
23 Leaders, Assistants & Young Leaders¹

8 other adults in Governance and Management roles¹

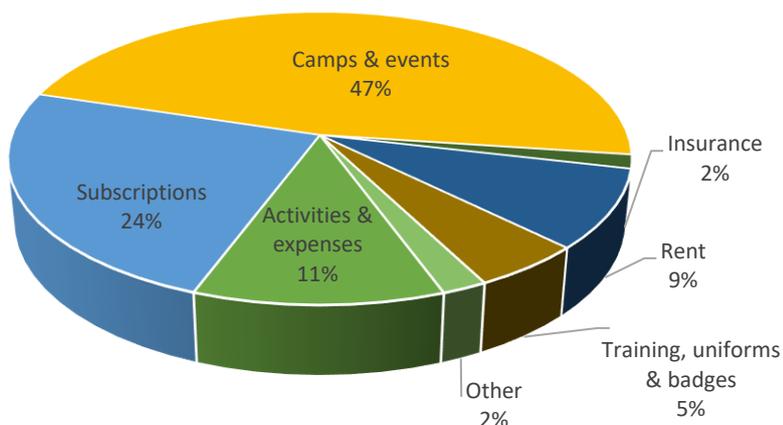
9 Residential Experiences²

1285 Badges Awarded²

2023/24 Income



2023/24 Expenditure



1. Membership figures as of 31 January 2024 – Youth Members up 4 on the previous year. Leaders, Assistants & Young Leaders up 8, Other adults up 1.
2. During the year 1.4.23 - 31.3.24

Group Overview

This report is officially in respect of the financial year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. This was a year of consolidation as we established the Squirrel Drey, and the other sections settled into their annual programmes.

The Trustee Board has worked on implementing the Group Plan that was adopted last year, establishing our Fundraising and Social Team and carrying out a stocktake and re-valuation of our equipment and other assets.

Our annual accounts are set out in the format prescribed for small charities like ours by the Charity Commission and have been checked by our Independent Examiner. Although the accounts show that we appear to have made a healthy surplus over the year this is in fact due to the funds raised by the Scouts for their recent trip to the Essex International Jamboree. If that is excluded the accounts show that once again, we have run at deficit over the year. This was due to a further increase in the subscriptions we must pay to our HQ, County and District, higher insurance costs and the increasing cost of providing weekly activities.

Once again, we would like to thank all of our volunteer leaders, helpers and trustees who have worked so hard to plan and deliver excellent programmes for our young people throughout the year. We look forward to another year of exciting Scouting in the coming twelve months.

Matt Dymock

Chair

Paul D. Trott

Group Scout Leader

Squirrels

Our Squirrel Drey quickly established itself during the year increasing from the initial 13 members to 18 supported by a team of 6 adult leaders. Their meetings offered a mix of games, stories, craft and other activities as the children found out more about themselves and the world around them. Congratulations to Isabel, Rishona, Sophie, Libby, Hazel and Emma on delivering such a fun packed programme including a very successful sleepover, a water activities session and a visit to the Climbing Warehouse. The Drey has even been visited by leaders from other parts of the County to find out how it is done!

During the year 7 Squirrels moved on to Beavers and 11 new Squirrel Scouts were invested. They also earned 50 Challenge Badges, 274 Activity Badges, 58 Staged Badges plus 7 Chief Scout's Acorn Awards, the top award for Squirrels.



We look forward to welcoming more children into our youngest section and support them as they progress into Beavers and beyond.

BEAVERS

In the summer the Beavers took part in pond dipping on Robinswood Hill and their usual water night plus a sleepover at Shurdington Village Hall. In the autumn they enjoyed a trip down the Gloucester–Sharpness Canal dressed as pirates, a visit to the fire station and a session at Ninja Warriors while the spring term concluded with a special visit to Gloucester Airport.

During the year 16 new Beaver Scouts were invested and the Beavers earned 44 Challenge badges and 527 Activity badges plus 10 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards.



Linda has led both Colonies and has been supported on Wednesdays by Ally and on Fridays by Marc and assisted by Derrick and Sharlene. We are also pleased to have had the help of a number of Young Leaders and a rota of parents whose help is much appreciated.

cubs

Both Cub packs have enjoyed a busy year of activities including in the summer term a hike to Prinknash, a walking tour of Gloucester and a fascinating visit from wheelchair user, Cain. In the autumn the Cubs worked on their Pioneer, Book Reader, Musician and World Faith badges. In the spring term the Cubs explored local services while enjoying pancake day and working on their Digital Citizen Badge and Team Leader Challenges.

In May some of the older Cubs camped at Cranham to complete their Outdoor Challenge Badges, while in June the Cubs again camped at “Evolution” in Cirencester Park. The sixers and Seconders also enjoyed the District Fun Day at Murray Hall.



The Cubs also earned a stack of badges including 39 Challenge badges and 168 Activity badges while Tyler Isaacs and Charlie Peart gained their Chief Scout's Silver Awards.

Rosemary continues to lead both Packs and has been supported by Paul, Rishona, Teresa and Ally and our Young Leaders Kyle, Daniel, Ollie, Benjamin, Charlie and Naomi.

Scouts

The Scout Troop remains very strong. The Scouts take an active part in planning their programme and nominating their Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders.

During summer 2023 the Scouts enjoyed their own game of Uptonopoly and visited the new 270 high ropes complex. In the Autumn they focussed on team building and team challenges and found out what was meant by “Fair Trade” while in the New Year the Scouts worked on creating short, animated films and finished off the term with a visit to the Ten Pin bowling alley



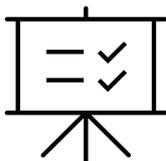
During the summer term the Scouts again attended the "Strategy" weekend in Cirencester Park, four Scouts undertook the Expedition Challenge in the Forest of Dean and during the summer holidays 12 Scouts and 3 leaders camped at Ferney Crofts Scout Camp site in the New Forest. In the Autumn term some of the Scouts tried narrow boating on the canals of Warwickshire and in December they held an indoor camp at Cranham. The year was dominated by preparing for the Essex International Jamboree including 7 supermarket bag packing sessions at which they raised more than £7400 towards the cost of this special camp.

Badges in the Scout Troop are much harder to come by but that hasn't prevented the Scouts earning 33 Challenge badges and 76 Activity badges during the year with Milo Dymock achieving 5 Hikes Away and Peter Blake, Radley-Ray Thomas, Joseph Klassen, Zac McKenzie, Ethan Langley and Milo Dymock clocking up 20 Nights Away. Benjamin Mellor, Ollie Pope and Peter Blake also successfully completed their Chief Scout's Gold Awards which is a fantastic achievement.

Rosemary, in addition to running the Cub Packs, also led the Scout Troop assisted by John, Colin, Lorraine and Mark.

1st Upton St Leonards – Aims and Support

Our aims for the year ahead are:



- To increase the number of young people and volunteers
- To implement the national Transformation Programme
- To gain a better understanding of our finances to allow the Group to better plan for its future development
- To continue to be an integral part of the local community through weekly meetings, more social events and improved communications

We are grateful for all of the support that you give to us.

Over the last year the Scouts, their leaders and parents raised almost £7000 to support the those who attended the Essex International Jamboree. This showed how what a difference effective fundraising can make. There are some simple ways that you could help with fundraising, at little or no cost, which really do make a difference

- Gift Aid monthly subs payments
- Recycle used printer cartridges
- Use the Easyfundraising scheme
- Join the Gloucester Lottery

Scouts could not run without the efforts of the voluntary leaders and helpers. If you would like more information on getting involved as a leader or a member of one of our support teams, please contact the Group Chair, Matt Dymock

Email: matt@uptonscouts.org.uk

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1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Objectives

The principal objective of the group continued to be that of the continued promotion of scouting.

Officers and trustees

The officers and trustees who held office during the year are as follows:

R. Amos	Secretary
L. Atkinson	
M. Blake	
M. Dymock	Chair
S. Mackenzie	
C. Sharpe	Treasurer
T. Siddall	
R. Steward	
P. Trott	GSL
R. Trott	
B. House	
S. Tedaldi	

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

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

M. Dymock
Chair

C. Sharpe
Treasurer

Date

Date

1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE 1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1st Upton St Leonards Scout Group (the Group) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

As the Group trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Group's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 Charity 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.

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**1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	31st March 2024		31st March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions		13,166.20		10,663.75
Gift aid		2,215.65		1,600.94
Camps/fun days and events		11,542.90		7,863.88
Donations (easyfundraising & cartridges)		341.85		565.44
Fundraising *		7,945.57		-
Gloucester Lottery		268.50		220.50
Interest received		34.63		-
Sundry (uniform/sweets/nutty badgers)		<u>386.75</u>		<u>677.33</u>
		35,902.05		21,591.84
Expenditure				
Camps/fun days and events	15,111.89		7,941.53	
Fundraising	648.07		-	
Section expenses/activities	3,583.88		4,624.59	
HQ/County/District subscriptions	7,714.00		7,090.00	
Sundry	-		244.00	
Insurance	487.48		433.68	
Hall rental	2,788.09		2,626.45	
Uniforms/badges	<u>1,603.70</u>		<u>770.14</u>	
		<u>31,937.11</u>		<u>23,730.39</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		<u>3,964.94</u>		<u>(2,138.55)</u>

* Please note included within the Fundraising Income figure is £6,953.19 relating to funds raised for the Essex Jamboree camp attended by the Scouts. A proportion of these funds remained in the year end bank balance. These funds have since been paid out of the bank account. This would therefore reduce the Net Income position at year end into a slight deficit.

**1ST UPTON ST LEONARDS SCOUT GROUP
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

	31st March 2024		31st March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Current account - Lloyds	3,844.49		27,241.40	
Savings account - Lloyds	27,035.63		-	
Top Up Cards	575.78		249.56	
		<u>31,455.90</u>		<u>27,490.96</u>
Represented by:				
Opening bank balances:				
Current account - Lloyds	27,241.40		29,629.51	
Savings account - Lloyds	-		-	
Top Up Cards	249.56		-	
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