

02. GOVERNANCE, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS & FINANCIAL REVIEW



We believe that through adventure we challenge individuals so that they learn and experience new things and enrich their lives.

This report shows what we aimed to achieve in 2009/2010, how we achieved it and how we plan to achieve even more in 2010/2011.

Administrative Information

The Group is part of the Ilford NorthWest Scout District within The Scout Association. The Scout Group meets at The Stockade, David's Way, Hainault, Essex, which is the Group's headquarters.

The trustees of the Group are the Executive Committee which is made up of appointed leaders (ex-officio) and elected representatives of parents from each section in the Group.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and currently meets every month.

Objectives and Activities

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities for over 400,000 young people aged 6-25 years. The Group does this for the young people in Hainault and Fairlop.

Internationally, The Scout Association has over 28 million young people enjoying the benefits of Scouting across 216 countries. Membership of the Group is increasing week by week and is set to continue to grow.

The Scout Association's aim is to promote the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of its members, by helping them to achieve their full potential. At the Group, we believe that our young people develop most when they take part in an activity, when they are given responsibility, when they take acceptable risks and when they are left to think for themselves.

This is all achieved through the provision of exciting and adventurous activities as part of a Balanced Programme and based on The Scout Promise and Law guided by adult leadership and Active Support. The Group prides itself on being a forward looking and outgoing Group, that takes part in as many outdoor activities as possible.



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.



About our Work

We might not be able to solve all of the issues that exist in the world, but we can certainly help to make our local area a better place. We aim to do this by providing the young people of Hainault and Fairlop with something different. We can see that our efforts have a positive effect, but there is a lot that the Group has to give.

Our Commitment

We are committed to providing a bold and confident programme for our young people and we are lucky that all of our adults share the same vision. As well as being a key stakeholder in our area, we aspire to be instrumental in shaping the future of Hainault, by providing our facilities, skills and knowledge through our method of Scouting.

Achievement and Performance

The number of members on the register at the annual census was 53 members. This was made up of;

1 Beaver Scout, 20 Cub Scouts, 14 Scouts, 8 Leaders and Assistant Leaders, 5 Active Support Members and 3 Group Executive Members.

But as of today, we have increased even further to 16 Beaver Scouts, 28 Cub Scouts, 20 Scouts, 13 Leaders and Assistant Leaders, 5 Explorer Scout Young Leaders (*recorded at District Level for census purposes*), 12 Active Support Members and 6 Group Executive Members.

Totalling a Group Membership of 100

Financial Review

The Group is financially sound but next year we will be implementing a fundraising strategy and a comprehensive budget to ensure that the Group operates to its full potential. The Group has relied heavily on money mainly raised by subscriptions this year. We also received £400 in Jack Petchey awards to two young adults in the Group and this has all been allocated to purchase a camera.

Reserve Policy

We are in the process of trying to get grants to enable us to carry out the much needed work on the hall. We have in the past been unable to have a reserve policy, but this is something we hope to address in the future.

Declarations

This document is signed and dated by two of the charity Trustees who have been authorised to do so by a majority of the Trustees.

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