

2. 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.

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 & Management

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.

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 representatives and currently meets every 2-3 months.

Objectives and Activities

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities for over 500,000 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. Scouting is growing and so is the Group.

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 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, and we are on target to meet our development plan, but there is a long way to go.

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

At last years census, the Group recorded a membership of 53, youth and adult members. The number of members on the register at this years annual census was 94 members.

This was made up of;

17 Beaver Scout, 21 Cub Scouts, 24 Scouts, 11 Leaders and Assistant Leaders, 12 Active Support Members and 9 Group Executive Members.

But as of today, we have increased even further to 21 Beaver Scouts, 23 Cub Scouts, 35 Scouts, 10 Leaders and Assistant Leaders, 8 Explorer Scout Young Leaders (*recorded at District Level for census purposes*), 13 Active Support Members and 8 Group Executive Members.

Totalling a Group Membership of 118

Financial Review

The Group is financially sound and last year began working on it's fundraising strategy to ensure that the Group operates to it's full potential. For the past couple of year's the Group has relied heavily on money mainly raised by subscriptions. This year the Group received £400 in Jack Petchy awards

to two young adults in the Group and this was used to subsidise Group Camp 2010; £500 from Hainault Community Project at the start of the year which was used to fund the Group's website and recruitment materials, and mid-year we received £380 from Living Streets, to help with the cost of removing a couple of trees that were causing structural problems to The Stockade. Head quarters have also provided us with two start up grants for our new sections and we have received donations from past members and hall users.

Reserve Policy

At the end of the financial year, the Group was in final talks with London Borough of Redbridge's Children Services to secure a licence agreement in return for a substantial amount of money. This would help us achieve part of our 5 year development plan in making the Group a Sound Group by having a fit for purpose 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, authorised to do so by a majority of the Trustees.



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Emma Preston – Group Chairman



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Lee Clark – Group Scout Leader

