

**365 DAYS
OF ADVENTURE
HERE'S WHAT
HAPPENED...**

9th Lewisham North Annual Report
2016-17



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Reference and Administration Details

The 9th Lewisham North Scout Group meets at:
St Mildred's Church, St Mildred's Road, London. SE12 0RA.

The Group Executive Committee (Trustees)
Group Chair - Jeanette Buttell
Group Treasurer – Bernard Hawes
Group Secretary – David Whitehead (From Nov 2016)

Members of the Committee
Group Scout Leader – Jamie Wheeler
Scout Leader – Martin Butcher
Beaver / Cub Scout Leader – Julie Rossiter

Structure, Governance and 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 of The Scout Association.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with 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.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader 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 Advisors other than those who are elected.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives & Activities

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.

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.

The Values of Scouting:

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Cooperation We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

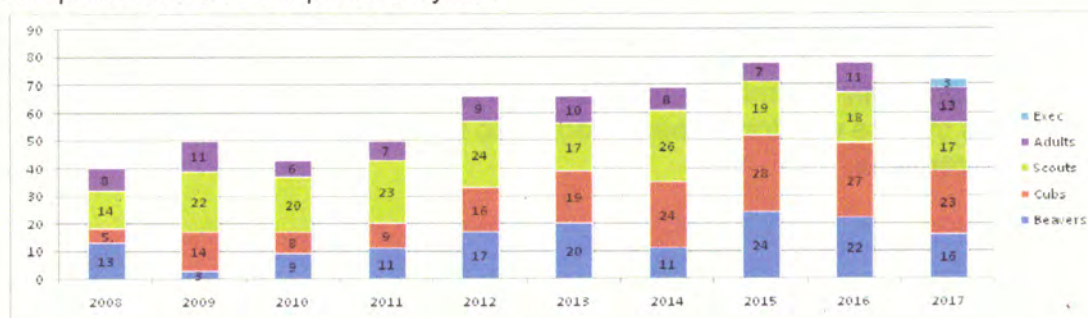
Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun;
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- learn by doing;
- share in spiritual reflection;
- take responsibility and make choices;
- undertake new and challenging activities; and
- make and live by their Promise.

Achievements and performance

Group Development

The year has seen a reduction in Group Membership for the first time in a number of years. The January 2017 Census recorded overall 'Uniformed' Group membership as 69 compared to 78 in the previous year.



The group continues to offer a Balanced Programme across all sections, with overnight activities taking place in all sections. The various sections have taken part in age appropriate activities, including themed evenings, hiking competitions and sporting events.

The Group has a comprehensive website and makes use of social media via a 'closed' Facebook Group with over 100 members.

Hammerwood Campsite

On 1st January 2011, the Lewisham Scout District Council was formed as a result of the merger of Lewisham Manor and Lewisham North Scout districts. Around the same time, the six Groups which formed the former Lewisham North district (of which the 9th Lewisham North is one) took over ownership and management of the Hammerwood scout camp site. A management agreement is in place between the six groups and suitable Insurance cover is in place.

Minibus

The Group continues to own and run its own Minibus. The Group has made good use of the bus and the costs to run have increased, but, when combined with the convenience of having our own bus, is still considered to be better 'value' than hiring. The Group also makes the minibus available to other groups and has been used by groups both within and outside of the district.

Fundraising

Unfortunately, the Group did not manage to secure any grants in the financial year.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £2000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £2000 against this at year end.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer- term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

**9th Lewisham North Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ending 31st March 2017**

2016		£	£
£	Income		
4394.61	Subscriptions	3559.90	
	Sundry Income	18.55	
1699.00	Camp & Other Activities	2583.00	
	Grant	1200.00	
650.00	Donation	250.00	
	Mini-bus Hire	300.00	
1.36	Interest	1.10	
6744.97			7912.55
	Payments		
749.63	Equipment	527.46	
15.90	Miscellaneous	97.78	
60.00	Online Data Fee	60.00	
242.76	Uniforms, Badges, Awards	176.85	
2545.00	Capitation	2400.00	
	Insurance	597.64	
	Training Cost	20.00	
	Hall rent		
225.00	Hammerwood Site Fee	225.00	
1140.96	Mini Bus Tax & Insurance	1009.56	
530.80	Mini Bus Running Expenses	1211.81	
	Mini-bus Hire	192.34	
1347.02	Camp/Activity Expenses	3282.49	
4.00	Bank Charges		
	Postage, Stationery	6.25	
6861.07			9807.18
(116.10)	Excess Expenditure over Income		(1894.63)

Balance Sheet
As At 31st March 2017

Assets

	Bank Balances	
1946.56	Deposit Account	1947.66
<u>6397.73</u>	Current Account	<u>4101.46</u>
8344.29		6049.12
	Section Balances	
	Scouts	
718.63	Balance at Bank	1069.17
<u>718.63</u>	Cubs	
	Cash in Hand	<u>50.00</u>
		1119.17
	Sundry Debtors	
<u>9062.92</u>		<u>7168.29</u>
	Less:	
	Sundry	
	Creditors	
<u>9062.92</u>		<u>7168.29</u>

Represented by:

	Excess Income over Expenditure	
9179.02	As at 1st April 2016	9062.92
<u>(116.10)</u>	For the Year to 31st March 2017	<u>(1894.63)</u>
<u>9062.92</u>		<u>7168.29</u>

Plans for future periods

St Mildred's Church Hall

The structure of the hall which is used by all sections of the Group continues to be under review. The Group has been informed that the hall is reaching the end of its usable life and is being monitored regally. At some point in the future, it is expected that the hall will be no longer available to the group and alternative arrangements will need to be made.

Leadership Recruitment

The Group continues to face challenges with Adult leadership and support. Whilst the Group has 11 uniformed adult leaders, many of volunteer on a flexible basis. This has resulted in a number of adults needing to cover multiple roles and responsibilities within the group. In years gone by, many of the groups leadership has come through progression from Scouts into Explorers and then into uniformed leadership. More recently, it has been great to see a number of our potential leaders from the explorer section successfully secure university places – which has an obvious impact. The Group will therefore continue to look at ways of developing adult volunteering to support the Group and has brought in 3 new volunteers form 'external' sources over the last 18 months.

Administration

The Group currently uses an online management tool (Online Scout Manager) to manage its youth membership details. The Group is looking to make better use of this tool in terms of badge records and programme planning.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Jeanette Buttell (Group Chair)



Date 06/11/17

Bernard Hawes (Group Treasurer)



Date 19-10-17

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

9th Lewisham North

SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 16/17

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 6 to 7

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: MARK SHILLABEE

Date: 25/9/17