



1st Shipley Scout Group (Windhill)

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Reports & Accounts

**1st January to
31st December 2013**

GROUP REGISTRATION WITH THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

The Group is registered with The Scout Association under Registration No.66 dated 1908

TRUST STATUS

The Group is deemed to be a trust established under its rules and constitution which are common to all Groups and defined in The Scout Association *Policy, Organisation and Rules* document and is exempt from direct registration with the Charity Commission by virtue of *Charities (Exemption of Certain Charities for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from Registration) Regulations 1961, SI 1961 No1044*.

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

The Scout Association is registered with the Charity Commissioners under Registration No. 306101.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the *Policy, Organisation and Rules* of The Scout Association and are as follows.

Ex-Officio

Group Scout Leader	Andrew Manley
Assistant GSL	James Stannett
Cub Scout Leader	Paula Wright
Explorer Scout Leader	Lee Farrow

Elected

Group Chairman	Les Benton	Parent Trustee	Julia Reid
Group Treasurer	Derek Manley	Parent Trustee	VACANT
Group Secretary	Karen Hammonds	Parent Trustee	VACANT

Nominated

PR/Grant Officer	David Bryan
Group Administrator	Julie Wright
Fundraising Officer	Gillian Shackleton

BANKERS

Lloyds TSB Plc	
Thomas Duggan House	Sort Code. 30-91-12
Wellcroft	Account No. 4860803
Shipley	
BD18 3QH	

CONTACT NAMES AND ADDRESS

Accounts	Mr Derek Manley 3 Cragside Thackley Bradford BD10 8JR	All other matters	Mr Les Benton Roundwood Lodge, Silson Lane Baildon BD17 6SW
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GROUP AIMS

The Group is a member of The Scout Association of the United Kingdom and as such its Aims are those of The Scout Association as detailed in The Association's *Policy, Organisation and Rulers*. These are, briefly, the overall development of young people to achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

GROUP OBJECTIVES

The overarching objectives of the Group are those of The Scout Association, namely to provide a balanced, varied and progressive programme of enjoyable, attractive and challenging training, designed to achieve its Aims, based on the Scout Promise and Law, guided by well trained adult leaders.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Group currently has 7 fully qualified Leaders and 8 part qualified Leaders following approved training courses. Our Group Scout Leader is a deputy head teacher and holds a specialism in Special Needs Issues and Assistant Group Scout Leader is a qualified part time Youth Worker. Several of our part trained leaders are currently in further or higher education studying to work with children in the future. All are adept at transferring their skills to a Scouting context. The Group also has Leaders with specialist qualifications in Archery, Air Rifle Target Shooting, various survival skills and expedition leadership. There are 2 Young Leaders undergoing training. Current membership stands at 85.

During the last 12 months, the Scout Group has accomplished the following major achievements:

- Successfully recruited 4 new leaders.
- 26 older Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorers and their Leaders attended a week long International Summer Camp at Walesby Forest, Nottingham.
- 8 Cubs attended the District Cub Challenge Camp with over 100 other cubs from Aire & Spen Valleys.
- Increased our youth membership.
- Provided over 10 separate Nights Away opportunities for our Young People including: adventurous activities, expeditions, group, district and national camps
- Facilitated a caving and hike up Pen-y-ghent weekend for our explorers
- Our Scouts achieved 1st and 2nd place in the district Scout Cooking Competition
- Our Cubs achieved joint 1st in the district Cub Cooking Competition
- Members from the group took part in the Bradford Gangshow at Bingley Arts Centre
- Our first Group Christmas Show
- Successfully secured £3500 nation HQ funding for a new beaver colony
- Began proceedings to launch a second beaver colony in the Windhill Area
- Provided over 100 hours of Archery tuition to local scouts, youth groups and schools.
- Maintained and improved a Group Website and Texting service.
- Purchased tables benches and Outdoor shelters to improve out night away experiences.

Turning to our objectives for the coming year we seek to consolidate the advances made in 2013 and expand our activities in a number of areas to enhance the Scouting experiences and opportunities of our members. To this end we plan to:

- Further support our first Beaver Scout Section and its leadership and launch a Second Beaver Colony
- Recruit and train 4 new adult and 4 new young leaders
- See our first Diamond Chief Scout Awards presented
- Successfully attend the district 10th Anniversary camp in August 2014
- Train more rifle instructors and be able to provide Axe Throwing as an activity
- Gain the Group Community Award through staging a Mini Gang Show in December
- Further prepare for our first International event to Kanderstag, Switzerland in Summer 2015.
- Establish a group stores next to Windhill Community Centre

CHILD PROTECTION

A rigorous Child Protection Policy is in place which equals or exceeds the extensive and detailed requirements of The Scout Association. The named Child Protection Officer is Mr Andrew Manley (Group Scout Leader). The District Child Protection Officer is Mrs Carolyn Booth (District Commissioner). The County Child Protection Officer is Mr Colin Knightley

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Group, being a member of The Scout Association, is a member of a worldwide youth movement. As such it is committed to equality of opportunity for all young people and Leaders. This means it is committed to extending Scouting, its purposes and methods to people in all parts of society, especially to young people and to ensuring no young person receive less favourable treatment on the basis of, nor suffer disadvantage by reason of; class, ethnic origin, race, gender, marital status, sexual status, mental ability, physical ability, political belief or religious belief except in such cases as it may reasonably be judged that such non-discrimination may result in excessive danger to, or actual harm to, the individual or other members.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In planning The Group's activities, the Leadership and Trustees work together to ensure every effort is made to comply with the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit. Particularly, membership is open to all young people prepared to make the Scout Promise and to try their best to obey the Scout Law. This Promise and Law places a strong emphasis on public service and the continuing educational development of young people outside the normal school curriculum.

RESERVES

At the year-end, income reserves were £2500. This is in accordance with The Group's policy on reserves to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of The Group for one year should income fall short of the minimum estimated amount so required. This is normally an amount equal to one year's subscriptions to West Yorkshire County Scout Council and The Scout Association UK based on the most recent census figures.

RISKS

The Trustees have examined all identifiable potential risks to which they believe The Group may be exposed. They have been unable to identify any such risks.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis consistent with the previous year and represent the year starting 01 January 2013 through to 31 December 2013. The accounts were approved by the trustees on the 28th April 2014 and are signed on their behalf by

Les Benton
Group Chairman

Derek Manley
Group Treasurer

Andrew Manley
(Group Scout Leader)