



# Annual Report

## and Accounts 2017/18

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# Welcome from the Chair

## A Year Of...

...**Adventure and change**. Scouting nationally has undergone a re-branding and published its Vision 2023 in February this year – **Skills for Life** – on which there is more to be found later in this report. Locally, our Young Members have been as busy (if not busier) than ever this year. From taking part in the annual coastal walk to bag-packing in order to raise funds they have also taken part in Chamboree, Wingding and other camps along the way, as well as enjoying a packed programme of weekly activities and weekend events. We held a joint Group camp with the 29<sup>th</sup> Wallasey Scout Group and our Scouts enjoyed Christmas dinner on camp at the 1<sup>st</sup> Frankby and Greasby headquarters. The group have acquired an allotment too, which is a work in progress. I won't say any more about the section's activities as you can read about their adventures under the section's reports on the following pages.

Two of our Scouts, Tamzin and Callum (*Callum is now a member of Wallasey Explorer Unit*) were successful in their applications to join two other Wallasey representatives attending the World Scout Jamboree in North America next year. They will be joined by Debbie Stevens (a.k.a. Tic Tac) who was also successful in applying to be on the International Service Team.

The Group are now one of only a few in the country to have a Group Chaplain. The Reverend Dr. Steve Langford is Minister of Serpentine Road Family Church and was invested in his new role at our AGM in the Church last Autumn. As Chaplain, Steve is available to help any young member, leader or adult connected with the group.

One of our Young Leaders, David, successfully applied to become a member of the National Scout and Guide Concert Band and spent a week in July rehearsing and performing in and around Birmingham. Another of our Young Leaders, Emily, continues to shadow Andy as part of the "Wear My Necker" project and gives a voice to the Young Members and Young Leaders on the Executive Committee. You can read more about what she and the other Young Leaders have been up to later.

One of the potential downsides of being Group Chair is that the role doesn't necessarily mean that I would get to spend time with our young members as the role is administrative. I certainly didn't want to be solely a committee person, so I have been lucky enough to get involved with many weekly activities and see how much fun there is to be had.

### The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee are the "decision makers" of the Group Council. There have been a number of changes to the structure of the committee this year, with changes in the Trustees who have a greater responsibility in law for continuing the good governance of the Group. Other Committee members are welcome to join as Non-Trustees, who will continue to provide a valuable input for the Group, but who won't hold the same responsibilities or voting rights as the Group Trustees.

This year has also seen a streamlining of the committee, which has reduced the number of Leaders by their only needing to be one from each section attending. This is in line with Scouting policy, and we hope the change very much allows our Leaders to focus their time on delivering the Programme aspect of Scouting to create more opportunities for our young members.

The Fundraising Sub-Committee has been re-formed with the intention to find new ways of raising much needed income and therefore keep subs as low as possible. The General Data Protection Regulations came into law in May affecting every business and organisation in Europe. Andy has undertaken the enormous job of getting the group compliant which has meant changes to our privacy policy, subscription to Office 365 for leaders and committee, as well as mandatory training for all our adult volunteers. Some of these changes have been key in our decision to change the Group Constitution, which has now been approved by the Committee.

As you will have seen, the role of Group Treasurer is vacant and open to applicants. Ideally, we would also like expand the Committee over the next year to ensure we have representation from at least one Cub parent and one Beaver parent.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their help and support this year, the adult volunteers for their hard work week in week out, you, the parents and guardians of our young members without whom our Group couldn't exist, and Andy for his continued drive to move the group forward. We are in a good shape to follow the new Scout strategy through to 2023. Here's to the next five years.



**Mike Noyce**  
Group Chair

# The Group Chaplain

## Serpentine Road Family Church – More Than Just A Home for Our Scouting

The first year of any new role, or position, is one of settling in and learning the routines and characters of the organisation. In respect of the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey, this has primarily meant learning names and roles. As remembering names is not my strongest suit, please forgive me if we have been introduced at some time in the past and later I have to ask you to remind me of your name.

This aside, settling in has also meant participating in some of the activities that the 12<sup>th</sup> offer, and I have participated in a Group Sleepover, been Crazy Golfing with the Beaver Scouts and attended a Christmas dinner at a Winter camp with the Scouts. However, one of the highlights of this year was being invited to bless the Wirral Gang Show. This was a real privilege and was only marred by the fact that due to other commitments I had to leave after half an hour of the final dress rehearsal. What I saw was fabulous and I wish I had been able to see it all the way through.

In addition to participating in the life of the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey, my role also involves building relationships between the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey and Serpentine Road Family Church. While I think it is true to say that the relationship between the Church and the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey has always been good, I am aware that such relationships take commitment. With this in mind I have committed myself to attending the Group Executive Meetings and regularly popping in on a Monday evening to see leaders, young people and children alike. Perhaps the nature of the current relationship between the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey and the Church is best illustrated by the fact that during the summer one of the Young Leaders felt able to approach me to ask if they could, as part of the National Citizenship Programme, use the church premises to host an afternoon tea for isolated people. I felt extremely privileged that the Young Leader felt able to ask, and was delighted to say yes.

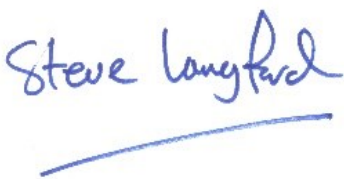
Having said all of this, I am aware that my primary role as Chaplain is to provide spiritual and pastoral support to members of the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey and associated family members. In this respect progress has been slow. This is as it should be. Accepting pastoral support and spiritual guidance only comes with trust and trust is built over time.

As well as taking time, trust in pastoral and spiritual care is also built on a foundation of confidentiality. In this respect I can assure you that any conversations that we have in private remain confidential. What is more, my email address [chaplain@12thwallasey.org](mailto:chaplain@12thwallasey.org) is also totally confidential. In addition to providing a confidential email address I have, as part of my role within the church, just begun a regular Pastoral Surgery. This Pastoral Surgery is open to members of 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey and their associated family members. Like an MP's surgery, a Pastoral Surgery provides an opportunity for a private face to face conversation. Although, generally speaking the Pastoral Surgery will be open twice a month on a Friday between 2 and 4pm, I am always happy to find a more convenient time to talk through any issues you are facing.

With the settling in period drawing to a close I am looking forward to the year to come where, I hope, my role as chaplain will become more defined. In this respect I offer these four commitments:

1. To continue popping in on a Monday evening to chat to Leaders, young people and children alike
2. To an increased participation in the events hosted by the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey
3. To continue to develop the relationship between Serpentine Road Family Church and the 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey
4. To provide confidential pastoral support to members of 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey and associated family members.

Finally, and with all I have said in mind, thank you for appointing me as Chaplain to 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey. It has, and continues to be a privilege to serve you in a pastoral and spiritual capacity.



**Revd. Dr Steve Langford**  
**Group Chaplain & Minister of Serpentine Road Family Church**

# Review of Scouting for All

## The Scout Association 2014-18 strategy

In 2014, we committed to grow, become more inclusive, more youth shaped and to make a bigger impact in our communities by 2018. Thanks to the fantastic work of all our members we have made great progress.

### Growth

Our Scouting succeeds when we offer opportunities to as many young people as possible. The key to this growth is our recruitment of adult volunteers to provide inspiring programmes, all supported by our Section Leaders, who in turn are supported by our Executive Committee Members, and other Adult Helpers.

Year on year we have grown since 2014, seeing small fluctuations between Youth and Adult members, but overall have grown to become the largest group in Wallasey. Whilst we have to accept certain factors that require us to limit the maximum capacity of young members within each section, we will however continue to fill vacant spaces to maintain the Young Member numbers at the maximum 75. Where we have grown, and will continue to grow, is with our adult members, now at 30, with another half dozen or more wanting to sign up as Helpers or in other roles. We know we can do more though, especially around ensuring all of the adult members play an active part in our activities and adventures; something we will aim to achieve through better communication.

We should be proud of our achievements, especially those of the Section Leaders who deliver a programme that keep our Young Members returning week in week out, with many more also wanting to join our adventure and on waiting lists.

### Youth Shaped

Our Scouting works better when our young people shape their experiences and take part in the decision making, something we have always known but now more actively promote and record our outcomes surrounding this activity.

We have had some considerable success with our #YouShape programme of activities, seeing all sections engaging with young members to assist in designing a programme of activities, events and camps that meets with their dreams and aspirations. Whether this has been through Beaver or Cub huddles, to Scout Forums, each of our young members have made their voices heard, have been listened to, and have shaped their Scouting.

Further success with our Youth Shaped Scouting has been seen with our engaging in the 'Wear Their Necker' project, which puts young people into decision-making positions, and encourages adults to hear their views. One of our Young Leaders, Emily, has chosen to continue with wearing the GSL's Necker in her wish to learn all about group management. This has seen her engage in Group Executive Meetings, Leaders Meetings, and her activities will now continue as she begins to get to grips with learning some elements of Group administration.

### Inclusivity

Scouting nationally continues to become more reflective of the diversity within our society, and we can pride ourselves in being a group that is open to all.

Around 25% of our current members have a disability or health condition and we work closely to support and ensure they are all fully able to participate, offering flexibilities where necessary. Many of our Leaders have also undertaken specialist training to better understand certain conditions, such as ADHD, which helps ensure we can adapt to the needs of individuals.

Interestingly though, whilst nationally the number of females in Scouting has grown we have seen a drop in female young member, when in 2014, 49% of our youth membership were female but in 2017 this was just 20%. Something we will continue to work on in the hope of returning to a more balanced mix of boys and girls.

Whilst we do have some representation from minority and ethnic backgrounds, we know that more needs to be done to ensure we are seen to be a Group who are **open to all**, and one who readily invites all of our members to learn about, respect and experience different cultures, beliefs and backgrounds.

### Community Impact

Our community impact is perhaps something we should consciously do more to specifically measure, and seek feedback on in respect of what we do, who we do it for, and who we do it with, right throughout our community.

Our immediate community is the family we call Scouts, and the impact we have on you all is measured in many ways by you returning week in and week out, but also by your participation in events like The Coastal Walk, Bag Packing in Morrisons, signing up to events that support our members attending the World Scout Jamboree, and so on. But it's more than that, our immediate community expands to include Serpentine Road Family Church, the home of our Scouting adventures, with its members who are headed by our very own Group Chaplain Revd. Dr Steve Langford. We share a great many activities and events with Serpentine Road Family Church and its wider community, and over the past few years this is a relationship that has flourished seeing us collectively work together on events such as Summer Fairs, Church Parades, Church Weekends and more. We have also supported our wider Scouting community, helping other Groups and providing joint adventures to help other leaders. But perhaps we don't record all of what we do because we just do it... we support our community locally, nationally and internationally.



# Skills for Life

## Our plan to prepare better futures 2018-2023

This year the Scout Association launched its vision for 2023, and in line with the vision for Merseyside Scouts and Wallasey District, this is how that vision translates to our Group.

### Our vision

By 2023 we will have prepared more young people with skills for life, supported by amazing leaders delivering an inspiring programme.

We will be growing, more inclusive, shaped by young people and making a bigger impact in our communities.

### Our mission

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### Our values

We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs.

### Our goals

By delivering this plan we will achieve the following goals against our four objectives:

#### Growth

- Maintain Youth members at our maximum levels
- Seek to recruit and retain More Occasional Helpers, Section Assistants
- Recruit Executive Committee Members
- Maintain Young Leaders in all sections

#### Inclusivity

- Work to ensure our volunteers reflect the demographics of our society
- Work to increase the number of female young members
- Continue to encourage people of all abilities and from all backgrounds to join the adventure and

#### Youth Shaped

- Ensure all of our sections continue empowering our young members with opportunities to shape their Scouting
- Increase the numbers of our young people achieving top awards
- Expand upon the 'Wear Their Necker' project to include more young members taking part.

#### Community Impact

- Look at ways to measure our community impact more
- Give our young people opportunities to learn more about their local, national and international community and help them to make a positive impact in their own community
- Expand upon our work with the Church Community and other Scout Groups

### Our three pillars of work

To support the Group to achieve these objectives, we will focus on three pillars of work:

#### Programme

A fun, enjoyable, high quality programme consistently delivered and supported by simple (digital) tools.

#### People

More, well trained, better supported and motivated adult volunteers, and more young people from diverse backgrounds.

#### Perception

Scouting is understood, more visible, trusted, respected and widely seen as playing a key role in society today.

To learn more about Vision 2023, please visit: <https://scouts.org.uk/about-us/strategy/vision-for-2023>

# Our Sections

## Activities & Adventures over the past year



Well, what an exciting year the Beavers at the 12<sup>th</sup> have had. We started off welcoming our new young members and taking on board Youth Shaped Activities by asking our Beavers what their wishes were for the coming year and then for the Beaver programme to include as many of those wishes as possible, which meant in the Autumn term we did Crazy Golf, had Pirate and Superhero nights, made lanterns and jumping elves and many of our young Beavers delivered letters for Scout Post.

In the Spring our Beavers participated in a Million Hands by doing activities with Relax Kids and Charlotte from the Dame Kelly Trust, we discovered how to recognise and deal with our feelings through play and relaxation. We had a visit from the Lowland Rescue and discovered how Merseyside Rescue teams help our community with their rescues. We finished off our term with a Badge and presentation evening recognising the hard work of all the Beavers.

In the Summer term, more wishes were included in the programme, with a snowball fight in June, a bake-off making cupcakes in a cup, learning to cook outdoors using Trangia stoves, and of course a water fight or two.

The Beavers also participated in St George's day activities at Bubbles world of play and a District day out at Brimstage Maze with about 250 other Beavers and Cubs from Wallasey. We have had many different adventures by visiting the Butterfly Park, the Black Pearl, Vale Park, as well as canoeing and sailing at the Wallasey Boathouse. The Beaver Leaders were super proud of all the Beavers who walked in the costal walk and helped with bag packing.

The Beaver team are looking forward to new wishes for this coming year, we have already welcomed 9 new members, and have started planning a sleepover, a trip to Royden park and more adventures for the spring and the summer.

And finally... We cannot do this without the enthusiasm of all the Beavers .... You guys are amazing!!!!!!

**The Beaver Leaders - Sunshine, Keeo, Rainbow and Tic-Tac**



Well the cubs have been busy this past year, which started off with a crazy golf competition with a large number of holes in ones and a lot of missing golf balls. Then we enjoyed a joint Superhero night with the beavers, all dressing up and strutting their Superhero stuff down the catwalk, and showing off their wild imagination with some inventive weapons ready to save the city whenever called.

Cubs have been improving their knowledge on First Response too, learning to treat burns and scalds and deal with open wounds or broken limbs - so we are in capable hands when it comes to their first aid skills. A group of courageous cubs attended the District activity day gaining their International badge by taking part in activities about different countries. The Remembrance Sleepover was an adventurous one too, visiting Croxteth Park, where the Cubs got up close with the sneaky meercats, and fed the other animals, all before bedding down to an action-packed film ahead of their attendance at Church Parade on the Sunday. Cubs also explored their World Challenge, and amongst other things had a visit from our Muslim friends who spoke about their religion, culture and clothing.

Sixers weekend was in Blackpool, with highlights being a climb to the top of Tower and a run around Jungle Jim's. St George's Day saw the Cubs renew their promise after an exciting day of adventure at Bubbles with all the other Cubs & Beavers in Wallasey. We also tried our best to lose the cubs in the Brimstage Maize Maze, hunting for dinosaurs, and failed. Cubs have worked on their Athletes Badge, and Exploration Challenge at the Butterfly Park, but the Cubs biggest and best Adventure of the year has to be Wingding, with them all taking part in a huge range of activities including bouncy castles, the craft tent, remote control car racing, fairground rides, tug of war competitions, movies and hot-dogs, with it all being finished off with a massive disco to end an amazing camp.

A massive **BRAVO** to all the cubs who have put their hearts and mind to all the activities they have taken part in this past year, and not forgetting a huge thanks to all the Leaders and Young Leaders for all of their help this past year in making Cubs truly brilliant!

**The Cub Leaders - Akela, Jackie & Sue**

# Our Sections

## Activities & Adventures over the past year

### SCOUTS

It's been another exciting year in the scout section with all young members working towards activity badges, staged and challenge awards. At the November sleepover, we enjoyed a visit to the Western Approaches War Museum in Liverpool and a few weeks later Christmas Camp at Thurstaston, learning basic orienteering skills on a hike where we invested Lauren as a Leader, whilst overlooking the River Dee. We also attended an NHS careers day which was a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into the different roles within the NHS – the scouts had the opportunity of experiencing what it feels like to be in the body of a patient – they struggled!!! We also took part in the Wallasey District Crazy Golf evening, with nobody getting a hole-in-one this year, despite what some might claim!!!

We sadly said goodbye to 8 of our older Scouts, who all achieved their Chief Scout Gold Award with their final Challenge being a joint Exploration of Tatton Park in February – this is a fantastic achievement & we wish them many more exciting adventures as Explorer Scouts. The group has been a lot quieter since though!!! That is until we welcomed our new scouts, too many to mention – Akela, stop sending them up ☺.

The finale of the year has to be Chamboree – WOW, what a week it was. This truly was such an amazing one-off opportunity for the Scouts to enjoy, which they will remember for the rest of their lives, as we will as leaders. We are very privileged to literally watch them grow and mature inside the space of a week, seeing friendships blossom and watching them face new challenges, both physically and mentally. On that note, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to every single one of you for taking part in all the fundraising activities that took place throughout the year to help make this happen, from the quiz night to the race night and the coastal walk! A massive THANK YOU must go to Daniel's Dad, Mat and the Cherry Tree Shopping Centre, who supported our Chamboree fundraising with a considerable donation!

THANK YOU – we couldn't do this without your continued support or without your turning up each week!

The Scout Leaders – Steve, Carla and Lauren

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### EXPLORERS - Young Leaders

It's safe to say that this year has been full of exciting opportunities for all of the young leaders across all sections. From Christmas Camp to the Coastal Walk, Wingdings to the War Museum, I know I can speak for everyone when I say we enjoyed every minute of it. However, the thing that some of you may not be aware of is that the role of a Young Leader includes a lot more than just turning up on a Monday night and helping out at camps, there is so much more to it than that!

Personally, I have been involved in the "Wear Their Necker" project, where I have been shadowing Andy's role as the GSL attending both Leaders Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings. In doing this I feel I now have a greater appreciation for the amount of work and planning that makes all the activities possible. So, I have decided to continue wearing Hawkeye's necker for another year in the hopes I can begin to learn the role of the GSL at a District and County level as well as in the group.

In the summer, David spent a week in Birmingham performing as part of the National Scout and Guide Concert Band, an experience he described as "Incredible and well worth going on." I think it's fair to say he was kept busy with 8 hours of rehearsals per day for the 5 performances the band did over the week. When they weren't rehearsing David and his band members took part in: a variety of team building games, a talent show and even found time for a water fight!

To finish off I thought I'd give you a brief insight into what we do as Explorers when we're not being Young Leaders as I know that many of the Scouts will be looking to progress up in the not so distant future. This year I completed my Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition which was an extremely rewarding (all be it tiring) weekend. We also took a night out to Break Out in Liverpool where all the teams successfully managed to "break out". As well as this we attended two larger camps: Moot, a weekend jam packed with playing and partying rounded off nicely by getting muddy in the Super Mooter! And Chamboree, which is without a doubt my most favourite camp as the atmosphere created is so unique and beautiful as young people from around the world gather in one place for a week of amazing activities and although our languages and cultures may be very different we are all united with our love of Scouting.

With that love of Scouting in mind I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Leaders, Occasional Helpers, Exec Members and Church Members without whom none of this would be possible. Here's to another year full of adventure!

Emily

Explorer Scout Young Leader – 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey



# The Group Scout Leader

## A Year of Changes & Exciting Adventure

**Scouts changes lives**, and does so by offering young people, irrespective of background, fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact within our community. Each week, our young people are given the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future. Skills like teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We believe in bringing people together, and we should all be extremely proud of our achievements.

As we transition from Vision 2018 and 'Scouting for All' to the Association's **Vision 2023** we focus on preparing more young people with **Skills For Life**, supported by our amazing leaders who deliver an inspiring programme.

We have continued growing, are more inclusive, and our decisions are shaped by young people who all make a massive impact in our community. We can be proud to say we are a values-based movement. Our **Scout values** of integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation guide everything we do and our impact addresses some of the biggest challenges that our communities face today. A measure of our achievements comes in **Merseyside Scouts being awarded Freedom of the City of Liverpool**... in recognition of the immeasurable contribution that Merseyside Scouts has made to communities across the County.

Our Group's participation in the **Million Hands** initiative has seen all of our young members playing their part in nationally mobilising half a million Scouts to support one of four social issues, and Mental Wellbeing and Resilience was the issue chosen by our young people, who have engaged in some inspiring activities to raise awareness, develop their knowledge and skills, which in turn has helped them to become more resilient in themselves, and more able to support each other.

We increased our intake of work for the **Wirral Charity Post**; which not only supports our group and others across Wirral, but makes significant grants available to many Wirral based charities and community groups. This would not have been possible without the continued support of our Leaders, Parents and Young Members; and, for the first-time last Christmas we had support from our Chaplain and members of **Serpentine Road Family Church**. But together we did even more – the **Parade Services**, the **Wirral Coastal Walk**, and our coming together for **Carols in the Garden**, the **Bag Packs**, and willing parent volunteers all helping with the new Group **Allotment**... these are just some of the things we have achieved together.

**Youth Shaped** Scouting isn't a new concept, as we've been empowering young people to decide, design and implement their own programmes and experiences for many years. However, we are more focused on supporting more young people to engage in decision making and in taking ownership; where they would like to. It has been quite inspiring to have young members engaging with myself and the Group Executive committee, and providing a truly valid contribution to our decision making.

As well as managing the launch of the **Skills for Life** strategy, which has been underpinned by The Scout Association's **New Brand**, the Group has continued its own review to ensure we are focusing our efforts on supporting 'our **programme**', whilst also investing in 'our **people**' and developing 'our **perception**'. **GDPR** and a revision of our **Group Constitution** have seen us implementing changes in the way we perform our administration; requiring all of our adult members to adapt to new operating systems such as **Office 365** and **Online Scout Manager (OSM)** – digital tools that will begin to improve how we manage the Group, and administer the programme of fun and adventure we deliver. With this, has come considerable work being undertaken with a review of our own Group Policies, Procedures and Constitution, so a very busy year indeed.

The best use of my time though, has to be joining in the fun and being active in delivering the adventurous experiences for all of our young members. What a privilege it has been to do this at many of the weekly section meetings; especially so in working with the leadership teams to help Beaver Scouts learn how to cook on Trangia Stoves, help deliver a weekend camp at **WingDing** for our Cubs, and help in providing a week-long camp at **Chamboree** for our Scouts. A memorable highlight from Chamboree comes from our distributing around a thousand Josh Pegs, including getting one to Bear Grylls who then later tweeted about it.

It truly is a great privilege and honour to lead 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey at this time. All of our Adult and Young Members are an incredible inspiration and motivate me to do more, and make it even better. What we do would not be possible however without the team of incredible Leaders we have - they transform lives – or without our Young Members who we do all of this for.

My sincere thanks must go out to each and every one of our young members and adults for yet another amazing year!



**Andrew Pickersgill (aka – Hawkeye)**  
Group Scout Leader

# Our Finances

## Reporting on the financial year 2017/18

### Financial Review

The Group accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable and relevant to the recommendations of The Scout Association.

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Group remains below the threshold in relation to its gross annual income, and therefore there has been no requirement to have the accounts independently examined or audited.

#### Review

In April of 2017 the transitioning and handover of the Group Accounts commenced from our outgoing Treasurer, Steve Winter, to Barbara Poole, with full control being with Barbara from September 2017. However, quite unforeseen were the increased demands in Barbara's other voluntary activities with the Church, meaning she could not carry out the functions as Group Treasurer with the full attention she would wish to give to the role. Barbara therefore decided it best to step down as Group Treasurer at the end of May 2018.

During her time as Treasurer, Barbara was able to draw our attention to small improvements we could make to ensure we worked to a greater level of compliance, and was a valued member of the Executive Team who will be missed. Barbara still remains an Occasional Helper with the Group, and will continue to help out when and where she can, and we must thank her for her valued input and support within this financial year.

#### Moving Forwards

The Group Scout Leader, Andrew, assumed immediate control of the Group Accounts and Finances whilst we seek a replacement, and he has worked on finalising the full review. However, it is with considerable thanks to Steve Winter, who has worked exceptionally hard to coordinate and finalise the Group's year end accounts for 2017/18. Steve's work has allowed Andrew to work closely with Carla Sherlock (ASL & Accountant) who is supporting the Group's implementation of Sage One Accounting; a digital accounts software that will allow us to automate many of the current manual processes taking place.

Additionally, the review has highlighted the need for, and the Executive Committee have approved, our upgrading and consolidating two of the existing bank accounts held. The upgrade to a new bank account will provide us with online banking, with much greater access to our account information in real time. As we progress through the 2018/19 financial year we are confident that by year end we will:

- Have all accounts operating through Sage One
- Have all spending recorded on OSM invoices
- Have a new bank account with online banking
- Be able to provide end of year invoices to all parents

### Financial Highlights

Scouting at 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey continues to experience a difficult economic situation, no different to other Groups and similar organisations, as we face increased input costs, along with reduced investment returns and have for many years presented a resistance to make increases in the charges being made. Just some of the increased costs have included:

- 14.5% increase in 2018 to Capitation fees - rising from £48 to £55 per young member (and rising in real terms by 38% since 2015).
- 40% increase in certain Scouting costs, on items such as Badges, Certificates etc.
- 20% (average) increases in Camp Fees and on-site Adventurous Activities charges

These are just some examples, and we cannot escape the general economic increases to the cost of a great many resources that make up our Group expenditure; all of which go toward ensuring we can continue to deliver Scouting. However, our resistance to present real term costs, instead ensuring Group funds subsidise events and activities, has created a slow depletion in the funds available for these to continue to provide any meaningful level of support; whilst also ensuring the Groups other expenses are being maintained. This means that for the foreseeable future many events and activities will have to be costed and accounted for at the real price, without any built-in subsidies from Group finances; yet the Group Executive will continue to review this and support the section leaders in their financial decision making.

**We can celebrate** some considerable efforts in respect of our fundraising this year though, and with enormous thanks to all of the adults and young members who took part in some of this year's fundraising activities, which have included:

- Wirral Charity Post (Scout Post)
- Wirral Coastal Walk (Scouts walked for Chamboree)
- Bag Pack – Morrisons
- Chamboree Specific Fundraising:
  - Race Night
  - Quiz Night

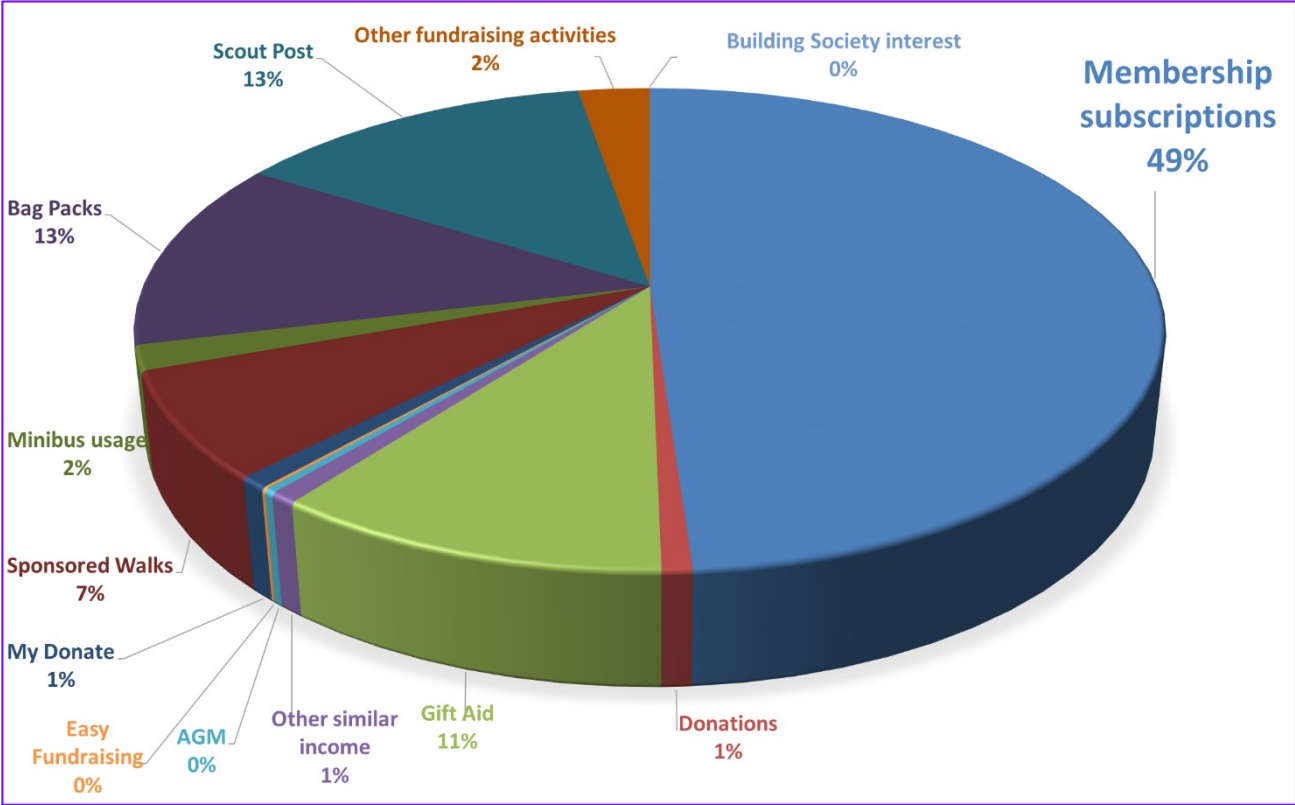
The Group's Trustees will continue applying careful stewardship to all operational aspects of the Group's finances, with a view to ensuring we maintain the lowest costs possible for our young members and their families.

Additionally, a review of the Group's property and equipment assets will also be taking place, specifically on items such as the minibus and trailer, and where possible grant funding will be sourced to ensure any fundraising by young members and parents goes directly towards events and activities, and not on kit replacements. We will also continue to maximise the opportunity to raise funds by means other than increasing subscriptions and general charges, and will consult with all members of the Group Council where necessary.

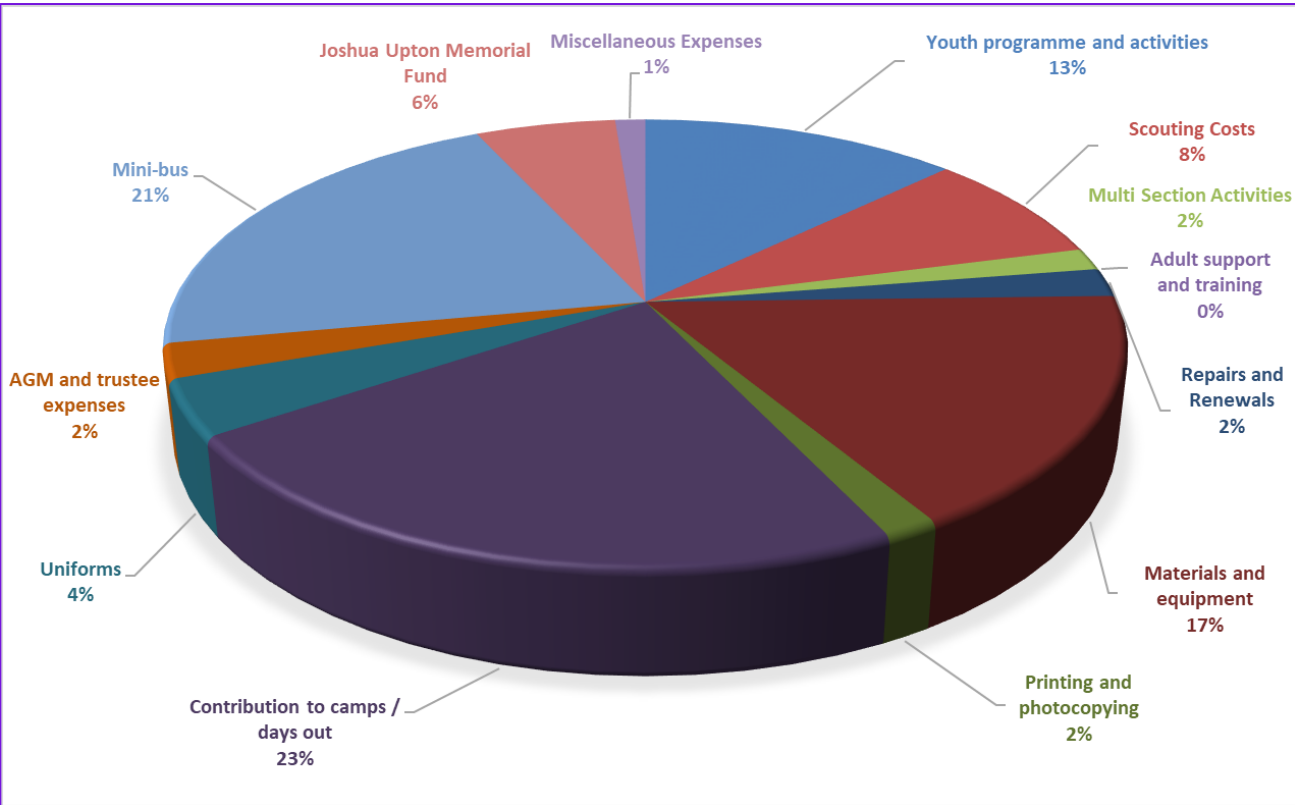
# Our Finances

## Continued - Reporting on the financial year 2017/18

### Group Income Comparisons – 2017/18



### Group Expenditure Comparisons – 2017/18



# The Accounts 2017/18

## 12th Wallasey Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2017	To	31/03/2018
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### Receipts and payments

	2016/17 Unrestricted funds £	2017/18 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	£ 6,614.40	£ 6,925.20
LESS: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District) <b>See Note 1</b>	£ 150.70	£ 8,035.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	£ 6,463.70	-£ 1,109.80
Donations	£ 50.00	£ 115.00
Legacies		
Gift Aid	£ 1,368.19	£ 1,512.01
Other similar income		£ 108.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 7,881.89</b>	<b>£ 625.21</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenance grant		
Other grants		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
AGM	£ 64.00	£ 41.60
Easy Fundraising	£ 15.98	£ 17.22
My Donate		£ 111.64
Sponsored Walks	£ 1,461.00	£ 1,014.40
Minibus usage	£ 637.00	£ 235.00
Bag Packs		£ 1,806.16
Scout Post <b>See Note 2</b>	£ 3,567.67	£ 4,602.90
Other fundraising activities	£ 2,596.98	£ 376.51
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 8,342.63</b>	<b>£ 8,205.43</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	£ -	£ -
Building Society interest	£ 1.44	£ 0.58
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ 0.12	£ -
Property Rent income		
Other investment income		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 1.56</b>	<b>£ 0.58</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>£ 16,226.08</b>	<b>£ 8,831.22</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£ 16,226.08</b>	<b>£ 8,831.22</b>

# 12th Wallasey Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2017	To	31/03/2018
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### Receipts and payments

	2016/17 Unrestricted funds £	2017/18 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	£ 970.84	£ 1,024.12
Scouting Costs	£ 493.42	£ 649.06
Multi Section Activities	£ 380.88	£ 127.38
Adult support and training	£ 183.45	£ -
Donation to church towards building usage	£ -	
Water and Sewerage	n/a	
Electricity and Gas	n/a	
Insurance	£ 587.35	
Repairs and Renewals	£ 594.20	£ 164.77
Materials and equipment	£ 1,623.48	£ 1,345.18
Printing and photocopying	£ 213.56	£ 124.76
Contribution to camps / days out <span style="color: red;">See Note 3</span>	£ 3,820.58	£ 1,811.73
Uniforms	£ 94.15	£ 322.28
AGM and trustee expenses		£ 198.39
Mini-bus <span style="color: red;">See Note 4</span>	£ 1,382.67	£ 1,687.45
Joshua Upton Memorial Fund	£ 3,832.27	£ 452.17
Web Hosting	£ 72.40	
Miscellaneous Expenses	£ 51.78	£ 97.39
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 14,301.03</b>	<b>£ 8,004.68</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
Coastal Walk	£ -	
Scout Post <span style="color: red;">See Note 2</span>	£ 1,981.80	£ 2,700.20
Christmas Draw		
Other fundraising costs		£ -
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 1,981.80</b>	<b>£ 2,700.20</b>
 <b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	 <b>£ 16,282.83</b>	 <b>£ 10,704.88</b>
 <b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>		
 <b>Total payments</b>	 <b>£ 16,282.83</b>	 <b>£ 10,704.88</b>
 <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	 <b>-£56.75</b>	 <b>-£ 1,873.66</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>£ -</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>-£56.75</b>	<b>-£ 1,873.66</b>



# Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

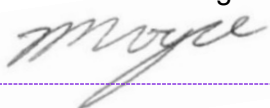
	31/03/2017 Unrestricted funds £	31/03/2018 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	£ 6,862.22	£3,440.38
Bank deposit account	£ 873.15	£873.73
Building society account		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ 1,069.09	£1,069.09
Cash/Floats <b>See Note 5</b>	-£ 923.96	£623.64
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£ 7,880.50</b>	<b>£6,006.84</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock		-
Shop stock		-
Other stock		-
Land and buildings		-
Motor vehicles <b>See Note 6</b>		-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc <b>See Note 6</b>		-
Other		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	£3,550.00	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		-
Subscriptions not yet paid		-
Loan - detail		-
Other liabilities		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£3,550.00</b>	<b>-</b>

## Contingent liabilities and future obligations

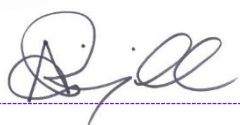
The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on XXth X 2018 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name



Mike Noyce - Chair



Andrew Pickersgill - Acting Treasurer

## Accounts 2017/18 Notes:

1. Membership Subscriptions for 2017, which would have usually been paid in February were not paid until June 2017. This resulted in 2017 & 2018 Membership Subscriptions showing in the 17/18 financial year.
2. Scout Post Income needs to be compared with Expenditure. Whilst we bank the money from the sale of stamps, this has to be returned in full to the Scout Post.
3. Contributions to camps & days out has reduced significantly due to the volume of activities being less, as well as the Group's surplus for such being significantly less than previous years.
4. Minibus - whilst a significant expense, without this vehicle we would need to consider the hiring of a vehicle to tow or transport equipment to and from camps/activities; in addition, young members without transport may not have attended any number of activities. However, the Group Minibus is under review by the Executive Committee
5. Cash/Float for 2018 has been assumed, as no actual audit of current monies held took place.
6. Group Assets will be set up in the new accounting system and a separate report will be included in the 18/19 report.



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