



**Scouts**  
5<sup>th</sup> Peterborough  
(Central) Khidma



# Annual Report

June 2024

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#SkillsForLife

# Annual Accounts

## Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

Charity Name: 5<sup>th</sup> Peterborough (Central)

Charity's principal address: 10 Lombardy Drive, Peterborough, PE1 3TF

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year
Nazia Hussain	Chair	January to May – Chair May to December - Trustee
Maysun Aboo	Chair	May to December
Zara Nargis	Secretary	
Sahdia Noreen	Treasurer	
Fozia Shah	Group Lead Volunteer	
Shaheen Akhtar		
Shama Akhtar		May to December

### Description of the charity's trusts.

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 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.

#### Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 10 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

#### Risk and Internal control

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

#### 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.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate 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
- make and live by their Promise.

The group have been involved in many activities to achieve these objectives which are discussed in the section leaders reports.

Public benefit statement

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.

**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 Trustee Board will be meeting to discuss the amount that should be held this coming year.

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)



Full Name(s)

Fozia Shah	Sahdia Noreen
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Position

Group Lead Volunteer	Treasurer
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Date: 10/06/2024

## Receipts and payments account

Year start  
date

Year end date

For the year from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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## Receipts and payments

2023/23  
Unrestricted  
funds  
£2022/2022  
Unrestricted  
funds  
£

## Receipts

<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	4,189	1,440
Donations	796	-
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Transfer from District (previous banking)		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,985</b>	<b>1,440</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	350
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>Fundraising events (gross)</b>		
General	1,520	250
Beavers	353	290
Cubs	553	-
Other fundraising activities	2	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income/adjustment	-	162
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>7,412.96</b>	<b>2,492</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>		-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,412.96</b>	<b>2,492</b>

For the year from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
	<b>2023/23</b>		<b>2022/2022</b>
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>

**Payments**

<b>Charitable Payments</b>			
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	977		-
Youth programme and activities	-		-
Adult support and training	-		-
Rent	447		53
Water and Sewerage	-		-
Electricity and Gas	-		-
Insurance	-		-
Repairs and Renewals	-		-
Materials and equipment	1,023		-
Printing and photocopying	-		-
Contribution to camp costs	-		-
Uniforms and badges	397		263
AGM and trustee expenses	145		37
Expenses card balances			-
Other costs detail 2	-		-
Other costs detail 3	-		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,988</b>		<b>354</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>			
Beavers	905		662
Cubs	660		-
			-
Other fundraising costs			30
	-		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,565</b>		<b>692</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>4,553</b>		<b>1,045</b>
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-		-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,553</b>		<b>1,045</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,860</b>		<b>1,447</b>
Cash funds last year end	2,587		1,140
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,446.57</b>		<b>2,586.72</b>

For the year from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/12/2023 Unrestricted funds £	31/12/2022 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	5,320	2,587
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats/Expenses Cards	126	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,446.57</b>	<b>2,587</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</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	485	300
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>2,887</b>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 10th June 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

Fozia Shah Group Lead Volunteer
Sahdia Noreen Treasurer

**Notes:**

1 - Adjustment in 2022 figures - this has been included as an income as the total held and transferred by the district at the start of 2023 (cash funds from 2022) exceeded the value declared in last year's accounts

2 - The group operates expenses cards for leaders - this money is transferred from the main group account and is held in an independent bank system until needed. At the end of the year £126.08 was held in this account.

**Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of****5<sup>th</sup> Peterborough (Central) Scout Group**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer**

As the Group'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 constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 5 to 8 of the annual report.

**Scrutineer's Statement**

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

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 Address: 21 Brookland Road,  
 Northampton,  
 Northamptonshire.  
 NN1 4SN  
 Date: 31/5/24



# BEAVERS

It has been an amazing year for Beavers, full of laughter and growth. Over the last year (April 2023-March 2024) the Beavers met every Thursday 4:45-5:45pm. We have 2 Assistant leaders and 3 Young leaders supporting our colony.

At the beginning of the year, we had Beavers swimming up to cubs and new beavers joining us, so we started the year with 24 Beavers. At present we have 18 Beavers Scouts.

Since last year we have been working on the My Skills, Teamwork and My World Challenge badges. We have learnt so much and had so much fun! We have had a variety of experiences from inventing a machine, making seed bombs, building structures, making some yummy food and learning about safety in the home and outside and money and saving.

The Beavers colony participated in many activities in line with the following Activity Badges:

- International Badge
- Builder Badge
- Safety Badge
- Cook Badge
- Book Reader Badge
- Experiment Badge
- Creative Badge
- Healthy and Fitness Badge
- Money Skills Badge
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We visited the local Fire Station when completing our Safety Badge. We talked about Palestine and reflected on the situation this spurred the group to collect £1163.75 in donations for Gaza for Islamic Relief!

During the autumn, the Muslim Scouts Forum held its Olympics in Sheffield, during which the Beavers competed against other groups across the country. Our group of Beavers had a wonderful experience, and we brought home gold and bronze medals as a result.

Some Beavers also attended the Winter Space Camp which was a fantastic experience! They made their beds, washed their dishes and learnt about constellations!! It was cold but we had so much fun building a fire, singing songs around the campfire and having roasted marshmallows and smores!

It is important that parents take advantage of these opportunities. The Beavers can witness their connection to a large community of Scouts.

We took a break for Ramadan, but the Beavers were still working on earning their Skills Challenge Badges. We also participated in the successful Iftar under the Stars event.

As a part of our award system, we have been recognizing good behaviour and encouraging beavers to do better. The 'Beaver of the Week' award has been working well as it is a good way to recognize good behaviour. Nibbles, our Beavers' mascot, is awarded to the Beaver who has really demonstrated the promise. The Beaver records the fun they have had that week and reports back to our group.

We also encourage Beavers to always be in their full uniform, and we do this by awarding points to each lodge whose Beaver does this. Our uniform gives everyone at Beavers a sense of belonging. Wearing a uniform is comfortable and practical. It means no one feels uncomfortable or left out, and it helps everyone feel part of the group. Please ensure your child is in uniform.

For the children to get the most out of the session, please ensure that they attend regularly, and for sessions they miss, it would be good to make up the requirements for badges at home. For those who miss sessions, they also miss out on completing badge requirements and so do not receive certain badges.

As we do have an extensive waiting list, if your child misses more than 3 sessions a term (without a valid reason) they will have to give up their space to someone who really wants to attend!

Often parents do not realize the amount of work leaders do on their own time and do not get paid for it. We take time away from our families and ourselves to do this for our young people. We would be grateful if parents could also offer their experiences and skills to support our programme – make be you are a cook or a nurse, we welcome parents to get in touch to organise their talents and skills and to share them with the beavers. Please have a word with our leaders to see how you could help us!

I would like to thank all parents for your continued commitment and support of Beavers. I hope your child is enjoying being part of the Beaver Colony.

Jasmin (Shaheen)  
Beaver Scout Leader

# cubs

Our Cubs section has had a year of learning, growth, and lots of new experiences. We have continued to grow our section, with 25 Cubs on our membership.

Our Cub pack take care to follow to their code of conduct, show good manners to leaders and each other, and take pride in their uniform. At each meeting, leaders reinforce the importance of good etiquette, punctuality, and tidiness so our Cubs can grow to be upstanding members of their community. This year, Cubs have shown great commitment to the Scouting values and have really solidified their pack identity.

Badges completed this year include:



Cubs have also started the Backwoods Cooking, Entertainer and Athletics activity badges.

As well as spending time on Scouting badges, we have also programmed meetings on supplementary topics such as:

- Palestine
- Democracy (UK Parliament Week)
- Respecting each other

Cubs attended their first MSF Olympics in October 2023 and came away with 6 medals! We also participated in the Big Splash last summer with a thrilling kayaking activity. Another first for our pack was the Winter Space Camp, which was 5<sup>th</sup> Central's first indoor camp. 8 Cubs took part in the Big Splash, 13 Cubs participated in the Olympics and 9 Cubs attended the Winter Camp. It is so rewarding to see the Cubs push themselves, develop in skills and

confidence and have fun with their peers. As leaders, we see the children's growth from these extra experiences, and we'd encourage all our Cubs to participate.

We've had brilliant feedback from parents too:

A massive thank you for keeping our children safe and most of all giving them an amazing time!!! Not to forget keeping us in the loop and updated ❤️ Well done team 🙌👍

Thank you, guys, again for today. I'm glad they had an eventful day and something to remember for many years to come inshallah.

Thank you all so much once again for how well you have managed today. I can't imagine it's easy and you all sound so proud in the videos.

Thank you to all the adults for supporting and taking care of them ❤️

MashaAllah. Amazingly mind-blowing... Well done to all the kids

Massive thank you!! Yusha was bursting to telling all the details 😊

Thank you very much Mustafaa really enjoyed it!

Yes, thank you Huzaifah loves this sort of thing 😊

The Iftar Under the Stars event is our annual opportunity to come together as a Scouting family during the blessed month of Ramadan. We look forward to involving our Cubs in the planning and programming of next year's event!

These achievements wouldn't be possible without the commitment of our volunteers. This year, we were supported by four young leaders, Sobia, Maryam, Ammara and Rameesah. Their support helps the meetings run smoothly and ensures the Cubs feel well supported. We'd also like to thank Naz, our trusty Section Assistant for her continued commitment and energy. We hope volunteering has been valuable and rewarding for the Cubs section team!

We'd also like to thank the parents for all they do to sustain and bolster their child's experience. From the occasional homework tasks, the regular badge sewing and the thousand other things you do, we hope you are seeing the fruits of your effort in your child's development.

Scouting values are quite universal and complimentary to faith-based principles. As parents, volunteers, and wider Peterborough community, our commitment and demonstration of these values is the best investment in our children. Let's keep leading by example!

We look forward to continuing this energy into next year and delivering more exciting experiences for our Cub pack.

Marya Ali & Khalisah Ali

Cubs Scout Leaders

# GSL Report

5th Peterborough (Central) provides opportunities for children to be involved in a range of activities, events, and adventures within an Islamic setting to develop young confident leaders with outstanding character.

I am pleased to say our Scouts group has had another successful year with our new Cub section starting at the beginning of 2023. We returned to the MSF Olympics this year, and both the Beavers and Cubs had the opportunity to attend their first indoor camp. They also had their first boating experiences in the summer. Our section leader reports will have further details of their successes.

## Young Leaders

We have had to say goodbye to some of our Young Leaders, who left to concentrate on their A-levels. We have seen our Young Leaders gain confidence and skills in their time with us and wish them well with their exams. New young leaders have joined us, and they have settled in well.

## Support us

For the group to continue to be successful, ongoing support from parents and the community in general is needed.

An easy way to support our group is via our easy fundraising page. Donations will be made, simply by you shopping online. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/5th-peterborough-scouts/>

Family and friends can sign up too so please share the link.

We are actively looking for more adult volunteers. If you are able to, please do volunteer with the group. There are various roles available, and I am happy to go through these with you and find a role that suits you. Volunteering has so many benefits and you may also learn new skills. We have a lot of interest from young people wanting to join our group, but we cannot increase our numbers of young people able to attend unless we find more adult volunteers.

Fozia Shah  
Group Scout Leader

# Look Ahead

Over the next year we plan to open new sections including Squirrels and taking steps to start Scouts. At the time of writing, Squirrels has been set up and is successfully running at maximum capacity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who give their time to ensure the success of our Scouts group.

Fozia Shah  
Group Scout Leader