

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From : April 2023

To : April 2024

Charity name: Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18)

Charity registration number: 1207074

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | <i>To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.</i> |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 Scouting requirement | <i>The balanced programme provides a framework for the progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the ages of 6 to 25. It involves helping young people to grow through six tailored programme zones: Community, Global, Beliefs and Attitudes, Outdoor and Adventure, Creative Expression and Fit for life. We are guided by these values; integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation.</i> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 Scouting requirement | <i>The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit (Jan 2017 format) has been downloaded and reviewed by the WF18 Trustees The group meets the Charity Commissions public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.</i> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | <i>WF18 has no policy on grant making during 23-24 reporting period</i> |
| | Para 1.38 | <i>WF18 has no policy on social investment during 23-24 reporting period</i> |

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| Policy on social investment including program related investment | | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | <i>Volunteer contribution during 23-24 reporting period has not been calculated, but includes the weekly hours from GSL (future title to be Group Lead Volunteer), the Section Leaders and their teams to plan, arrange and hold the weekly meetings, additional activities and camps</i> |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p><i>The aim of Areley Kings Scout Group is to provide Scouting to boys and girls in the Areley Kings & Stourport on Severn areas from age 6 to 14.</i></p> <p>During the 2023-2024 period, WF18 has had membership and attendance of 64 young people; has supported the local Remembrance Day and St.Georges Day parades, a group camp to Blackwell Court in June 24 attended by 49 young people, charitable donations from Stourport based business (food towards the camp),</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |

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| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | <i>We, the Trustees, feel that we are not in the position that we anticipated at the end of the 23/24 financial year. We commenced the process to register for GiftAid, which has taken longer than anticipated and reduced the savings at bank. Steps have been taken to increase income over the second half of 2024 through; Gift aid being completed Increase in monthly subscriptions from £10 to £14 (an additional £3693 p.a.) Fundraising activities (Tesco's Stronger Starts application has been accepted from July 1st – the income is expected in Nov24)</i> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | <i>The group does hold reserves to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. These reserves have been set to support the group for approximately 6 months if needed.</i> |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | <i>£5093.40</i> |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | <i>N/A</i> |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | <i>0</i> |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | <i>Para 1.23</i> | <i>Additional income streams required in order to continue to subsidise residential camps for all age groups Gift Aid to be completed and commenced</i> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | <i>Principal source of fund is from 1. membership fees (75.6%) 2. Donations (9%)</i> |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | <i>No income from fund-raising, group is mostly reliant on funds from subscriptions. The group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities – however, this has significantly reduced over the previous financial year. The board of trustees has voted unanimously to increase subscription. WF18 has also registered as a charity in order to receive the benefit of GiftAid. Fund-raising opportunities will be reviewed during the 24/25 financial year.</i> |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | <i>Group constitution</i> <i>The Group governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the byelaws of the association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.</i> |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | <i>The group is a trust established under its rules (the constitution) which are common to all Scouts.</i> |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | <i>Scout requirements for selection of Trustees changed in April 2024. WF18 Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.</i> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | <i>Members of the Trustee board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first six months of joining the Board.</i> |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | <i>The group is managed by the Group Trustee board, the members of which are; 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.</i> |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Risk and Internal control | Scout requirement | <i>Lack of volunteers to support weekly meetings</i> <i>Lack of volunteers to support additional activities such as section camps</i> <i>Lack of support around fund-raising</i> <i>Risk of damage to building and property – building and contents insurance are in place. Precautionary measures are put into place to improve security; additional funding is being planned for 24/25 financial year to make</i> |

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| | | <i>improvements to the building including new front security doors.</i> |
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Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18) |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1207074 |
| Charity's principal address | The Scout Hut Areley Common Stourport-on-Severn Worcestershire DY13 0NB |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | Delia Shannon | Chair of Trustees | | Trustee Board |
| 2 | Andrew Rawlinson | Group Lead Volunteer | | |
| 3 | Susan Self | Group Supporter | | Trustee Board |
| 4 | James Stanley | Trustee | | Trustee Board |
| 5 | John Malinowski | Trustee | | Trustee Board |
| 6 | Trevor Jones | Trustee | | Trustee Board |
| 7 | Kate Harris | Trustee | | Trustee Board |
| 8 | Gemma Gould | Group Treasurer | To 31 st May 2024 | Trustee Board |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | N/A |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | | |
| Full name(s) | | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | | |
| Date | | |