



**Scouts**

123rd Manchester

# 123rd Manchester (Chorlton & Northenden) Scout Group

**Annual Report and Accounts  
2023**

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## Annual Report 2023



## Introduction

123<sup>rd</sup> Manchester Scout group (Trading as 'Chorlton Scout Group' and 'Northenden Scout Group') is an independent educational charity affiliated to the Scout Association. The group is registered with the Charity Commission in England Wales, number:1189078.

The Group is managed by Group Lead Volunteer Jonathan Allerton, Deputy Group Lead Volunteers Jen Lee and Barry Hall. They are supported by a large team of volunteers. The Group is overseen by a board of trustees. This board is Chaired by Steven Bennett with Anthony Boggiano and Chris Allerton Serving as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Group operates out of a premises at 29 Buckingham Road, Chorlton M21 0SB. This premises is owned by the group and managed by the executive committee.

The Group Contacts are:

GLV - Jonathan Allerton - [Jonathan.allerton@mansouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:Jonathan.allerton@mansouthscouts.org.uk)  
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DLV – Barry Hall - [Barry.Hall@mansouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:Barry.Hall@mansouthscouts.org.uk)  
Secretary- Anthony Boggiano - [Anthony.Boggiano@mansouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:Anthony.Boggiano@mansouthscouts.org.uk)

## Group Scout Leader End of Year Report to Trustees and Supporters of Chorlton Scout Group

Firstly, as is custom please let me Thank all of our volunteers, trustees, friends and supporters for all your support over the past 12 months. 2023 was another exceptional year for us, we delivered an outstanding scouting experience for all of our members and continued to grow. The Group is now the largest scout group in the United Kingdom. We have held this position for 2 years now.

Growth this year has been modest compared to previous years however with almost 500 youth members we continue offer a huge number of opportunities for local young people..

2023 Saw continued expansion in our Northenden site with Beavers and Squirrels opening. We also formally acquired an additional site at Hough End and secured a Youth investment fund grant of £156,000 to refurbish it.

### 2022 Numbers (as of January 2023):

**Youth Members : 472 Explorers: 24 Adult Members on roll: 94 Total Membership: 586**

Signature	<i>J Allerton</i>						
Full name	Jonathan Allerton						
Position	Group Lead Volunteer						
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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

**Section A Reference and administration**

Charity name 123rd Manchester Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by: Chorlton Scout Group - Northenden Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)	1 1 8 9 0 7 8
HQ registration number	1 0 0 1 2 3 2 7
Charity's principal address	BP Peppercorn Lodge
	29 Buckingham Road
	Chorlton
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity <small>(regulator)These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity</small>	M 2 1 0 S B
	Postcode

Name	Position	Status
Mr Anthony Boggiano *	Trustee/Secretary	Elected
Mr Steven Bennett *	Trustee/Chair	Elected
Mr Chris Allerton *	Trustee/Treasurer	Co-Opted
Mr Daniel Noble	Trustee	Ex-Officio
Mr Jonathan Allerton *	Trustee/GSL	Ex-Officio
Ms Jennifer Marie Lee	Trustee/DGSL	Ex-Officio
Mr Barry Hall	Trustee/DGSL	Ex-Officio
Mr Matt Turner	Trustee	Elected

\* Indicates authorised financial signatory - Minimum 2 signatures required for all

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and Accounts.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) Anthony Boggiano Position Group Secretary

Date 

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## Treasurers Report 2023

Financially 2023 was an extremely good year for Chorlton Scout Group with income exceeding expenditure for the year making the group financially strong. Most notably the group secured at grant of £156,000 – part of this was drawn down in 2023 with the balance due in 2024.

### Reserves Policy

The Group's policy is to hold approximately 3-6 months running costs in reserve. Typical group running costs in 2018 pcm were: £166 in Building Management - e.g utilities etc, £150pcm in programme expenses, £266pcm for capitation for a total of £582. However, due to the current cost of living crisis it is worth raising this to £1,000 to cover any expenses occurred via additional charges to heating and electricity.

Therefore for the group aims to hold at least £3,000 - £6,000 in reserves.

### Treasurers Statement

The attached Balance sheet shows our income increased by £77k in 2023 with our expenditure raising by £11,000. We anticipate 2024 to show expenditure higher than income due to spending of the Youth Investment grant received in 2023.

### Declaration

Scout Group and the ability to be able to offer more in all section programmes including equipment assets.

I can confirm that as of 31st December 2023 the group owes no debts and has no known financial liabilities. We remain in a strong position.

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Chris Allerton

Position

Group Treasurer

Date

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I scrutinised the financial records of 123rd Manchester Scout Group and confirm that the report appears accurate and that the group's finances were used in accordance with the group constitution.

Signature(s) 

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Full name(s) Afzal Khan (ACCA and AAT Qualified)

Position Independent Scrutineer

Date 

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I confirm the following to be a true and accurate record of the Finances of 123rd Manchester Scout Group (Chorlton Scout Group) for the year 2023.



## 2022 123rd Manchester Scouts Balance Sheet

	2023	2022
<b>Income</b>		
Bank Interest	1,282.73	74.04
Donation	677.62	1,368.70
Events	750.00	18,182.30
Events - Beavers	87.00	318.00
Events - Cubs	0.00	492.00
Events - Explorers	0.00	32.50
Events - Scouts	0.00	1,043.00
Events - Squirrels	0.00	143.00
Fundraising	2,501.17	2,000.00
Gift Aid	23,681.82	15,784.67
Grant	122,698.13	51,433.04
Membership Fees	77,253.84	60,325.19
Rent	3,316.05	5,204.00
Uniform Income	5,080.51	4,554.08



**Expense**

Activity Equipment	11,825.07	48,612.37
Admin	176.33	83.46
Advertising/Printing	616.96	335.93
Badges	6,707.44	4,729.10
Bank Fees	101.90	67.91
Camping Equipment	659.56	84.33
Capitation	13,425.00	9,964.00
Commercial Activity Costs	100.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	1,713.91
Events	11,031.72	26,503.53
Events - Beavers	4,960.87	1,537.83
Events - Cubs	7,420.41	659.15
Events - Explorers	1,724.54	1,390.53
Events - Scouts	5,825.76	3,368.69
Events - Squirrels	793.46	159.39
Insurance	2,850.01	1,258.64
Meetings	0.00	294.00
Meetings - Beavers	1,155.25	1,169.76
Meetings - Cubs	1,786.87	1,227.96
Meetings - Explorers	345.40	241.14
Meetings - Scouts	2,051.27	1,459.58
Meetings - Squirrels	705.96	649.68
Membership Costs	0.00	1,136.51
OSM	223.49	595.50
Rates	0.00	106.24
Rent	2,123.68	266.00
Start-up Expenses Cubs	0.00	30.49
Start-up Hough End	39,525.14	0.00
STEM Equipment	11,567.69	0.00
Training	3,202.86	1,510.29
Travel	31.90	24.70
Unauthorised Transactions	51.82	0.00
Uniform	5,853.85	7,600.50
Utilities	3,787.21	2,710.11
Vehicle	3,520.67	4,223.68
Venue Maintenance	5,030.20	15,358.68
Wage Expense	11,182.00	9,504.12
Waste Disposal	797.83	761.35

**Account balances**

Expense Account	1,449.44	664.79
Unity Account - Current	19,139.33	14,489.88
Unity Account - Savings	44,076.80	36,093.84
Hough End Activity centre Acco	62,749.69	0.00

**Summary**

Account balance brought forward	51,248.51	39,633.05
Total income	237,328.87	160,954.52

Total expenditure	161,162.12	149,339.06
Net income	76,166.75	11,615.46
Account balance carried forward	127,415.26	51,248.51
<b>Total Brought forward to 20234</b>		<b>£127,415.256</b>

Signed as a True Record of Accounts:



Christopher Allerton - Treasurer

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Verified by trustees at Executive Committee 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

