

Leander (Kingston) Sea Scout Group

Report of the Trustees – year ending 31st March 2018

Charity details

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Number 290029
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Structure, Government, Management

The Group is governed and regulated by the current Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. Trustees are elected to the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Group Scout Council, according to Scout Association procedures.

Objectives and activities

Leander offers fun and challenging activities for over a hundred boys and girls from the age of six. Young people in Scouting get to try new activities, learn team building and leadership skills and discover their potential. Leander (Kingston) has a riverside headquarters with a large fleet of canoes, kayaks, dinghies and gigs, allowing a full range of boating activities for kids of all backgrounds.

Achievements and performance

The Group Scout Leader’s report covers the activities and achievements of Section members. The Group continues to be in demand and has expanded numbers as far as possible, given the number of leaders.

The Group Executive Committee met formally six times during the year.

- Trustees have all completed a Scout Association online training module. We have supported a number of the leaders and parent helpers in gaining a power boating qualification.
- Acoustic panelling was purchased for the Main Deck and fitted. This has improved sound absorption and made the space more suitable for our meetings and for other users.
- An Inspecting Officer from the London Fire Brigade gave us her opinion that, because of the materials used in the structure of the building and

what was stored there, the area was safe did not need further fire-proofing treatment.

- We are still pursuing a planning application for improving the yard at the Albany Mews entrance. A flood risk assessment has been forwarded to the Borough planning authorities.
- The two stairwells have had the blockwork tidied and been painted, making them more welcoming.
- We have a few regular bookings to hire the hall, but are aiming to increase use during the daytime, when not needed for our meetings.
- The fleet of canoes and kayaks has been improved and expanded – three were donated by Kingston Round Table and a further two canoes purchased using a donation from the Gosling Trust. We also bought one kayak with money raised through bag-packing. These have replaced older boats with ones more modern, safe and fit for purpose. Instructors have planned a revised training programme.
- The box trailer and gig road trailer have been completely overhauled.
- The Group again supported CARA, the local Community Association's litter pick events, removing significant amounts of waste and debris from the river and surrounding environment.
- Two young people received the Mayor's Commendation for Bravery for playing a significant part in the rescue of two adults who had got into difficulty after falling in the river.

The annual safety check in November and regular safety reports revealed no significant problems.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider that the objectives and activities of the Group are entirely consistent with these requirements. In addition to the training of young people, access and support has been provided to other groups using the facilities and to local Community events. The Trustees also consider that they have been able to successfully support the Group Scout Leader and Section Leaders in fundraising, grant applications, maintenance of buildings and equipment, and the management of funds.

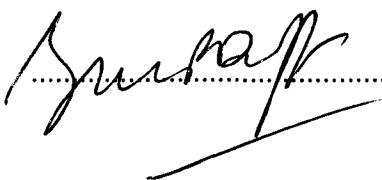
Financial Review

Details of the finances are given in the Treasurer's report. Reserves held in the bank account are to cover repairs, refurbishments and enhancement of the Headquarters and the fleet of boats. There is no outstanding deficit.

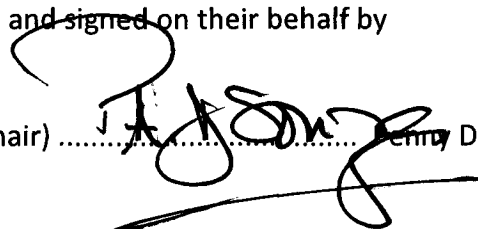
Funds held as trustees

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Approved by the trustees 2nd-6th July 2018 and signed on their behalf by



..... Nigel Duffin (Chair)



..... Emma D'Souza (Secretary)