

74TH OAK STREET SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2007



Financial Year: 1st April 2007 - 31st March 2008
Registered Charity No. 524801



74th Oak Street Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2007	To	31st March 2008

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name 74th Sheffield (Oak Street Methodist) Boy Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by 74th Oak Street Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any) 5 2 4 8 0 1

Charity's principal address

74th Oak Street Scouts						
Canterbury Road						
Sheffield						
South Yorkshire						
Postcode	S	8	9	Q	D	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Linda Ives Owen	Treasurer	From November 07
2	Fiona Ann Rhodes	Chairman	-
3	Joanne Elizabeth Clay	Secretary	-
4	Steve Charles Crann	Group Scout Leader	-
5	Martyn Lee Foster	Scout Leader	-
6	Kathryn Anne Wells	Cub Leader	-
7	Denise Anderson	Beaver Leader	-
8	Samantha Longley	Member	-
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Section A**Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Report Editor	Martyn Foster	366 Gleadless Road, Sheffield, S2 3AJ.
Ex-Group Treasurer	Joanne Goligher	34 Meersbrook Road, Sheffield, S8 9HW.
District Auditor	Peter Mellor	7 Wollaton Avenue, Sheffield, S17 4LA.
Independent Examiner	Ms Cath Creighton	24, Wilton Street, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 7EU

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every 2 months.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Participation in indoor and outdoor adventurous activities (including camping, expeditions, climbing, hiking), regular meetings involving badgework along with personal and team development skills. Organising community events (including Bonfire Night and Christmas Cracker) and providing a building for community use.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Leaders, parents and other members of the community provide support at meetings, events and nights away, along with financial support at fundraising events.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Beaver Leader's Report

It is now over a year since Sheila left as Beaver Scout Leader. To begin with I felt a little overwhelmed by the extra administrative tasks as well as organising most of the activities. However, with support throughout the year from Steve and Chris I now feel things have settled as I have adapted routines. Recently another parent, Sharon, has also joined us as a helper. It is always good to have adults around as this is good way to help young people to gain confidence in a safe and supportive way.

The number of Beaver Scouts has remained at 18, this is due to making sure that the correct ratio of child / adult is maintained.

We undertook activities throughout the year 2007 using ideas adapted from the centenary booklet. A number of Beaver Scouts met with other sections on the 1st August to celebrate the centenary day and enjoyed making their presence known in such a public place!

Our final activity before the summer break was a BBQ at the Whitely Woods guide centre. Family and friends were invited to bring a picnic which was enjoyed by all.

Beaver Scouts enjoyed a day visit to the group camp in September 2007 and had a very busy, fun day. What was really good was the way Cub Scouts and Scouts encouraged the Beaver Scouts to join in the team events.

We did a variety of activities using different methods and included both group and individual badge work. A couple of ones where every Beaver Scout participated were for the Imagination badge where everyone took it in turns to tell the next part of the story and then coloured picture to tell their part. In November we held a Beaver Scout Factor where each person was asked to perform in front of everyone for two minutes. We had singers, joke telling, magicians, story telling, action figure battles, puppets and organ playing. It was absolutely brilliant. Families were invited to come and watch and each Beaver Scout, even though nervous, did their 'turn'.

We finished the centenary year with a big joint party and played games as well as looking back over the year.

This year Beaver Scouts are taking part in the Olympic Challenge throughout the year. Another big challenge that we have set is to achieve the Hike 5 badge. We have divided up the Sheffield Round Walk into five sections and we will undertake a different section every two weeks. At the time of writing we have done one walk with the rest to be completed before the summer break when (hopefully) the weather is going to be dry and warm!!

Looking forward to another year in scouting.

Denise Anderson (BSL)

Cub Leader's Report

Oak Street Cubs has had another adventurous year. We reinstated the annual sleepover in February, but went to Hesley Wood for the occasion. It was agreed by all adults that sleeping in a room where you could visit the bathroom without having to put on boots, and having an electric kettle for a cup of tea, was a definite bonus and maybe there was something in this indoor residential lark after all...

We did camp as well however. The Cubs enjoyed a torchlight walk through Whiteley Woods to the Guide Camp where they spent a night under canvas before heading down to the café at Forge Dam for breakfast. We will definitely do this again and next time connect it to the Naturalist Badge, as we saw bats, heron and tree-creepers and heard Woodpeckers.

We have enjoyed implementing the new Programme since January and all gained the new Promise Challenge as well as Hike Badges. A Trading Game and Wide Game have given the Cubs opportunities to play as teams and a story-writing competition helped those with a more creative flair to shine.

Scouts gain is our loss this year with so many Cubs moving on, but we are building a strong Pack again and although numbers are much smaller than in the recent past (19 as opposed to 27), we do have children from outside the Group waiting to join once they reach the magic number of 8. We wish all our ex-Cubs luck as they continue the Scouting journey.

It would be impossible to run Cubs activities without the Leaders who commit to each Wednesday evening and they are a credit to Scouting with the service they perform. A special thank you must also go to the parents who help on outdoor activities occasionally (fire-lighting, tracking, providing hot drinks at the end of a hike, roller-blading), and also to those who give a little more time on camps and sleepovers – it is indeed above and beyond the call of duty to spend three nights under canvas and basically get one night's sleep! Finally one very special person must be mentioned. Fran Wells keeps up everyone's morale at camp and sleepovers with endless cups of tea and coffee and the best food on any camp ever. He never does 'just a bit of cooking' and we could never survive a weekend without him.

Looking to the future we have other camps booked and are looking at ways to help the transition from Cubs to Scouts be even smoother. A pets evening is on the cards as well as more sleepovers and wide games. Yes I think Cubs at Oak Street is alive and well as it journeys through the first year of a new century of Scouting.

Kathryn Wells (CSL)

Scout Leader's Report

This year the Scouts have been very active with over 8 weekends away and numerous other activities. In April scouts spent an evening climbing at burbage. In May Scouts attended the Synergise camp at Hesley Wood along with the cubs, and thoroughly enjoyed a sunny weekend packed full of activities, from winning the tug of war to shooting! June included a sleepover at the Spring's Academy which involved an afternoon helping out at the Bradway car show and a visit to Carfield school annual fair. Scouts also attended a very wet Splashdown weekend involving cycling, canoeing, sailing and rafting.

In July Scouts stayed at Bell's Box (a shed in the middle of a field!) in the Peak District and enjoyed a weekend of hiking and laser quest. Scouts also went climbing on Bamford Edge. August brought the centenary sunrise event at the Peace Gardens and a day visit to the Jamboree where we experienced many different cultures, swapped neckers with other scouts from around the world. Scouts also had the opportunity to attend an activity week with John Hall involving cycling, climbing, canoeing, windsurfing and swimming.

In September Scouts began their Creative Challenge badge which included creating a very large fleur de lys statue. They also attended an Olympic themed group camp at Hesley Wood where we took part in a mini Olympics competition and fire lighting. The Oak Street AGM included a BBQ this year which was enjoyed by all who attended. Scouts continued their Creative Challenge badge throughout October. October also involved some scouts taking part in an expedition at North Lees and Pindale, bag packing at Sainsburys and indoor climbing at the Foundry.

In November Megan Brown stopped being a full time leader for personal reasons and Sam Longley became an assistant leader on Tuesday evenings. Linda Ives-Owen began helping on weekend activities. A weekend away at Kildale Camping barn in the North York moors involved a trip to the seaside for a swim in the freezing cold North sea, hiking and mini Golf! Scouts helped out at Bonfire Night helping to raise money for the group, went hiking and took part in wide games and bridge building. Scout leaders thoroughly enjoyed an evening out at Baldwins Omega with the other group leaders. December included a stay at a camping barn in Alstonefield, roller skating, a carol service and helping out at the Christmas Cracker.

In January Scouts tested their fitness during an exhausting evening doing the bleep test and also went swimming at Hillsborough. February allowed scouts to attend the ShAFF film festival and go bouldering. Another sleepover at Spring's Academy included skiing at the dry ski slope and walking in the Peak District.

In March annual dinner preparations began for next years dinner and many scouts found they had a hidden talent for dancing! Scouts also began the photography badge which will be finished early next year.

Thank you very much to our leadership team for another fantastic year.

Martyn Foster (SL).

Group Scout Leader's Report

Scouting at Oak Street continues to be consistent and of good quality which I believe has led to a slight increase in our numbers from last year.

Cubs are doing well with what is now a settled team of Scouters. Their activities are varied and always include plenty of walking, camping and winter sleepovers. An enjoyable weekend was spent at Hesley in the middle of winter where the GSL decided to do a random activity whereby cubs with their cuddly toys and sock puppets were split into groups and had to perform a play. The plays were as random as the GSL's idea. Many of our Cubs are making it all the way through the Cub pack and it's great to see them in their Scout uniforms.

Scouts have continued to do many activities away from the Scout hut at various venues and Hostels around our area and beyond. Like most of the district they attended a very wet Splashdown but enjoyed it nevertheless. Due to personal circumstances Megan isn't doing as much with the group but Sam Longley has taken her place and is doing a great job. Our Scouts helped in the Christmas Carol Service and also took part in the Bradway Car Rally for the first time. Frazer Longley has changed from Beavers to Scouts in his position as a Young Leader.

As a group we took part in as much as we could in connection with the Centenary of Scouting Celebrations. An excellent turnout was there for St. George's Day and also for the Sunrise event in the Peace Gardens. Synergise Camp was also attended. Our Beaver's and Cubs went to Gilwell for a Day. HO HO proved quite difficult within our group but we did host 4 Scouts from the Japanese Contingent. Our premises were also used for the farewell Buffet and Campfire before the Japanese left England for their long journey home.

At our Group camp we did our own Sunrise event giving members who couldn't make the official one a chance to gain their necker badge. Our last meeting of the year was as a full group with all sections represented giving us time to have one last celebration and to reflect on the things we'd done in Scouting's Centenary year.

After the County Dinner celebration was cancelled our Group decided to have their own so all the Leaders and Exec went to the Omega for a very special evening which was enjoyed by all.

Our fundraisers have kept us in a good financial position and we are now close to having new fencing and new garages on our premises before the end of 2008.

Thank you to Scouter's, helper's and parents for keeping Oak Street such a fantastic group of which I am very proud to be associated with.

Steve Crann (GSL).

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 2 months running costs, circa £1000.

Quantify and explain any designations The Group held reserves of approximately £8199.84 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained as we are currently saving to improve the security of the building and storage facilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate) None

Further financial review details (optional information)

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); Principal sources of income are monthly subscriptions from all members which covers most activities and some maintenance of the property. Fundraising events also raise money to subsidise some activities and allow us to improve our building and activities offered. Renting the building to local groups such as Ju Jitsu, dancing and for parties enables us to collect further funds.
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.
- investment policy and objectives **Investment Policy**
The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.



Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them) The continuation of current activities and fundraising. Further fundraising will enable us to improve disabled access to the building and its facilities, to ensure our sustainable renting activities can be continued and to enable us to improve security and garages.

Section G 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)	Linda Ives-Owen	Fiona Ann Rhodes
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Treasurer	Chairman
Date	03-Sep-08	

74th Oak Street Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2007	To	31/03/2008
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Receipts and payments

	2007/08				2006/07
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	4,313.00	-	-	4,313.00	-
Less: Membership subscriptions paid ON (National/County/Area/District)	1,890.70	-	-	1,890.70	-
Net membership subscriptions retained	2,422.30	-	-	2,422.30	-
Donations	26.00	-	-	26.00	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	841.92	-	-	841.92	-
Activities	833.00	-	-	833.00	-
Camps	2,734.53	-	-	2,734.53	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,857.75	-	-	6,857.75	-
Grants					
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	795.00	-	-	795.00	-
Sub total	795.00	-	-	795.00	-
Fundraising (gross)					
Scouts Sponsored Swim	875.90	-	-	875.90	-
Bonfire Event	195.80	-	-	195.80	-
Bradway Car Show	297.15	-	-	297.15	-
Other fundraising activities	252.53	-	-	252.53	-
Sub total	1,621.38	-	-	1,621.38	-
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Transferred from reserve account	2,186.00	-	-	2,186.00	-
Property Rent income	1,979.00	-	-	1,979.00	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,165.00	-	-	4,165.00	-
Total Gross Income	13,439.13	-	-	13,439.13	-
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,439.13	-	-	13,439.13	-

74th Oak Street Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2007	To	31/03/2008
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Receipts and payments

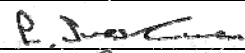

	2007/08			2006/07	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	4,552.43	-	-	4,552.43	-
Adult support and training	50.91	-	-	50.91	-
Water and Sewerage	282.56	-	-	282.56	-
Electricity and Gas	663.00	-	-	663.00	-
Insurance	847.46	-	-	847.46	-
Repairs and Renewals	250.93	-	-	250.93	-
Materials and equipment	417.62	-	-	417.62	-
Printing and photocopying	2.00	-	-	2.00	-
Contribution to camp costs	4,313.71	-	-	4,313.71	-
Uniforms	600.50	-	-	600.50	-
AGM and trustee expenses	158.81	-	-	158.81	-
Planning	135.00	-	-	135.00	-
Water Aid	60.00	-	-	60.00	-
Bounced Cheques	39.00	-	-	39.00	-
Sub total	12,373.93	-	-	12,373.93	-
Fundraising expenses					
Detail 1	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	12,373.93	-	-	12,373.93	-
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,373.93	-	-	12,373.93	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,065.20	-	-	1,065.20	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,065.20	-	-	1,065.20	-

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2007				31st March 2006
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	-	-	-	-	-
Bank reserve account	6,699.84	1,500.00	-	8,199.84	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	6,699.84	1,500.00	-	8,199.84	-
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	-	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the 1st July 2008 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Linda Ives-Owen (Treasurer)
	Fiona Rhodes (Chair)

Income Breakdown

2007-2008

	Apr-07 £	May-07 £	Jun-07 £	Jul-07 £	Aug-07 £	Sep-07 £	Oct-07 £	Nov-07 £	Dec-07 £	Jan-08 £	Feb-08 £	Mar-08 £	Total £
Membership subscriptions	180.00	435.00	229.00	165.00		753.00	530.00	589.00	268.00	349.00	420.00	395.00	4,313.00
Donations			15.00				11.00						26.00
Gift Aid			72.37									769.55	841.92
Activitys			330.00			65.00	36.00	122.00	280.00				833.00
Camps		312.50	875.93	65.26		537.15	154.19	313.00	134.00		82.50		2,734.53
Other grants			795.00										795.00
Scouts Sponsored Swim	875.90												875.90
Bonfire Event							195.80						195.80
Bradway Car Show								297.15					297.15
Other fundraising activities											252.53		252.53
Transferred from reserve account												2,186.00	2,186.00
Property Rent income												1,979.00	1,979.00
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Sub total	1,055.90	747.50	2,317.30	230.26	-	1,355.15	926.99	1,321.15	682.00	349.00	755.03	5,329.55	15,329.83
Total Income													15,329.83

Expenditure Breakdown

2007-2008

	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Membership Capitalisation							108.50					1,782.20	1,890.70
Youth programme and activities	744.52	445.00	650.00	388.88	250.33	100.00	50.00	1,106.84	35.92	219.17	408.40	153.37	4,552.43
Adult support and training	50.91												50.91
Water and Sewerage			59.87			59.87			59.87			102.95	282.56
Electricity and Gas	56.00	22.00	56.00	81.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00		64.00	663.00
Insurance						800.21		47.25					847.46
Repairs and Renewals				20.93			180.00				50.00		250.93
Materials and equipment	168.32	18.76						104.06	41.49	20.99	64.00		417.62
Printing and photocopying								2.00					2.00
Contribution to camp costs	1,065.00	959.66	294.57			934.18	396.39	331.98			187.46	144.47	4,313.71
Uniforms	124.09	47.55		155.82		15.54		68.95		188.55			600.50
AGM and trustee expenses								26.06	132.75				158.81
Planning											135.00		135.00
Water Aid			60.00										60.00
Bounced Cheques			25.00							14.00			39.00
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Sub total	2,208.84	1,492.97	1,145.44	646.63	314.33	1,973.80	798.89	1,751.14	334.03	506.71	844.86	2,246.99	14,264.63
Total Expenditure													14,264.63

74th Oak Street Scout Group

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 43 and 44 of the Charities Act 1993. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43 (3) (a) of the 1993 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the 1993 Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 19th September 2008



A person wearing a light blue shirt, dark pants, and a red helmet is standing on a stack of colorful crates, reaching up towards a tree trunk. They are wearing a safety harness and appear to be focused on their task.

A person wearing a striped shirt, light-colored pants, and a red helmet is standing to the left of the stack of crates. They are holding a green crate and looking towards the person on the stack.

A person wearing a dark shirt, dark pants, and a red helmet is standing in the center, facing the stack of crates. They are wearing a safety harness and appear to be assisting with the stack.

A person wearing a light blue shirt, dark pants, and a red helmet is standing to the right of the stack of crates. They are wearing a safety harness and appear to be assisting with the stack.

