

Leander (Kingston) Sea Scout Group

Report of the Trustees – year ending 31st March 2017

Charity details

Name Leander (Kingston) Sea Scout Group

Number 290029

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Trustees Ruth Bennett
Penny D'Souza (Secretary)
Nigel Duffin (Chair)
Andrew Jackson
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Paul Lomas-Clarke (Treasurer)
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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 Acting 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.

- Acoustic analysis has been made on the Main Deck and sound absorption panelling has been ordered which will improve the noise levels.
- The electrical system in the building has been tested and a number of issues fixed. It is now certificated by an approved electrician. Plans have been drawn up to make improvements to the electrical system.

- We are still pursuing a planning application for improving the yard at the Albany Mews entrance.
- Twenty new buoyancy aids have been purchased, with grant assistance from the Gosling Foundation, and mobile rails to store them tidily.
- New gym mats have been purchased, with grant assistance from Kingston Council.
- We have advertised locally to hire the hall for regular classes, such as yoga, Tai Chi, after-school groups, etc. We have had a number of enquiries and a couple of further, regular bookings. We are aiming to increase use of the building during the daytime, when not needed for section meetings.
- Leander is now associated with local groups: Canbury Area Residents' Association and North Kingston Forum.
- The hot-air heating ducting has been cleaned. Effective filters were fitted to the air intake last year, so this should not be a problem in the future.

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 they have been able to successfully support the Group Scout Leader and Section Leaders in fundraising, grant applications, maintenance of the building and equipment, and management of funds.

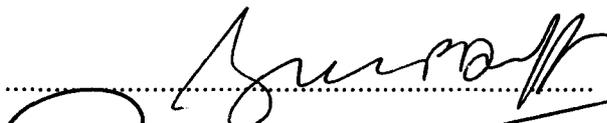
Financial Review

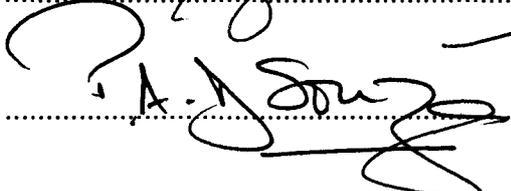
Details of the finances are given in the Treasurer's report. It was agreed to increase subscriptions from £14 per month to £15 per month for all members, subject to provision being made to cover hardship. Reserves held in the bank account are to cover repairs, refurbishments and enhancement of the Headquarters 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 on 15th May 2017 and signed on their behalf by


 Nigel Duffin (Chair)


 Penny D'Souza (Secretary)