

Leander (Kingston) Sea Scout Group

Report of the Trustees – year ending 31st March 2019

Charity details

Name Leander (Kingston) Sea Scout Group

Reg. charity number 290029

Scout Association 5969

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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 children from 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 is at full capacity, given the facilities, equipment and 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.
- We are still pursuing a planning application for improving the yard at the Albany Mews entrance. The process is proving arduous.
- We have an increasing number of regular groups hiring the hall when not used for our meetings and activities, which provides steady income.

- Some older boats, less suitable for our current needs were sold. We were given a Topper Sport 14 sailing dinghy, which will help with an increasing interest in sailing.
- The Group again supported CARA, the local Community Association's litter pick events, removing waste and debris from the river and surrounding environment.
- Dual-authorisation has been set up for electronic payment of bills.
- A gulley and drain has been fitted at the foot of the slope up the side of the building and the entrance step at the Lower Ham Road door has been improved.
- A new external notice board has been fitted giving details of the Group, hiring the hall and other activities in the building.
- Policies on financial reserves and authorisation of expenditure have been agreed.
- Fencing between our ground and 13 Albany Mews has been replaced. The remaining fencing is sound.
- The heating system has been serviced and tested. Unfortunately several problems were identified, which meant that temporary electrical fan heaters had to be used for much of the Winter.
- Our stock of folding chairs has been increased, giving a better experience for all users of the building.
- Storage arrangements have been improved to make better use of space.

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.

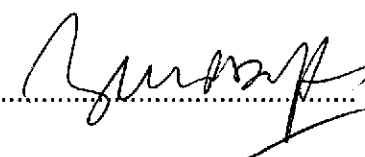
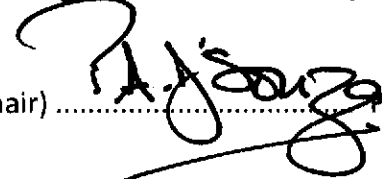
Financial Review

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 on 1st July 2019 and signed on their behalf by


 Nigel Duffin (Chair)
 
 Penny D'Souza (Secretary)