

# **Leander (Kingston) Sea Scout Group**

## **Report of the Trustees – year ending 31st March 2016**

### Charity details

Name Leander (Kingston) Sea Scout Group

Number 290029

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Trustees Penny D’Souza (Secretary)  
Nigel Duffin (Chair)  
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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.

### 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.

### Public benefit statement

The Trustees 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.

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 five times during the year.

- A planning application has been submitted for improving the yard at the Albany Mews entrance, providing disabled parking and cycle parking.
- There has increased regular use of the building during the daytime, when not needed for section meetings.
- Motion sensitive lights have been fitted in the toilets to avoid lighting being left on between meetings.
- New internal doors have been fitted and the existing doors re-used to enclose the roof space above the Albany Mews entrance.
- The rainwater downpipe at the river end of the building has been repaired, meaning that the damp problem in the staircase has been fixed.
- The wooden gig *Alert* has had a number of planks and other woodwork replaced and is now watertight.
- A temporary boat storage rack has been erected in the yard to accommodate infrequently used boats during the Winter, to free space in the Boat Deck.
- Broken tiles on the roof have been replaced, along with sealing of the ridge tiles.
- Members’ subscription payments have been thoroughly audited and anomalies sorted out.

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

Approved by the trustees on 27th June 2016 and signed on their behalf by

..... Nigel Duffin (Chair)

..... Penny D’Souza (Secretary)