

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

2nd Southam (Open) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

2nd Southam Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut

Welsh Road West

Southam

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Gordon Ferguson	Group Scout Leader	
2	Margaret greenway	Group Treasurer	
3	Malcolm Anderson	Scout Section Leader	
4	Hilary Crosby	Beaver Section Leader	
5	Lee Thomas	Cub Section Leader	
6	Kyle Fergusom	Scout Section Leader	
7	Kathryn Ferguson	Explorer Section Leade	
8	Ian Gale		
9	Briony Walster		
10	Sally Forgan		
11	Sean Tonelli		§
12	Jordan Smith		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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:

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.

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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every half term.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

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.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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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;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group has had a full and varied program of events called 'Skills for Life'.

In May 2023 the group attended the District Camp that took place at Blackwell Court campsite. We also took part in the Haarlem Jamborette 2023. This is a 10 day international Scout & Guide camp that takes place in July/August every four years in The Netherlands. The group has been attending the camp since 2011.

The group sections have also run a variety of events away from the hut, the following list has been undertaken by more than one of the sections.

Ice Skating, participating in the Wags Gang Show, Watching the Wags Gang Show, Swimming Gala, District Cubs Quiz, Kayaking, Paddle Boarding, Night Hikes, Sleepovers, Cycle Rides, Christmas Capers, Disk Golf, Bronze DofE Expeditions, Silver DofE Expeditions, Scouts Expeditions, Summer Sleepover, Night Hikes with Sleepovers, Laser Quest, District Explorers BBQ, Escape Rooms, Outdoor Badge Work and of course the compulsory end of year water fights.

Section E	Financial Review
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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 6 months running costs, circa £10k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £15k against this at year end.

Quantify and explain any designations

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Details of any funds materially in deficit
(circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

<p>Investment Policy</p> <p>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.</p>
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Section F Other Optional Information


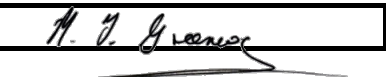
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

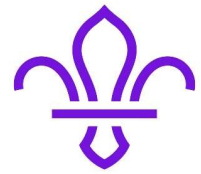
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gordon Ferguson	Margaret Greenway
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader	Group Treasurer
Date	3 1 0 5 2 4	



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 2nd SOUTHAM (open) Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 2nd Southam (Open) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the 2nd Southam (Open) Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 2nd Southam (Open) Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the 2nd Southam (Open) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  _____

Name: Ian Welch

Relevant professional qualification(s) or membership of professional bodies (if any):
ACMA

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Date: 23/4/2024