



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	31	03	2025	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

 Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tracey Whittle	Chair		
2	Shirley Brookes	Group Lead Volunteer		
3	Jackie Davison	Treasurer	01/04/2024 – 26/06/2024	
4	Lilian Staples	Treasurer	From 26/06/2024	
5	Jackie Taylor			
6	Sarah Godwin			
7	John Hayes			
8	Debra Poole		From 26/06/2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of 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 (eg. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts, operating as a Public Benefit Entity
Trustee selection methods (eg. 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)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Trustees are inducted and trained in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association</p> <p>The principal risk to the Scout Group arises from the costs associated with owning our own building. The maintenance of the building is managed by the Trustee Board. Income from subscriptions and fundraising are used to maintain a surplus in excess of reserves as a contingency for unexpected maintenance and repair costs. Grants are used when available for more major renovations.</p>
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the Scout Group are to act as a unit of the Scout Association. Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1st Fordingbridge Scout Group provides Scouting related activities and opportunities to approximately 70 young people between the ages of 4 and 14 years old. Our young people are supported by 26 adult volunteers.

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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

None of the sessions and activities would be possible without the significant contribution of the 26 adult volunteers and the support of parents.

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the financial year 2024/2025 our sections enjoyed a varied programme of indoor and outdoor activities and camps.

We have participated in local community events, including Remembrance Day Parade.

During the year we completed our project to refurbish our toilets to make them accessible to wheelchair users.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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's Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 month's running costs, circa £15,000.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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 including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Group's principal source of funds is from subscriptions paid on a half-termly basis for each young person in the Group. A small discount is given to the children of leaders and to younger siblings.

There are two main fundraising efforts undertaken annual. There is a summer raffle and a Christmas post.

The Group's income and expenditure is small. The Group has adopted a low risk strategy and all funds are held in cash at Lloyds Bank.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>L Staples</i>	<i>S Brookes</i>
Full name(s)	Lilian Staples	Shirley Brookes
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	08/03/26	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Charity Name 1st Fordingbridge Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 Charity no (if any) 1024329

Set out on pages 1 - 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Z. Goddard Date: 10/3/26

Name: ZOE GODDARD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 23 ALBION ROAD FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS SP6 1EL

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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