



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 Period start date To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
Period end date

Charity name: 1<sup>st</sup> Ormskirk Scout Group

Charity registration number: 1035984

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Promoting the development and wellbeing of young people by providing activities and learning opportunities in a safe environment.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The group operate under the rules and policies of the Scout Association to help young people achieve their full potential and become happy, healthy productive members of society.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustee have full regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Annual Group Family Camp was partially funded with Group funds to make it affordable for 'all'.  This was attended in part or for the full duration by 160 individuals from the Group (members ,parents, siblings etc) plus approx. 30 other friends and family members. This had the result that complete families could attend and enjoy the camp and not have to choose who went on account of cost and ability to pay.  Section camps and activity sessions are assisted in their budget with money typically given to cover food costs from Group funds- again to make it affordable.  All of these things are experiences and lessons for life that Scouting gives and is encouraged to facilitate through the programme provided and the awarding of badges for achievements undertaken on these events.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

**Financial Review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance at the end of the financial period was £30,187.75 in credit
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A balance is maintained to ensure there are funds to cover expenses running the hut for a minimum of 6 months.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Scout Association Constitution was adopted at the Group AGM in May 2023
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are nominated and confirmed at the annual general meeting.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 <sup>st</sup> Ormskirk Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1035984
Charity's principal address	7 Wigan Road, Ormskirk, Lancs, L39 2AP



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	N E Crossley	D Redwood
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Norma Elizabeth Crossley	David Redwood
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer	Group Scout Leader
<b>Date</b>	6/1/2025	

## **Group Finance Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The accounts I am reporting on are for the last financial year up to the end of March 2024.

The group accounts for last year are set out below. Our income for the year was £29,471 and expenditure was £27,822. The closing balance is up by £1,648.

Compared to last year income was up due to one off grants and 2 years of Gift Aid payments totalling £8,552. Income from the hire of rooms and kit came to £2,081.

Expenses have covered new shelving in the stores and the cutting of large trees in the garden. The cost-of-living increases have also put up the cost of utilities significantly.

The committee aim to ensure that the funds cover hut running costs for at least 6 months and hold some in reserve for the inevitable cost of maintaining a building that is over 100 years old.

Capitation, the insurance and membership of the Scout Association for each young person goes up by £3 or £5 at a time and insurance for the building and equipment increase every year.

As a result the committee have reluctantly decided that after 7 years maintaining subs at the current rate we need to increase them to £12 per month from September this year. Hopefully we can maintain this level for several years without change as we have before.

This will enable the group to contribute to events such as this camp and make them affordable.

Finally, since Covid fund raising has become harder, bag packs in Morrisons at Christmas raised funds for the group but self-service and the like has change that, so if anyone has any suggestions please talk to a member of the committee and I will be around for a while if anyone wants any more information.

**Income**

Activity Fees	11,072.95	
Donations & Grants	5,265.59	
Income - Gift Aid, Rent from Rooms and Kit	6,033.28	
Subs Account	7,100.00	
		29,471.82

**Expenses**

Utilities	3,418.67	
Hut Maintenance	3,084.4	
Equipment	1,424.04	
Activities	14,539.34	
Training	177	
Insurance	2,123.96	
Capitation	3,055.50	27,822.91

Opening Balance 31/3/2022	£ 42,247.73
Opening Balance 31/3/2023	£ 28,538.84
Closing Balance 31/3/2024	£ 30,187.75



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name  
1<sup>st</sup> Ormskirk Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no (if any)

1035984

Set out on pages

(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 31/03/2024 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: D E Corlett

Date: 21/01/2025

Name: Mrs D E Corlett

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

FCCA

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Ormskirk L39 0ET

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**