



Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Charity name: 1st Hardingstone Scout Group

Charity registration number: 1038382

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of the local, national and international communities.
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	Scout Association activities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have regard to Charity Commission Guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All leaders and active support members are volunteers without whom the Group would cease to function.
Other		1st Hardingstone Scout Group is part of the Scout Association, which is a voluntary organisation where adults help to support children aged between 4 to 18 years of age.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>The Group have had another very busy year including numerous section camps and a few joint camps. The Group Scout Camp in May 2023 was very successful and we had approximately 120 young people attend. Running events at this scale takes great organisation and control, and we are very grateful to our team of volunteers for their diligent support.</p> <p>We had our first Christmas Concert at Northampton High School in December 2023 and this was well attended. We hope to repeat it this year.</p> <p>Since the changes from an Executive Committee to a Trustee Board we have had more efficient meetings, and with the liaison between the Group Scout Leader and Section Leaders, we have managed to cover all areas required.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the end of the period the General Fund (after deducting Amounts Held On Account) had increased significantly, contributed to by a three-year catch-back of Gift Aid claims and a number of small Grants.</p> <p>Savings and Reserves were maintained, and other Restricted Funds were increased due to scheduled cross-contributions from the General Fund and a one-off Grant for a specified purpose for use in the following year.</p> <p>Amounts Held On Account also continued to increase significantly, ahead of their planned utilisation in the following years.</p> <p>Total Funds therefore increased by £30,476 to £77,067.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A reserve is held to enable the Group to continue to meet essential costs for a period in the event that activities, and therefore donations, were to cease completely.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,500.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	<p>The principal source of funding are donations (via monthly subscription) from the parents/guardians of the Group's members.</p> <p>We have also benefitted from a small number of grants and donations which have helped to fund the purchase of equipment and resources required to run scouting activities.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risk facing the charity is an unexpected reduction of the membership and/or reducing subscriptions, leaving us unable to cover central costs (scout hut utilities and insurance).
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Scout Association Policy Organisation and Rules
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Scout Association
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	Elected at the AGM

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 Scout Association provides training mainly in the form of a computer-based e-learning package for all adults involved.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Hardingstone Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1038382
Charity's principal address	101 Martins Lane, Hardingstone, Northampton, NN4 6 DJ

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	Claire Willis	Chairperson		
2	David Hughes	Treasurer		
3	Jade Gall	Secretary	Appointed 11 th July 2023	
4	Kevin Dillow	Group Scout Leader		
5	Cathryn Thomas	Deputy Group Scout Leader	Resigned 9 th January 2024	
6	Tanya Goody	Trustee		
7	Sarah Thorne	Trustee		
8	Victoria Taylor	Trustee		
9	Carl Dillow	Trustee		
10	John Wilson	Trustee	Appointed 11 th July 2023	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A



Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Claire Willis	David Hughes
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Treasurer

Date 5th September 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	20,294	-	-	20,294	18,350
Camps & Activities Fees	40,500	-	-	40,500	24,170
Donations	9,024	-	-	9,024	500
Gift Aid	6,955	-	-	6,955	-
Fundraising Activities	723	-	-	723	1,064
Bank Interest	561	-	-	561	88
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	78,056	-	-	78,056	44,172
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,056	-	-	78,056	44,172
A3 Payments					
Capitation	9,857	-	-	9,857	10,887
Equipment	3,293	-	-	3,293	968
Camps	23,948	-	-	23,948	32,158
Activities	2,562	-	-	2,562	3,149
Badges	2,009	-	-	2,009	1,323
Uniform	193	-	-	193	48
Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	-	-
Premises	2,860	-	-	2,860	1,689
Telephone	123	-	-	123	109
Insurance	530	-	-	530	508
Training	72	-	-	72	-
Sundry & Interest	2,341	-	-	2,341	1,605
Clothing	207	-	-	207	89
Sub total	47,580	-	-	47,580	52,355
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,580	-	-	47,580	52,355
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,476	-	-	30,476	8,184
A5 Transfers between funds	8,539	8,539	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,293	10,298	-	46,591	54,774
Cash funds this year end	58,231	18,836	-	77,067	46,591

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Combined Bank Balances	58,231	18,836	-
	Total cash funds	58,231	18,836	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Donations held on account - Camps	Unrestricted funds	20,268	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			David Hughes Treasurer	5th Sept 2024
			Claire Willis Chair of Trustees	5th Sept 2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 1 st Hardingstone Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2024	Charity no (if any)	1038382
Set out on pages	See Attached: CC16a Receipts & Payments Accounts <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:		Date:	30.1.2025
Name:	JONATHAN BURMAN		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACA		
Address:	22 CARRICK ROAD CHESTER, CH4 8AW		

Section B Disclosure

	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.	