



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	4	2024		31	3	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1<sup>st</sup> Essington Scouts

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

**1054272**

Charity's principal address

Brownshore Lane  
 Essington  
 South Staffordshire  
 Postcode **WV11 2AE**

### 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	Donna Willis	Chairperson		
2	Chris Porter	Treasurer		
3	Rachel Jones	Secretary		
4	Rosemary Steel			
5	Michael Booton			
6	Susan Dunicliff			
7	James Steel			
8	Nicholas Benton			
9	Adam Blount			
10	Simon Vilks			
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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
Felicia Dale	
Peter Ward	
Christopher Steel	

**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)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the Trustee Board

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Essington Scouts follows the Policy Organisation and Rules set out by The Scout Association.</p> <p>Our award-winning training scheme for volunteers means that adults get as much from Scouts as young people. Our approach focuses on what you want to get out of volunteering with Scouts, while respecting how much time you can offer. Over 90% of Scout volunteers say that their skills and experiences have been useful in their work or personal life.</p> <p><b>Rule 13.6</b>  <b>Disposal of Property at Amalgamation</b>  a. The Model 'Declarations of Trust' referred to, contain certain provisions for the amalgamation of Groups, Districts and Counties.  b. The retiring Secretaries of the Group, District or County which are amalgamating must hand to the Secretary of the new Group, District or County all documents of title and the keys to any buildings which the former had.  c. For further information on amalgamation see:  • Group - Rule 3.51  • District – Rule 4.62  • County–Rule 5.50.</p> <p><b>Rule 13.7</b>  <b>Disposal of Property at Closure</b>  a. The property of a Group, District or County which ceases to exist will automatically pass to the District Scout Council, County Scout Council or Headquarters as appropriate unless there is</p>
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some pre-existing arrangement by which the property passes to another beneficiary.

b. Any liabilities of a Group, District or County, e.g. an outstanding loan to Headquarters, utility bills etc. will also become the responsibility of the District Scout Council, County Scout Council or Headquarters as appropriate.

c. Such property must be treated in the same way as other assets.

d. For further information on closure see

- Group - Rule 3.50
- District - Rule 4.59
- County - Rule 5.52.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

We provide fun, challenge and adventure to over 400,000 girls and boys across the UK

**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)**

### **What we do**

Every year we help over 450,000 young people in the UK enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors; interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Working alongside our youth members are thousands of adult volunteers, with a huge variety of roles and opportunities available.

### **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.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 6 to 25-year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities.

Scouts helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.

What do Scouts do?

Scouts take part in activities as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, expeditions overseas, photography, climbing and zorbing. As a Scout you can learn survival skills, first aid, computer programming, or even how to fly a plane. There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world.

What do volunteers do?

This everyday adventure is possible thanks to our adult volunteers, who support Scouts in a wide range of roles from working directly with young people, to helping manage a Group, to being a charity Trustee. We help volunteers get the most out of their experiences at Scouts by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.

Our award-winning training scheme for volunteers means that adults get as much from Scouts as young people. Our approach focuses on what you want to get out of volunteering with Scouts, while respecting how much time you can offer. Over 90% of Scout volunteers say that their skills and experiences have been useful in their work or personal life.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No reserves policy

Details of any funds materially in deficit

none

### 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.

Our main source of funds is through renting our building out, subs and fundraising through public events.

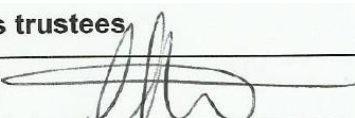
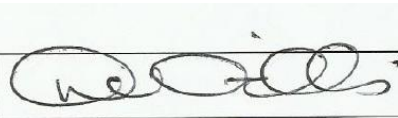
Expenditure has supported the key objectives by providing a building for us to meet in, equipment for us to provide activities.

## 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)		
Full name(s)	Chris Porter	Donna Willis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair

Date

### 1<sup>st</sup> Essington Scout Group

Twelve month accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

#### Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts		Payments	
Funds available at 1st April 2024			
Cash in hand	£1,225.00	Insurance	£1,525.78
Current account	£1,735.83	Electricity & Gas	£1,518.88
Lloyds	£48,705.49	Water Rates	£867.67
		General Rates	£381.83
		Maintenance & Repairs	£8,621.00
		Cleaning/Refreshments	£2,509.89
		Bank Charges	£0.00
	<u>£51,666.32</u>		<u>£15,425.05</u>
Group Council			
Scout income Gala	£1,000.22	Leader Scout Wear	£378.66
Scout income Fireworks	£1,619.71	Camp Costs	£6,930.02
Other fund raising takings	£33.30	Other fund raising costs	£0.00
Receipts for camps	£5,136.00	Equipment	£2,318.02
Renting out of HQ	£12,495.00	Camping Equipment	£2,511.15
Sale of Stock	£1,108.00	Purchase of stock	£3,195.09
Receipts	£0.00	Tributes/Donations	£1,631.18
		General Administration	£2,179.22
		Capitation	£4,543.00
		Go Cardless/Square Fees	£468.01
		Donations for Gift Aid	£5,574.96
		Mileage Payments	£709.88
	<u>£21,392.23</u>		<u>£30,439.19</u>
Group Subs		Section Floats	
Explorers	£308.00	Explorers	
Scouts	£2,790.00	Scouts	£916.72
Cubs	£2,902.00	Cubs	£235.08
Beavers	£2,240.00	Beavers	£477.55
Squirrels	£1,165.00	Squirrels	£264.56
Contributions			
Guides	£0.00		
Brownies	£0.00		
Rainbows	£0.00		
			<u>£1,893.91</u>
Gift Aid (Tax reclaimed)		Funds available at 31st March 2025	
All Scout	£6,501.20	Cash in hand	£1,630.83
Sections	£0.00	Lloyds	£45,459.39
		Adjustments	£1.10
Grants/Donations	£309.76		
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Interest on Post Office A/C	£0.00		
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<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£94,849.47</u></b>	<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£94,849.47</u></b>

I have examined the above receipts and payments account, for the financial year ending 31st March 2025, and I certify that it is in accordance with the books and explanations given to me. It is a true and fair view of the financial affairs of 1<sup>st</sup> Essington Scout Group

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