

Annual Accounts & Trustees Annual Report

2023/24

1st Foots Cray Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022/23 Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	16,906.00	-	16,906.00	17,166.00
Building / Grounds Hire	840.00	-	840.00	987.50
Donations	-	-	-	1,794.01
Gift Aid	4,388.39	-	4,388.39	3,317.44
Programme & Activity Receipts	8,500.38	-	8,500.38	3,699.11
Sub total	30,634.77	-	30,634.77	26,964.06
Grants				
Magic Little Grants (Local Giving)	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	1,000.00
Tesco - Groundworks	-	-	-	1,000.00
Sub total	-	500.00	500.00	2,500.00
Fundraising (gross)				
Christmas Rotary (Scouts & Explorers Camp Fund)	750.00	-	750.00	
Bexley Community Lottery	26.00	-	26.00	2,779.98
AGM BBQ	103.50	-	103.50	3,280.00
Easy Fundraising	183.16	-	183.16	85.18
World Scout Jamboree	-	300.00	300.00	1,391.25
Other	24.08	-	24.08	41.67
Sub total	1,086.74	300.00	1,386.74	7,578.08
Investment income				
Bank interest	2,170.35	-	2,170.35	476.37
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,170.35	-	2,170.35	476.37
Total Gross Income	33,891.86	800.00	34,691.86	37,518.51
Asset, investment sales, insurance claims paid out etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,891.86	800.00	34,691.86	37,518.51

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	Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022/23 Total funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Admin/office/travel	82.99	-	82.99	2,590.79
Advertising (inc website)	200.00	-	200.00	100.00
AGM Expenses	30.38	-	30.38	-
Bank Fees (inc GoCardless & Paypal fees)	918.07	-	918.07	794.29
Broadband, Telephone	339.97	-	339.97	289.87
Business Rates	75.40	-	75.40	143.36
Electricity	328.52	712.23	1,040.75	631.87
Equipment	-	6,206.34	6,206.34	3,601.36
Insurance	727.00	-	727.00	614.11
Legal Fees (Lease Renewal)	400.00	-	400.00	540.00
Licenses	60.33	-	60.33	160.25
Membership Fees (District, County & HQ)	4,427.00	-	4,427.00	3,491.10
Professional Cleaner	590.65	-	590.65	540.00
Programme and activities	8,192.65	1,100.79	9,293.44	6,633.50
Rent	194.00	-	194.00	169.00
Repairs & Renewals	512.51	417.56	930.07	569.08
Water	100.89	219.94	320.83	171.54
World Scout Jamboree	75.00	300.00	375.00	1,731.25
Sub total	17,255.36	8,956.86	26,212.22	22,771.37
Fundraising expenses				
Crowdfunder - Winter Project	-	-	-	84.38
AGM BBQ	278.60	-	278.60	-
Sub total	278.60	-	278.60	84.38
Total payments	17,533.96	8,956.86	26,490.82	22,855.75
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,357.90	-	8,201.04	14,662.76
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-

Cash funds last year end	81,665.27	9,047.66	90,712.93	76,050.17
Cash funds this year end	98,023.17	890.80	98,913.97	90,712.93



Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Mar 2024			31st Mar 2023
	Unrestricted (inc Allocated funds)	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank Current Account	3,004.00	-	3,004.00	1,026.32
Building Fund (Allocated) notice account	77,858.68	-	77,858.68	67,986.61
Savings Account (Allocated & Restricted Funds only)	17,057.99	993.30	18,051.29	21,700.00
Total cash funds	97,920.67	993.30	98,913.97	90,712.93
Other monetary assets				
Unpaid Subs	108.00	-	108.00	15.00
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	108.00	-	108.00	15.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	150.00	-	150.00	150.00
Other stock	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
Land and buildings (insured value)	159,206.00	-	159,206.00	151,395.00
Scouting/camping equipment (insured value)	25,906.00	-	25,906.00	24,814.00
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	185,312.00	-	185,312.00	176,409.00
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The Group leases land from The London Borough of Bexley - .
Should the Group vacate the land it is required to remove all buildings and equipment, cost to do this would be approx £20,000

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23rd September 2024

Signature			
		Joy Hopkins	Chair
		Karl Cantwell	GSL

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Foots Cray Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Foots Cray Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Foots Cray 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 1st Foots Cray Scout Group 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Foots Cray Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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: Roger Liscoe

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Bank Manager (Retired)

Address: 96 Barton Drive, Barton on Sea, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 7JL

Date: 3rd September 2024

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

1st Foots Cray Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

n/a

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 3 5 1 7

HQ registration number

1 0 0 1 7 6 1 8

Charity's principal address

Rectory Lane

Sidcup

Kent

Postcode D A 1 4 5 B P

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Joy Hopkins	Chair	
2	Karl Cantwell	Group Scout Leader	
3	Richard Potts	Treasurer	
4	Maz Potts	Squirrel Scout Leaders	
5	Carly Dickinson	Scout Leader	
6	Mark Morris	Cub Scout Leader	
7	Gina Dilling	Beaver Scout leader	From 23 Sep 2023
8	Claire Day	Elected Member	
9	Julie Wright	Elected Member	
10	Peter Dickinson	Nominated Member	
11	Tina Preston	Secretary	From 23 Sep 2023
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Type of advisor	Name	Address
Banker	Lloyds Bank	PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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

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

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (practice)

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 2-3 months.

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.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the Scout District, other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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.

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

The Group currently has four active sections, Squirrels Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group also hosts an Explorer Unit. These five sections meet on a weekly basis throughout the year, at our HQ in Rectory Lane. In addition, a number of other activities are offered, that may take place at weekends or other days, these enhance the Scout Association training program, and are events such as camps, trips, outings, Watersports etc. The Group utilises its own leaders, other scout instructors and outside organisations to fulfil this.

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group has seen another yearly increase in youth membership and welcomed new leaders to the Group, who together with the existing adult volunteer team have delivered a full and active program in support of the local youth community.

The Group continues to be financial stable and has started to expand the extra activity/event offerings across all sections. With an increase in camps, extra trips/activities the Group is offering an even wider range of activities for its members.

We also continue to spend allocated funds to improve and update the scout hall and grounds.

Section E

Financial Review

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 12 months running costs, circa £10,000.

Several years ago the Group started a building fund to be used to re-build the scout hall when the current building is no longer fit for purpose. This fund currently stands at £77,858 and as these are allocated funds the Executive considers these funds to also cover the reserve policy.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

The Group has a program of building upgrades and equipment renewals, in addition to the building fund, a sum of £18,051 has been allocated for overall improvements.



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)

Joy Hopkins Karl Cantwell

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair Group Scout Leader

Date

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