

Charity Number: 303805



Report of the Board of Trustees and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2024

30th September 2024

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D: Achievements and Performance

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Balance Sheet

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Liabilities		
Deposit received for future event		
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Receipts and payments for the year ending 31.03.2024

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Receipts					
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Less: membership subscriptions paid ** see note 1	0.00	0.00		0.00	-6660.00
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Donations	1056			1056.00	543.05
Other similar income				0.00	0.00
sub total	14834.00	2116.00	0.00	16950.00	11707.05
Grants	0.00			0.00	2850.69
Gift Aid	0.00			0.00	2112.14
Group fundraising	143.34			143.34	129.14
Minibus fundraising	0.00	0.00		0.00	296.50
sub total	143.34	0.00	0.00	143.34	5388.47
Contributions for camp and activities				0.00	0.00
Group camping income	5539			5539.00	8698.00
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Investment income				0.00	0.00
Interest			373.70	373.70	77.03
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Group management expenses	2607.13			2607.13	1803.02
Services	2190.30			2190.30	1950.60
Maintenance expenses	1108.07			1108.07	899.45
Bad debt write-offs				0.00	0.00
Fundraising	185.58			185.58	179.35
Depreciation	46.12			46.12	259.16
sub total	14822.92	0.00	0.00	14822.92	12130.61
Beaver, cub, scout and explorer activities					
Group camping equipment	0.00			0.00	41.67
Group camp expenses	7121.17			7121.17	5547.47
Section camp expenses	1138.03	331.77		1469.80	402.76
Section activities expenses	536.64	119.51		656.15	1833.58
Other activities	588.20			588.20	20.28
Badges and uniform	1055.66			1055.66	1429.86
sub total	10439.70	451.28	0.00	10890.98	9275.62
Total gross expenditure	25262.62	451.28	0.00	25713.90	21406.23
Asset and investment purchases etc				0.00	0.00
Reconciliation discrepancies					
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Net	-2214.28	1697.22	373.70	-143.36	6694.32
Cash funds last year end	29450.53	43739.63	6785.72	98174.73	91480.41
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Manish Joshi
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Diane Meakin
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F. Declarations

This document is signed and dated by charity Trustee, Group Scout Leader, authorised to do so by a majority of the Trustees.



Mark Carter – Group Scout Leader

30 September 2024.

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Assisting

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Group Sout Leader

F. Declarations

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Mark Carter – Group Scout Leader

30 September 2024.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1st Hainault Scouts Group

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Hainault Scouts Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1st Hainault Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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 all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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17th April 2025