

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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 Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 5 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee) and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Trustee Board 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 church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 Board 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 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership 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.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include dual person oversight for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Adventurous activities are undertaken year round, including but not limited to Camping, hiking, kayaking, rafting.</p>
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Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

<p>The group has no current capital investments.</p>
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<p>Public benefit statement</p>	<p>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.</p>
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Section D**Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group continue to provide a full curriculum of scouting activities for our 4 age groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers). All section have participated in a full range of Scouting activities and high level details of each sections activities are included with the minutes of the AGM.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 3 months running costs, circa £3000.

The Group does not hold a specific reserve fund but through financial planning ensure that our current account maintains in excess of the reserve figure. We are fundraising for a replacement minibus and are ring-fencing monies received from external grants for this purpose At financial year end 24/25 we held approximately £15000 in our current account, of which £5000 has been ring-fenced for the minibus fund. This is consistent with group financial

Quantify and explain any designations

n/a

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

n/a

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);

Funding

Our primary funding mechanism is through regular subscriptions for scout group members, supplemented through various fundraising activities undertaken throughout the year.

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Trustee Board 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

• investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy
The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F Other Optional Information

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

The groups intent is to raise approximately £15000 by the end of 2025 to purchase a replacement minibus. Multiple grant requests have been sent and positive responses have been noted from:
 - Wellington Town Council
 - Wellington Rotary Club
 - Leslie Sell Charitable Trust
 - Capgemini Community Fund
 - Somerset Community Foundation

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Date



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
1st Wellington Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31ST MARCH 2025

Charity no (if any) 305638

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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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.

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Signed: Naomi Bull

Date: 10th July 2025

Name: Naomi Bull

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

COMPANY DIRECTOR - BLACKDOWN NURS ACCOUNTING LTD

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Section B

Disclosure

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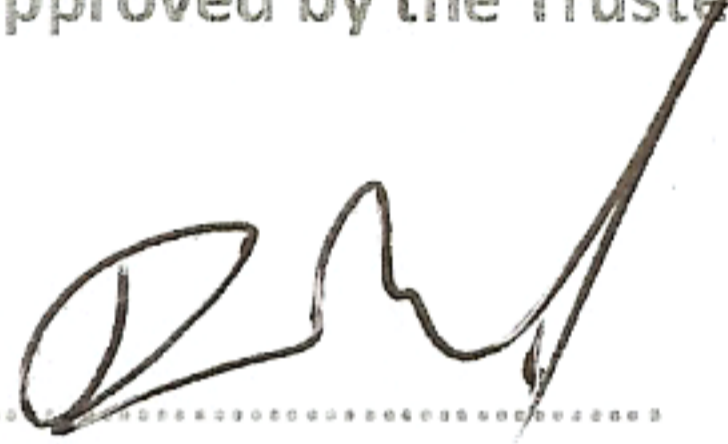
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**1ST WELLINGTON SCOUT GROUP
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts for the year	26913	16448
Direct Expenses for the year	6048	5114
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Net receipts/(payments) for the year	20865	11334
Admin & Premises expenses for the year	17435	17682
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Net receipts/payments for the year	3430	-6348
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The above account, notes and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 5th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Mr D. Belfield

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On behalf of the 1st Wellington Scout Group

1st WELLINGTON SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	10261		8928	
Less: Capitation Paid	4896		4556	
		5365		4372
OTHER INCOME RECEIVED				
Property rents	4976		5918	
Minibus/trailer	0		0	
		4976		5918
DONATIONS	3014		708	
GRANTS	0		0	
		3014		708
ACTIVITIES		7406		3994
FUND RAISING INCOME		2868		1455
OTHER INCOME		0		
Gift Aid Recovered (see Note 2)		3285		0
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Uniform sales	0		-	
Sundry income	0		0	
		0		0
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		<u>26913</u>		<u>16448</u>

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PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
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PREMISES				
Rates		100		100
Light and heat		5406		6480
Water		481		383
Insurance		3707		3457
Repairs and renewals		1107		2448
Refuse, Hygiene and other costs		2689		2372
Internet		164	13654	144
				15384
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES				0
OTHER PAYMENTS				
Uniform		476		345
Minibus		3245		1893
Loan repayments		0		0
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			17435	<u>2298</u>
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1st WELLINGTON SCOUT GROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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MONETARY ASSETS Cash, bank and similar funds		
Bank and Building Society accounts	16887	10546
Debtors (HMRC Gift aid) (see note 2)	0	2910
Stocks	120	120
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and buildings (at cost)	155567	155567
Motor vehicles (at cost)	32201	32201
Scouting equipment, furniture etc (at cost)(n	116664	116664
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	321438	318008
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LESS LIABILITIES		
Bank overdraft	0	0
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Reserves brought forward	318008	324356
surplus/deficit in year	3430	-6348
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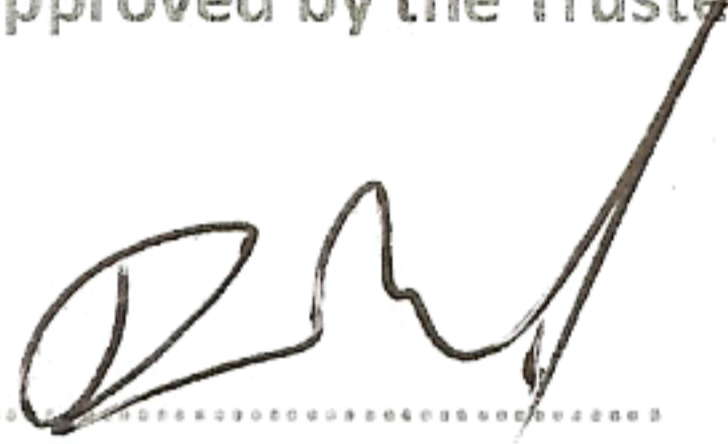
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