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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Charity No: 305839

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Charity Information

Trustees	Beesley, Michael John Buckingham, Steven Carmichael, Lauren Carmichael, Robin Davison, Jeremy Everitt, Martyn Douglas Hemsley, Valerie Hockin, Gareth Moon, Terry George Ringe, Henry James George Ringe, Sheila Ann Robison, Oliver
Charity Number	305839
Charity Address	Scout Headquarters Whitehill Road CROWBOROUGH East Sussex TN6 1JA
Independent Examiner	T S B Lee ACIB
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Victoria Branch

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Chairman's Report

Following a number of years of disruption, we have been able to run a full program of activities and events for our Group this year, with the highlight being the Group Scout Camp last summer. The Group camp was the first time we've been able to run such a large gathering since 2019 and it took a huge effort from our volunteers to make it the success that it was. This along with many Section camps, 'Wake Overs', Wide Games and other activities has been a pleasure to witness becoming normal again.

Financially we are on an even keel, though we are dependent on charitable donations to make that so. In the future we will move back towards charging subscriptions at a level that will cover the running costs of the group, so that any donations go directly to enhancing the experience of our group. I believe that this is an important step to ensuring that we have a solid financial foundation and will make it easier to focus future fund raising initiatives.

The purpose of our Board of Trustees is to ensure that the Group is run to the standards asked of us by the Charity Commission and Scout Association. We believe that we are meeting and exceeding the requirements set out for us, which should ensure the safety of everyone involved in 1st Crowborough, as well as our long term stability.

Thank you to all our volunteers. Every person who works directly for 1st Crowborough does so as a volunteer, without that support and help from our community; made up of parents, grandparents and ex scouts; from our Young Leaders who may still be studying, to people who have selflessly given their time for many decades. That our volunteers are able and willing to give their time, week in and week out, is the only reason that we can continue to support the young people in our Group in the way that we do.

Trustees

The Trustees named on Page 1 have served during the year. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, which allows Warranted Leaders to opt-in as Trustees and for the Group Scout Council to elect others as is felt appropriate. 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. 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.

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Investment Policy

The Group's Trustees are authorised to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity. However, the Group does not hold sufficient funds to invest and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy with all funds being held in cash using only banks or building societies that are included in the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Constitution, Objects and Policies

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. Its governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of which is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserve is to maintain sufficient funds to continue the charitable activities of the Group for a minimum period of 3 months should income and fundraising activities cease and also sufficient to meet any major unforeseen cost generated as a result of necessary maintenance to the Group's freehold property. The Trustees consider that the Group should hold circa £15,000 in this respect. The Group held reserves sufficient to meet this target at the year-end wholly in line with the policy.

The Sections hold sufficient funds to meet their immediate needs.

Risk and Internal Control

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Public Benefit

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.

Financial View

Funds available are sufficient to permit the charity to continue in operation in the medium term.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Group, which is an educational charity, is managed by its Trustee Board. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities including the registration, keeping of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment, and is responsible for the maintenance of the property, the raising and administration of the Group's funds, the insurance of people, property and equipment, assisting with recruitment and appointment of necessary sub committees, administrators and advisors other than those elected.

The Trustees are responsible for the identification of major risks and for safeguarding the resources of the charity and to this end the Group has in place insurances and internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. Damage to the building may require use of the premises of neighbouring organisations, reduced income could demand increased subscriptions, a material reduction in Leaders or members could result in a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

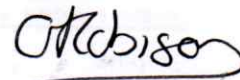
Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on the 5th August 2025 and signed on their behalf



5th August 2025

Trustee



Trustee

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839
Year ending 31st March 2025

Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
INCOME		
Subscriptions	£ 25,783.00	£ 22,998.00
Less Capitation Paid	£ 11,330.00	£ 12,155.00
Net Subscription income	<u>£ 14,453.00</u>	<u>£ 10,843.00</u>
Less Expenditure		
Headquarters		
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 1,828.00	£ 3,099.00
Caretaking -		
Cleaners' wages	£ 6,643.00	£ 6,132.00
materials	£ 319.00	£ 353.00
Insurances	£ 2,229.00	£ 2,183.00
Equipment purchases	£ 1,792.00	£ 559.00
Telephone	£ 308.00	£ 256.00
Web site	£ 243.00	£ 256.00
Utilities -		
Gas	£ 1,759.00	£ 1,570.00
Electricity	£ 1,459.00	£ 1,038.00
Rates -		
Water	£ 616.00	£ 1,077.00
Council	£ 127.00	£ 129.00
Refuse disposal	£ 699.00	£ 536.00
Fire security	£ 250.00	£ 240.00
Other Costs	<u>£ 18,272.00</u>	<u>£ 17,428.00</u>
Stationery & postage	£ 93.00	£ 102.00
Gifts & Trophies	£ 50.00	£ 596.00
Online Scout Manager	£ 398.00	£ 240.00
Net Cost of T Shirts, Scarves & Badges	£ 2,021.00	£ 2,147.00
	<u>£ 2,562.00</u>	<u>£ 3,085.00</u>
Depreciation	£ 1,096.00	£ 1,096.00
Camp		
Income	£ 6,509.00	£ 6,625.00
less costs	<u>£ 8,364.00</u> -£ 1,855.00	<u>£ 3,644.00</u> £ 2,981.00
Other Activities		
Section Activities and Events - income	£ 2,656.00	£ 1,099.00
Section Activities and Events - costs	<u>£ 7,077.00</u> -£ 4,421.00	<u>£ 4,725.00</u> -£ 3,626.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income before Fundraising	-£ 13,753.00	-£ 11,411.00
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid	£ 9,834.00	
Fund Raising Activities		
Donations	£ 5,026.00	£ 611.00
Grants rec'd		
Secondhand Uniforms	£ 105.00	£ 90.00
BBQ's	£ 1,520.00	£ 418.00
Xmas Wreath Making	£ 400.00	£ 300.00
Hire of Hall	£ 5,475.00	£ 5,475.00
Interest rec'd	<u>£ 433.00</u> £ 12,959.00	<u>£ 267.00</u> £ 7,161.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>£ 9,040.00</u>	<u>-£ 4,250.00</u>

Balance Sheet as at

31st March 2025

31st March 2024

Fixed Assets			
Land & Buildings		£ 52,160.00	£ 52,160.00
Building Improvements	£ 30,093.00		£ 30,093.00
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 28,997.00</u>	£ 1,096.00	<u>-£ 27,901.00</u> £ 2,192.00
Equipment at Cost	£ 18,507.00		£ 18,507.00
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u>	£ -	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u> £ -
Total Fixed Assets		<u>£ 53,256.00</u>	<u>£ 54,352.00</u>

Current Assets			
Balance at Bank-	Group	£ 31,564.00	£ 20,737.00
	unrestricted reserve	£ 15,000.00	note 5 £ 15,000.00
	Sections etc.	£ 6,899.00	£ 7,655.00
Cash in Hand- Group			
	Sections etc	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
		<u>£ 53,468.00</u>	<u>£ 43,397.00</u>
Total Assets		<u>£ 106,724.00</u>	<u>£ 97,749.00</u>

LESS Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors			£ 65.00

Net Assets		<u>£ 106,724.00</u>	<u>£ 97,684.00</u>
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REPRESENTED BY-

General Fund balance as at	1st April 2024	£ 97,684.00	£ 101,934.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure		£ 9,040.00	-£ 4,250.00
General Fund balance as at	31st March 2025	<u>£ 106,724.00</u>	<u>£ 97,684.00</u>

Notes to accounts:

- Note 1 Equipment Purchases
replacement of all 1st aid kits and miscellaneous camping needs
- Note 2 Water
current year annual waste water charge applied 19th March 2024
- Note 3 Fixed Assets
depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life
Building Improvements 20% on cost
Equipment at Cost 25% on cost
- Note 4 Gift Aid
return completed biennially
- Note 5 Reserves
Funds held in case of unforeseen circumstances

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Crowborough Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



TS B LEE ACIB (Retired)

4 July 2025.