

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group																																																	
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Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Scout HQ, Taylor Crescent, Kingsdown Park																																																	
Stratton St Margaret																																																	
Swindon																																																	
Postcode	S	N	3		4	U	X																																										

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Alan Jones	Chair	
2	Steve Bindon	Secretary	
3	Joe Wright	Treasurer	
4	Robert Woods	Group Scout Leader	
5	Joanne Davies	Beaver Scout Leader	
6	Jason Woodfield	Cub Scout Leader	
7	Don Best	Parent Representative	
8	Roz Gould	Parent Representative	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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:

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 11 times per year.

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 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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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 main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. As a Group the main activities during the last twelve months have been to recover from COVID slow down and drop in numbers. All sections have been reaffirming scout skills and engaging the young people with a continued varied programme. Scouts have had a busy year with getting back camping and working towards many badges including Chief Scout Awards. The Unit has been steady at around 30 in number. Cubs have had a fun year with lots of varied activities. They have a strong and large pack of 25 Beavers - Beavers have had a good and balanced programme while embedding a new leadership team. They have worked on many badges and challenges. The colony is around 20 Beavers. The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteer with growth plans going into 2022 for new Squirrels section and potential new units in other sections.

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.

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

It has been a challenging year for the Group, as for many people / organisations. Coming out of COVID meant resetting expectations on the young people and how to 'scout' through each section. But all have taken up the challenge with the sections growing coming into the new year and expected high numbers of Chief Scout awards.

The group has partnered up with a new Explorer Section provision that is using the hall to provide better access for 14-18yr olds. Also during the year the plans to open Squirrels have been working through with a plan to open in May 2022.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 6 months running costs, circa £6,500 but this is increasing to £7,500 based on current bill increases.

The Group held reserves of approximately £37,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the increased grant income due to Covid 19. This will allow the Group to complete a number of projects that have been planned for some time, for which the finances have not been available previously. These are in the planning / implementation phases.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

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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;

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

The plans for the future are to continue to strengthen the Leadership teams and Executive committee in order to continue to provide a full and varied programme for young people. There are also plans to build on the excellent facilities we currently have, including the renewal of a large part of the fencing and improvements within the building.
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rob Woods	Alan Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader	Group Chair
Date	1 6 0 5 2 2	

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01 April 2021	To	31 March 2022
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Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	7,743	6,641
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 2,480	- 1,936
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,263	4,705
Donations	20	105
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	1,585	3,610
Other similar income	-	111
Sub total	6,869	8,531
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	40,712	27,717
Sub total	40,712	27,717
Fundraising (gross)		
Scout post (net of deductions)	768	-
Short term hall hire	406	-
Long term hall hire	1,797	440
Activities/Events	1,140	-
Camps	879	-
Other fundraising activities	584	681
Sub total	5,575	1,121
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Income	53,155	37,370
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	53,155	37,370

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Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	1,892	236
Camps	954	20
Adult support and training	- 170	9
Rent	-	-
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage	552	600
Insurance	1,409	1,254
Repairs and Renewals	19,141	8,405
Materials and equipment	12,516	833
Uniforms	1,638	372
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Training	258	-
Admin	-	108
Other costs detail 3	-	-
Sub total	38,191	11,799
Fundraising expenses		
Activities	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	38,191	11,799
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	38,191	11,799
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,965	25,571
Cash funds last year end	38,508	12,937
Cash funds this year end	53,472	38,508


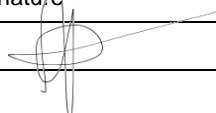
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2022 Unrestricted funds £	31 March 2021 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	52,103	37,795
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats (inc pre-paid cards)	1,369	713
Total cash funds	53,472	38,508
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	220,000	220,000
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	8,000	8,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	228,000	228,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	10,824
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	450
Sub total	-	11,274

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16th May 2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

	
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Print Name

A Jones	Chair
J Wright	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Stratton St Margaret 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 Stratton St Margaret 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 Stratton St Margaret 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: Kalpesh Patel

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

Address: 12 Bevisland, Swindon, SN3 6AL

Date: 13 May 2022