

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 Stratton St Margaret Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 5 9 4 0

HQ registration number

1 0 0 1 1 4 8 3

Charity's principal address

Scout HQ, Taylor Crescent, Kingsdown Park

Stratton St Margaret

Swindon

Postcode

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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		

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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>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.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<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>

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>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</p>
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been to recover stabilise and grow our youth and volunteer 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
Our new Squirrels section has growing well with between 10-12 squirrels learning lots and having great fun.
The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.

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

Successful opening of Squirrels increasing our support for Young People

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)

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

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.

Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Rob Woods	Alan Jones
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader	Group Chair
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Date

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1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01 April 2022	To	31 March 2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	£ 11,768.27	£ 7,743.21
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-£ 3,432.00	-£ 2,480.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	£ 8,336.27	£ 5,263.21
Donations	£ 150.00	£ 20.00
Legacies	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid	£ 1,954.12	£ 1,585.43
Other similar income	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 10,440.39	£ 6,868.64
Grants		
Maintenence grant	£ -	£ -
Other grants	£ 22,619.00	£ 40,712.00
Sub total	£ 22,619.00	£ 40,712.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Scout post (net of deductions)	£ 1,220.44	£ 768.40
Short term hall hire	£ 700.00	£ 406.00
Long term hall hire	£ 3,730.00	£ 1,797.00
Activities/Events	£ 1,536.18	£ 1,139.75
Camps	£ 2,027.37	£ 879.16
Other fundraising activities	£ 2,871.50	£ 584.33
Sub total	£ 12,085.49	£ 5,574.64
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	£ 45,144.88	£ 53,155.28
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 45,144.88	£ 53,155.28

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	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	£ 2,620.31	£ 1,891.70
Camps	£ 3,541.56	£ 954.24
Adult support and training	£ 84.28	-£ 170.00
Rent	£ -	£ -
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage	£ 1,807.10	£ 552.14
Insurance	£ 1,519.42	£ 1,408.78
Repairs and Renewals	£ 43,543.89	£ 19,141.00
Materials and equipment	£ 2,828.24	£ 12,516.45
Uniforms	£ 2,878.12	£ 1,638.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£ -	£ -
Training	£ 293.91	£ 258.23
Admin	£ 5.99	£ -
Other costs detail 3	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 59,122.82	£ 38,190.54
Fundraising expenses		
Activities	£ -	£ -
Detail 2	£ -	£ -
Detail 3	£ -	£ -
Other fundraising costs	£ 1,674.50	£ -
Sub total	£ 1,674.50	£ -
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 60,797.32	£ 38,190.54
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£ -	£ -
Total payments	£ 60,797.32	£ 38,190.54
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£ 15,652.44	£ 14,964.74
Cash funds last year end	£ 53,472.34	£ 38,507.60
Cash funds this year end	£ 37,819.90	£ 53,472.34

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	£ 36,990.03	£ 52,103.04
Bank deposit account	£ -	£ -
Building society account	£ -	£ -
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ -	£ -
Cash/Floats (inc pre-paid cards)	£ 814.87	£ 1,369.30
Total cash funds	£ 37,804.90	£ 53,472.34
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	£ 220,000.00	£ 220,000.00
Motor vehicles	£ -	£ -
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 8,000.00	£ 8,000.00
Other	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 228,000.00	£ 228,000.00
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	£ 360.00	£ -
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£ -	£ -
Subscriptions not yet paid	£ 125.00	£ -
Loan - detail	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 485.00	£ -

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **Xth** **XXXXX** 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

Chair
Treasurer

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended31st March 2023.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group’s constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages ...1..... to ...3.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name:Claire Young.....

Address:73 Godwin Road.....

.....Swindon.....

.....SN3 4XF.....

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Date: