

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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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

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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 Y

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

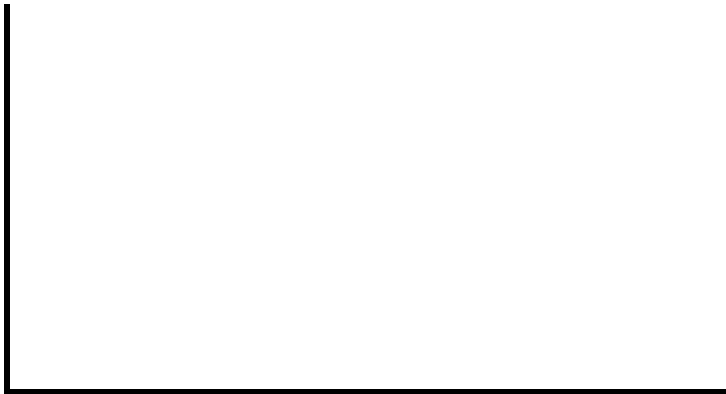
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Alan Jones	Chair	
2	Richard Stockdale	Secretary	
3	Claire Young	Treasurer	
4	Rob Woods	Group Lead Volunteer	
5	Christabel Banks	Trustee	
6	Rosalind Gould	Trustee	till 01/02/2025
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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		



Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>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
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Purpose of Scouting</p> <p>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</p> <p>As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method</p> <p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 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 working towards many badges including Chief Scout Awards.

Cubs have had a fun year with lots of varied activities.

Beavers have had a good and balanced programme while embedding a new leadership team. They have worked on many badges and challenges. s

Squirrels is steady on numbers learning lots and having great fun.

The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.

The group also has a partnered **Explorer** Scout Unit (Pegasus).

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

Maintaining numbers and settling in new volunteers with the group feeling more settled and bonded across all sections.



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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £10,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £30,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the increased grant income. 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

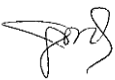
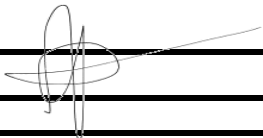
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

The plans for the future are to continue to strengthen the Leadership teams and Trustee Board 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 and ongoing 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)		
Full name(s)	Rob Woods	Alan Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Lead Volunteer	Group Chair of Trustees
Date	2 1 0 8 2 5	

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
3rd Party Hall Hires (Camping)	1,425.00	730.00
Bank Interest	15.00	0.00
Donation	8,937.68	1,081.52
Events	3,349.24	3,438.50
Events - Beavers	405.00	0.00
Events - Cubs	870.00	1,559.00
Events - Explorers	11,145.94	13,549.03
Events - Scouts	4,576.00	130.00
Fundraising	0.00	1,122.91
Gift Aid	10,159.87	0.00
Identity - Hoodies, TShirts	1,268.40	531.77
Meeting - Squirrels	0.00	9.49
Membership Fees	17,166.10	16,335.13
Personal Expense	0.00	30.98
Rent	3,924.00	5,320.00
Venue Maintenance	0.00	35.00
Expense		
Activity Equipment	1,675.01	214.10
Admin	702.52	364.19
Badges	645.87	588.98
Bank Fees	0.00	10.00
Camping Equipment	1,472.02	941.97
Events	499.98	991.27
Events - Beavers	320.52	0.00
Events - Cubs	980.50	1,861.58
Events - Explorers	10,126.09	12,585.37
Events - Scouts	4,506.12	928.95
Events - Squirrels	147.05	0.00
Identity - Hoodies, Tshirts	1,500.56	965.83
Insurance	1,896.60	1,584.28
Meetings	133.50	90.00
Meetings - Beavers	123.75	358.31
Meetings - Cubs	237.09	658.25
Meetings - Explorers	689.43	377.99
Meetings - Scouts	600.77	228.93
Meetings - Squirrels	83.57	347.85
Membership Costs	6,362.50	5,195.48
Personal Expense	0.00	30.98
Rent	0.00	1,500.00
Training	56.00	100.00
Utilities	2,925.37	4,345.41
Venue Maintenance	30,961.73	6,303.97

Account balances		
Pegasus ESU	3,165.07	3,048.55
Expense Account	1,067.74	1,191.26
1st Stratton Lloyds	35,474.81	36,561.72
Cubs Lloyds Account	0.00	2,432.01
Petty Cash Float/Tin for Event	121.60	0.00
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	43,233.54	39,933.90
Total income	63,242.23	43,873.33
Total expenditure	66,646.55	40,573.69
Net income	-3,404.32	3,299.64
Account balance carried forward	39,829.22	43,233.54

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Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

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

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 2025

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.

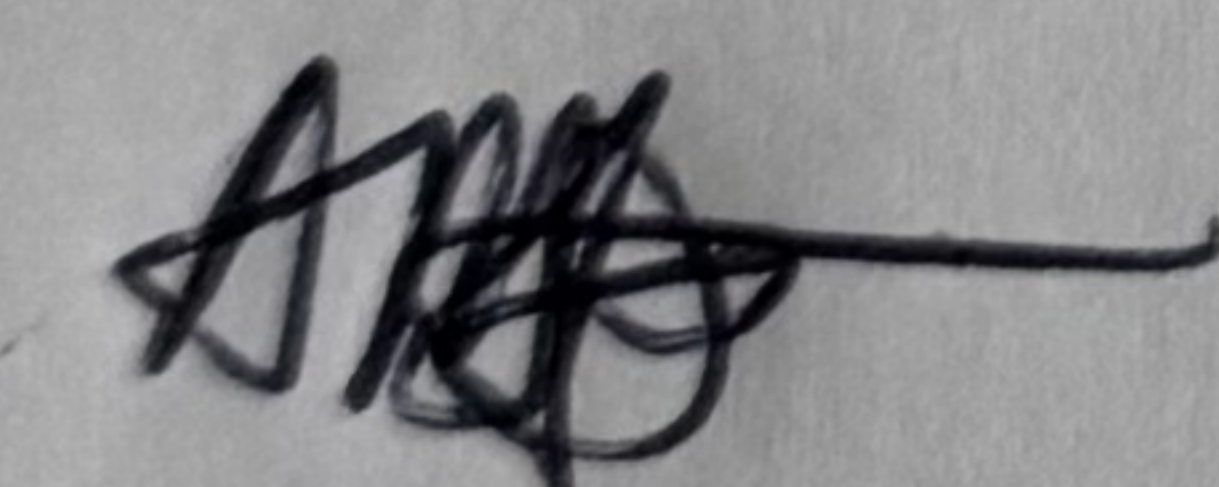
Independent examiner's statement

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:

ANDREW MAESTON

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

ACCA

Address:

26 Fairfield, Leiswick, Leicester LE16 7EG

Date:

15/07/2025