

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) to end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Wroughton Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 5 9 4 5

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

HQ Weirside Ave
Wroughton
Swindon
Postcode S N 4 9 A L

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	Steve Oakeshott	Group Chair	20/11/24-31/03/25
2	Hilary Bather	Group Scout Leader	
3	Ben Jankinson	Group Treasurer	
4	Ross McLee	Trustee (Scout Leader)	
5	Chris Redman	Trustee (Cub Leader)	
6	Doug Smith	Trustee (Cub Leader)	20/11/24-31/03/25
7	Matt Bather	Trustee	20/11/24-31/03/25
8	Mark Mackenzie	Trustee	20/11/24-31/03/25
9	Rod Tatem	Trustee	
10	Andy Bannister	Trustee	20/11/24-31/03/25
11	Astrid Bannister	Trustee	20/11/24-31/03/25
12	William Smith	Group Chair	01/04/24-20/11/24
13	Robert Graves	Trustee (Beaver Leader)	01/04/24-20/11/24
14	Jamie McRobie	Trustee (Scout Leader)	01/04/24-20/11/24
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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

Section B Structure, governance and management

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:

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 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.

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 meets every 3 - 4 months.

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;

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee 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:

GDPR - New legislation on data protection. The group uses Online Scout Manager as a mechanism to ensure data security and parent permissions. All paper copies of child and parent details are no longer held. Any electronic versions are kept to a minimum.

Condition of the building, property and equipment. Yearly

reviews of the property are carried out to ensure safe for all that use the Hall, this involves both internal safety checks and also where necessary experts to assess - such as asbestos roof. All recommendations are discussed and remedied at the groups committee meetings. 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. Separate insurance is also held at a group level.

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 Committee 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 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure

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 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</p>

...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

All Sections regularly undertake a variety of adventurous and fun activities such as camping, hiking, axe throwing, cycling, outdoor fire safety, PGL, rockets, scrapheap challenge, cookery, orienteering and shooting. Other activities within Sections include young people working on personal progress and badge work activities with the support and encouragement of the Leaders and adult helpers.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Contribution made by volunteers;

1st Wroughton is entirely run by volunteers who freely give their time, effort and expertise to ensure our young people enjoy the very best that Scouting can offer. We are truly grateful for everything our Leaders, Young Leaders, helpers and Executive Members do to make this possible.

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

During the year 1st Wroughton has run a full schedule of activities across every Section. This includes multiple camps and hikes, arranging a regional shooting competition and various activities helping out in the community.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

Quantify and explain any designations

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 4 months running costs, circa £8k

The Group held reserves of approximately £180,000 against this at year end. This is well above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by a significant savings amount being retained for potential investment into a new premises for the Group.

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

Although the Group has sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments, due to plans to build or invest in new premises, the group has agreed to adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Executive 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. The Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements prior to any withdrawals. Investment accounts have ceased with the group and will be reassessed once the premise decision has been made.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

We are working towards securing funds to allow for the demolition of our existing building, and constructing a new building on the existing site, that will enable the Group to continue providing Scouting for our young people.

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)

Ben Jankinson	Hilary Bather
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Treasurer	Group Scout Leader
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1st Wroughton Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	2024	To	2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	19,225	-	-	19,225	21,075
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on <small>(National/County/Area/District) enter figures with a minus sign</small>	- 4,568	-	-	- 4,568	- 4,500
Net membership subscriptions retained	14,658	-	-	14,658	16,575
Donations	2,050	-	-	2,050	1
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	7,774
Additional activities Income	12,586	-	-	12,586	11,764
Sub total	29,293	-	-	29,293	36,115
Grants					
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	3,100	-	-	3,100	-
Sub total	3,100	-	-	3,100	-
Fundraising (gross)					
Wroughton Carnival	172	-	-	172	510
Scout post	2,358	-	-	2,358	2,290
Fire work display	-	-	-	-	304
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	580
Sub total	2,530	-	-	2,530	3,684
Investment income					
Bank interest	404	-	-	404	2,449
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Property Rent income	1,948	-	-	1,948	468
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,352	-	-	2,352	2,917
Total Gross Income	37,275	-	-	37,275	42,715
Asset and Investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,275	-	-	37,275	42,715

1st Wroughton Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	2024	To	2025
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Receipts and payments

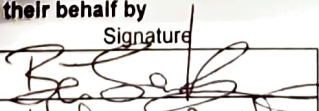
	2024/25			2023/24	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	11,350	-	-	11,350	21,781
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	492	-	-	492	492
Water and Sewerage	203	-	-	203	10
Electricity and Gas	1,510	-	-	1,510	1,637
Insurance	851	-	-	851	1,033
Interest	165	-	-	165	201
Repairs and Renewals	8,347	-	-	8,347	4,666
Materials and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	751	-	-	751	580
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Internet	251	-	-	251	548
Rifle shooting	-	-	-	-	-
Group	9,725	-	-	9,725	2,057
Sub total	33,646	-	-	33,646	33,006
Fundraising expenses					
Carnival	-	-	-	-	-
Scout post	945	-	-	945	885
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	945	-	-	945	885
Total Gross Expenditure	34,591	-	-	34,591	33,891
Asset and Investment purchases, etc.	4,011	-	-	4,011	1,104
Total payments	38,602	-	-	38,602	34,995
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,327	-	-	- 1,327	7,720
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 1,327	-	-	- 1,327	7,720

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/25			31st March 2023	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	2,031		-	2,031	5,904
Bank deposit account	159,965	20,000	-	179,965	177,418
Building society account	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	96	-	-	96	96
Total cash funds	162,091	20,000	-	182,091	183,418
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	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500
Shop stock	-	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	13,096	-	-	13,096	9,085
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,596	-	-	14,596	10,585
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 20th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signature  Hilary Bather	Print Name Ben Jankinson Hilary Bather
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Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1st Wroughton Scout Group

I report on the accounts of for the year ended 31st March 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the operation of the charity, keeping records and preparation of the accounts; you consider that regulation permits a scrutiny to be undertaken without the requirement of an audit. It is my responsibility, without carrying out an audit, to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the charity's constitution, I have scrutinised the records held by the treasurer and the statement of accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records provided and comply with the constitution.

Name CHARLOTTE CHAMBERS

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Signature C. Chambers

Date 21.01.2026