

CHARITY NUMBER: 520197

1st Great Sutton Scout Group

ACCOUNTS

For the period
1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024



Scouts

1st Great Sutton

Registered Charity No. 520197

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GENERAL INFORMATION

For the year ended 31st March 2024

Charity Number:

520197

Members of the Board of Trustees during the year

Trustee Name

Mr P Bowers - *Chair*

Mrs H France – *Treasurer*

Mrs T Davies - *Honorary Secretary*

Mrs B Holliday - *Administrator*

Mr P N Wainwright – *Deputy Chair*

Mrs H Chambers

Mr D France

Mrs S Riverol

Mrs C Powell

Mr L Holliday

Mr C J Marchant

Mr P Adamson

Mr C J Reddy

Ms C M Worthington

Mrs A J S Roscoe

Ms J L McGhee

Mrs C Reid

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Bankers:

National Westminster Bank Plc.
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Auditor:

Mr D Kimpton
1 Berry Close
Great Sutton
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31st March 2024

The Board of Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Board of Trustees

The members of the Board of Trustees named on page 1 have served during the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association.

The Group is a separate registered charity, registered with the Charity Commission.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, 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 Board of Trustees 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; and
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required.

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.

Objectives and Activities

- 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.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31st March 2024 (Continued)

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

- *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.

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.

The Group continues to provide facilities for over 100 children to undertake activities in their various, Squirrels, Beaver, Cub, Rainbow and Scout groups as well as other organisations.

Just prior to the year end a new Squirrels group was formed for children from the age of four to six which we hope will be a positive addition to the group.

The Young Leaders continue to be a success story and demonstrate their enthusiasm week in week out by assisting at section meetings, supporting district events, organising camps and generally being on call where they can.

The development of the new HQ has continued during the year and we have attended meetings with the Medical Centre and also Wynne Construction the development company to work on how best the site can be managed post completion and to finalise details of the internal fittings in our new building.

There have been delays during the year on the site due to in the main issues with Scottish Power and the requirement for legal agreements before being able to hand over the new Village Hall and then demolish the old building. This all needs to be completed before we can take occupancy of our building however we have recently been able to access the new store room and fit our storage racking which is real progress.

We now anticipate taking occupancy in early 2025 and continue to discuss with the developers the progress being made.

The Group publishes a Newsletter providing an insight as to what scouting is all about both locally and nationally. The Group also hosts a Facebook page to provide information to a wider audience and has recently developed the group web site to allow greater passage of information and flexibility.

Following the move out of the old building the Group continue to meet in the GP surgery building. The Group has continued to follow Government guidelines and also those issued by the Scout Association to ensure the safety of all of our leaders and children within the group.

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 Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £60K. The figures reflect a temporary increase in the reserves held with reserves of approximately £67k as funds are being retained for use once the Group take occupation of the new headquarters when funds will be needed to fit out and manage the building.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31st March 2024 (Continued)

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Statement of Board of Trustees Responsibilities

The Board of Trustees members are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and resources expended for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Board of Trustees members are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Board of Trustees members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Board of Trustees Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

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P BOWERS (Chairman)

13 September 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
1st Great Sutton Scout Group
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

D KIMPTON
Independent Examiner

1 Berry Close
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13 September 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31/03/24 £	Total Funds 31/03/23 £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions		11,464.00	-	11,464.00	10,012.00
Donation in memory - D Burrows		-	-	-	2,180.00
General Donations		2.00	-	2.00	-
Specific Donations:					
-Cheshire Comm Foundation		-	504.00	504.00	-
-Stanlaw Abbey Bus Centre		-	-	-	1,000.00
-Arnold Clark Foundation		-	-	-	1,000.00
-CWAC Councillors		-	-	-	2,500.00
-JLR		-	-	-	500.00
-Scout Association		-	500.00	500.00	-
-Redrow		-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
-Prof Helen Aspinall		-	-	-	500.00
The Giving Machine		15.60	-	15.60	23.30
Camps/Trips		14,314.00	-	14,314.00	11,504.00
Gift Aid		2,345.85	-	2,345.85	2,478.84
Capitation		3,820.00	-	3,820.00	2,327.00
Training		-	-	-	-
Fireworks		-	-	-	-
RAW income		80.00	-	80.00	51.00
Insurance refund		-	-	-	-
Badges sales		-	-	-	135.00
Scottish Power refund		-	-	-	-
Other income		55.19	-	55.19	83.64
		<u>32,096.64</u>	<u>2,504.00</u>	<u>34,600.64</u>	<u>34,294.78</u>
Fundraising					
Race night		561.00	-	561.00	-
Summer fayre/raffle		1,109.60	-	1,109.60	788.00
Bingo		519.00	-	519.00	595.00
Duck Race		582.00	-	582.00	-
Cheshire hike		300.00	-	300.00	480.00
Quiz night		172.00	-	172.00	207.45
Water Bottles		-	-	-	360.00
Bag Pack		100.00	-	100.00	1,124.71
Yuletide		1,231.00	-	1,231.00	1,255.00
Other fundraising activities		1,810.06	-	1,810.06	704.60
		<u>6,384.66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,384.66</u>	<u>5,514.76</u>
Investment income	2				
Bank interest		1,008.25	-	1,008.25	97.43
Property rent income		2,012.00	-	2,012.00	2,834.00
		<u>3,020.25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,020.25</u>	<u>2,931.43</u>
Total gross income		<u>41,501.55</u>	<u>2,504.00</u>	<u>44,005.55</u>	<u>42,740.97</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31/03/24 £	Total Funds 31/03/23 £
Total receipts	41,501.55	2,504.00	44,005.55	42,740.97
Payments				
Charitable payments				
Youth programme and activities	8,160.04	84.96	8,245.00	6,167.50
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
Water and sewerage	100.00	-	100.00	-
Electricity and gas	127.00	-	127.00	219.53
Insurance	-	-	-	549.49
Repairs and renewals	35.00	45.26	80.26	30.00
Materials and equipment	1,193.74	2,000.00	3,193.74	2,400.71
Food & drinks	64.35	-	64.35	223.50
Camp costs & trips	14,270.68	1,004.00	15,274.68	11,224.17
Uniforms/badges/shirts/awards	2,959.72	257.95	3,217.67	1,972.56
Capitation	8,983.00	-	8,983.00	7,988.00
Subscriptions	194.97	-	194.97	236.54
Donation	-	-	-	-
RAW expenses	327.24	-	327.24	52.00
T Shirts	1,020.98	-	1,020.98	780.00
Leader leaving present	-	-	-	-
Minibus course	155.00	-	155.00	-
Water Bottles	-	-	-	640.00
Other expenses	391.32	21.83	413.15	247.68
IT & Web site	127.50	-	127.50	504.00
Telephone & postage	45.00	-	45.00	63.00
	38,155.54	3,414.00	41,569.54	33,298.68
Fundraising expenses				
Race night	207.00	-	207.00	-
Bingo	224.00	-	224.00	257.10
Cheshire hike	428.78	-	428.78	568.25
Other fundraising costs	419.00	-	419.00	-
Summer fayre	568.00	-	568.00	354.21
Yuletide	415.00	-	415.00	393.00
Quiz night	168.00	-	168.00	59.45
Bag Pack	-	-	-	149.98
	2,429.78	-	2,429.78	1,781.99
Total gross expenditure	40,585.32	3,414.00	43,999.32	35,080.67
Assets and investment purchases etc	-	-	-	-
Total payments	40,585.32	3,414.00	43,999.32	35,080.67

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 (Continued)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31/03/24 £	Total Funds 31/03/23 £
Net of receipts/(payments)		916.23	(910.00)	6.23	7,660.30
Fund balances brought forward at 1st April 2023		<u>66,158.74</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>67,158.74</u>	<u>59,498.44</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2024		<u><u>67,074.97</u></u>	<u><u>90.00</u></u>	<u><u>67,164.97</u></u>	<u><u>67,158.74</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash funds			
Cash at bank and in hand		67,164.97	67,158.74
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Capital and reserves			
<i>Unrestricted</i>			
Unrestricted funds	4	67,074.97	66,158.74
Restricted funds	5	90.00	1,000.00
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Total funds		67,164.97	67,158.74
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 September 2024
and signed on its behalf by:

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H FRANCE (*Treasurer*)

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P BOWERS (*Chair*)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Board of Trustees report, all of which are continuing.

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 include the activities of the Board of Trustees plus the various group's details being a Squirrels unit, two beaver groups, two cub groups and one scout group.

(b) Capitalisation

All expenditure on the acquisition of fixed assets has been written off in the Income and Expenditure Account due to their short life expectancy.

(c) Income

Donations are accounted for as received by the charity

Income from investments is accounted for on a received basis.

(d) Investments

Investments are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost.

(e) Funds

The Group funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The Group can use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donors wishes or as a condition of receiving the funds.

(f) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(g) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Board of Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Board of Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements in particular taking account of the issues around the Covid pandemic and the restrictions this has had on income levels. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2024

2. INVESTMENT INCOME	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable on cash deposits	1,008.25	97.43
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. REMUNERATION OF THE COMMITTEE		
No remuneration was paid to members of the Board of Trustees in the year, nor were any Board of Trustees members expenses reimbursed.		
4. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2024	2023
	£	£
General fund		
At 1st April 2023	66,158.74	59,498.44
Net movement in funds	916.23	6,660.30
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31st March 2024	67,074.97	66,158.74
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
5. RESTRICTED FUNDS	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1st April 2023	1,000.00	-
Net movement in funds	(910.00)	1,000.00
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31st March 2024	90.00	1,000.00
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The restricted fund represents amounts donated for use on maintaining and developing the headquarters and for expenditure on equipment and establishing the new Squirrels unit.

6. STAFF COSTS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Charity does not employ any staff, including any key management personnel.