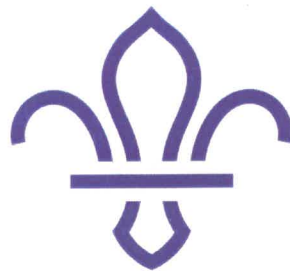


**A year of adventure**

**1st Consett Scout Group  
Annual Report & Accounts 23-24**



**Scouts**



**1st Consett Scouts**  
Charity number: 520349

# THE TRUSTEES

**1st Consett Scout Group 31 March 2024**

## **Trustees –**

**Chair - Phil Harnby**

**Treasurers – Kevin Holmes**

**Secretary – Sita Allen**

**Beaver leader Rep – Shaun Spence**

**Cub leader Rep – Emma Craig & James Hugarth**

**Scout leader Rep -Rosanna Crolla**

**Parent Rep – Andrew Murry**

**Parent Rep – Judith Liddle**

**Parent Rep - Neil Jukes**

**GLV – Jennifer Wright**

**DGLV - Alastair Constable**

## **Bankers**

Barclays Bank Plc  
Lloyds Bank Plc

## **Independent examiner**

Mrs C McCormick

## **Charity Registration Number**

520349

## **Contact Name & Address**

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# THE CHARITY

**The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.**

The legal and administrative details of the Group are shown elsewhere in this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR), and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Group was registered with the charity commission on the 9 April 1965 under the Scout Association Trust Deed 1955. The Group is managed by the Group Executive committee the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees.' Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounting records and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The committee comprises both nominated and elected representatives as required by POR.

### **Aim and objectives**

The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people.

### **Public benefit**

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

The Trustees have complied with the duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and the trustees have paid due regard to this guidance in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **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.

### **Review of activities and future developments**

It has been another remarkably busy year for the group with lots of activities and overnights. Overall, our accounts remain relatively healthy, and we can continue to subsidise some of the activities within the sections. Over the next year we plan to maximise HQ & Minibus bookings, focus on fundraising within the sections as well as apply for any funding/grants we are eligible for, to generate more income. Clearly problems such as the continuing rise in cost of living means that we need to monitor our finances carefully and an increase in membership fees may have to be considered.

### **Policy on reserves**

The reserve fund remains the same as last year, at £5,000. 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 12 months building running costs.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have 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 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 policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Approval of the trustees' report**

Approved by the trustees on 26 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

**Phil Harnby**  
**Group Chair**

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Consett Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 Trust's 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 1 **the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or**
- 2 **the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or**
- 3 **the accounts did 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.**

As Independent Examiner I was unable to obtain any documentary evidence to support the basis on which income, expenditure and cash assets are reported in the 1<sup>st</sup> Consett Accounts in relation to the HQ building shared with 1<sup>st</sup> Blackhill. I would therefore recommend to the Trustees that they ensure that there is a document specifying the allocation of HQ income, expenditure and cash assets on which to base the 2023/24 and future years' Accounts.

I have no further 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.

*Cm*

Mrs C McCormick

Date 14/10/2024

Howden Bank Farm, Maiden Law,  
County Durham



# BALANCE SHEET

	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cheque account	20,361.82	12,424.34
Deposit account	5,019.55	5,546.44
HQ Account	4,531.52	8,788.65
Stripe account	1,221.48	1,457.92
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>31,134.37</b>	<b>28,217.35</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>31,134.37</b>	<b>28,217.35</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Brought forward	28,217.35	38,863.95
Incoming resources - page 7	54,504.16	34,678.57
Outgoing resources - page 8	(51,587.14)	(45,325.17)
Carried forward	31,134.37	28,217.35

The Group notes that we own the building that we operate from jointly with 1st Blackhill (St Aiden's) Scout Group. The above Accounts include the 1st Consett Scout Group share of the costs, income and cash funds in relation to the HQ building.

The Group also owns a minibus.

The above account and accompanying payments and receipts were approved by the Trustees on 26 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:-

J Wright  
P Harnby



Group Scout Leader  
Group Chair

# RECEIPTS

	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	18,257.50	14,477.50
Gift aid	11,816.82	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,074.32</b>	<b>14,477.50</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
General	62.78	1,064.97
COVID	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>62.78</b>	<b>1,064.97</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Events	0.00	704.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>704.00</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
General activities and camps	20,355.85	15,723.00
Sundry	0.00	147.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,355.85</b>	<b>15,870.00</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Bank interest	65.41	12.10
HQ Income	2,520.00	1,977.00
Minibus	1,425.80	573.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,011.21</b>	<b>2,562.10</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>54,504.16</b>	<b>34,678.57</b>
<b>Less total payments (Page 8)</b>	<b>(51,587.14)</b>	<b>(45,325.17)</b>
<b>Net (outgoings) / income for the year</b>	<b>2,917.02</b>	<b>(10,646.60)</b>

# PAYMENTS

	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Premises Costs</b>		
Utilities	4,532.40	1,175.85
Insurance	1,748.68	1,423.19
Repairs and cleaning	2,059.53	2,501.60
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,340.61</b>	<b>5,100.64</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	28,423.56	20,361.63
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,412.69	1,739.42
Purchase of Equipment	286.60	1,129.07
Membership fees	7,906.00	13,010.00
Leaders training	118.30	327.20
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>38,147.15</b>	<b>36,567.32</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Miscellaneous	19.25	299.15
Professional fees	0.00	120.00
County loan	843.75	0.00
Bank charges	1,192.63	954.69
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,055.63</b>	<b>1,373.84</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Fundraising Expenses	250.00	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Minibus Expenses</b>		
Minibus Running Costs	2,793.75	2,283.37
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,793.75</b>	<b>2,283.37</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>51,587.14</b>	<b>45,325.17</b>

# Scouts



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