

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

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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
JULIAN TURNER	CHAIR	28/05/2023 - PRESENT
SALLY OGDEN	TREASURER	
HELEN GRATION	SECRETARY	
MICHAEL HAWLEY	GROUP SCOUT LEADER	
LAURA HALL		28/05/2023 - PRESENT
ANGELA ALLWOOD		28/05/2023 - PRESENT
ROTHWELL OGDEN		
JULIE ANN AULT		
DAVID HAWLEY		
RONALD ASHTON		
MICHAEL THOMPSON		31/08/2023 - PRESENT
MICHAEL BIRD	CHAIR	01/01/2023 - 28/05/2023

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**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(1) We have a constitution.
(2) The latest version was approved at our AGM on Sunday 28th May 2023.
(3) It is an adapted version of the standard in Chapter 5 of the Scouts Policy, Organisation and Rules.
(4) See "<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/volunteer-experience/volunteering-together/what-this-means-for-you/moving-to-trustee-boards/your-constitution/>"

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

TRUST, ASSIGNMENT DATED 9TH AUGUST 1950, UPON THE TRUSTS OF THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION TRUST DEED 1935.

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by a Trustee Board appointed in accordance with the constitution, 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 Trustee Board consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent representation. The Trustee Board meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board must complete the following training within 5 months of joining the board, as provided by the Scout Association: Trustee Introduction Training, Essential Information About Scouting, Safety, Safeguarding, and GDPR. The Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader in governing the Group, and is responsible for: running of the group; managing the finances of the group; ensuring the group carries out the purposes it was set up for and no other; ensuring the scouts policy, organisation and rules are followed; ensuring that legislation is observed; ensuring that charity laws and rules are applied; avoid exposing charity assets, beneficiaries, and reputation to undue risk; the insurance of persons, property and equipment; appointing any sub committees that may be required; and appointing group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

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

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

The Trustee Board 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:

(a) Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

(e) Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 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 of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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.

Section C**Objectives and activities**

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

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

The Group runs 4 section meeting weekly during school term times for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We are also partnered with the District for the provision of Explorer Scouts at Ripley enabling the provision of Scouting from 4-18 in the town. These sections provide a variety of activities for young people designed to achieve the range of badges set out by the Scout Association. We supplement these meetings, with additional events, such as camping, skills days, overnight sleepovers, and hikes. Through these activities, the group also indirectly provides great opportunities for personal development for adults, in the training and experience offered by scouting.

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.

Grantmaking

We have not done any grant making in 2023, but are developing a hardship policy for 2024.

Contribution by Volunteers

The charity operates entirely through the amazing work of our volunteers. We do not have any paid or salaried positions. Volunteers cover Trustee Board, Group Leadership, and running of sections and events.

Policy on Investments

All funds of the charity are held as cash in savings accounts.

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

2023 has been another great year for 1st Ripley. We opened our Squirrel Drey in February, Scoutings newest section for 4-6 year olds. Following an unprecedented number of enquiries and several volunteers coming forwards to form the leadership team.

We have continued to grow and by the end of 2023 have 87 young people taking part in Scouting on a weekly basis of which 17 were Squirrels. Additionally, our volunteer numbers have continued to grow with an additional 9 volunteers compared to 2022. This is driven partly by Squirrels and also additional volunteers on the Trustee Board, Beavers and Cubs, making these teams more sustainable and lightening the load on existing volunteers.

The Group now totals 116 members the largest it has been since 2001, and larger than our pre-pandemic size and now the largest Group in the Ripley and Heanor District.

Our sections, led by our amazing volunteers have continued to deliver fantastic programmes which has enabled 2 Acorn Awards, 11 Bronze Awards, 16 Silver Awards and 3 Gold Awards. Essentially, this means that every young person has earned their top award before they moved up into the next section which is an excellent marker of the quality of the programmes on offer at the Group.

The highlight of our year was our family camp at Hesley Wood, where we had just under 100 people during the Spring Bank holiday weekend taking part in a range of activities from canoeing, raft building and climbing, to inflatables, crafts, and parachute games. The event was really well received by everyone that attended and a big thank you has to go to the leaders that organised the event and everyone that attended for the making the event such a success.

During the year the Lions donated their BBQ trailer which has enabled us to begin running BBQ fundraisers at Marehay Show and Ripley Music Festival. These provide additional funds to the Group that enable us to keep Subs as low as we can and make funding available to the Section leadership teams for their programmes.

Section E	Financial Review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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 Trustee Board Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10,000. At the end of 2023 the Group had circa £11,000 of unrestricted reserves. £1,000 higher than our reserves policy. This is due to underspend against budget during 2023, and has been included within the 2024 budget to increase funds available for the programme.</p> <p>Reserves Policy The Trustees will annually review the reserves policy, and continue to plan to hold reserves to protect the association and delivery of its charitable programmes by providing time to adjust to changing financial circumstances or emergency maintenance.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	<p>In addition to the reserves policy of £10,000 the Group has some restricted and designated funding:</p> <p>Major Maintenance Fund - £40,000 (Designated) - To cover major infrastructure repairs or improvements eg roof repairs, new heating system, new boundary fences etc.</p> <p>Squirrels Nights Away - £500 (Restricted) - Grant received from HQ to support nights away experiences for Squirrel Scouts.</p> <p>Venue Maintenance - £0 (Restricted) - A £1500 grant for the improvement of the toilets and entry flooring was spent during 2023 and this fund now stands at £0</p>

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	NONE
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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;

Principle Sources of Funds | (1) Our principle source of funds is from parents through: (1-1) a monthly subscription payment for each young person who is a member of the group; (1-2) payments for specific costed events such as camps. (2) From 2023 we are also now raising funds through operating a barbecue at two local Ripley Events. (3) We occasionally receive a donation from the local rotary group - and in 2023 a donation of £500 was received and used to pay for a new projector. (4) Our main designated reserves originated from a bequest a number of years ago in a will. (5) Gift aid is claimed on subscription income where declarations are made through OSM equating to circa £2,500 of income.

Expenditure on Key Objectives | Our expenditure supports the key objectives in a number of ways: (a) it pays for the maintenance, heating and running of our scout hut where the majority of our activities takes place; (b) it pays for consumables used for our activities, such as stationery, snacks and drinks for young people and volunteers, gas and other activity materials; (c) it pays for the cost of maintenance and replacement of reusable equipment, such as trailers, tents, cooking equipment, benches, and tables; (d) replacement, such as it pays for the cost of camping and other events, such as booking fees.

Investment Policy

The Group has 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)

During 2024 the Scout Group turns 110 and we're planning a Birthday event to celebrate 110 years of Scouting in Ripley.

We have many camps in the diary for the year including Beavers first time camping since 2019, Spring Bank for the Cubs and Scouts, and a Cub Camp at Hesley Wood.

We plan to continue developing our Headquarters by completing the refurbishment of the toilet, installing an easy to use tent drying winches, clearing the loft above the kitchen, and installing a ramp to the front of the building to improve accessibility to the building.

We will continue to implement the transformation changes being implemented across The Scout Association as we seek to improve our digital systems, making it easier to volunteer through a new teams based structure and improving our Governance structures and processes to ensure the continued success and growth of the Scout Group

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Julian Turner</i>	
Full name(s)	Julian Mark Turner	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	
Date	1	0
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England & Wales

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 Ripley Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Ripley Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Ripley 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 Ripley 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 Ripley 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: Paul Falconer

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

Address: 4 Chancery Close, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3UT

Date: 6 June 2024

1st Ripley Scout Group (Charity no. 520671)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Receipts and payments

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income				-	
Donations	657.00	-	-	657.00	41
Legacies	0.00	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	2588.71	-	-	2,588.71	-
Other similar income	156.50	-	-	156.50	-
Subs	12850.00			12,850.00	7,732
Events	7225.78			7,225.78	8,207
Sub total	23,477.99	-	-	23,477.99	15,980
Grants				-	
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants		1,200	-	1,200.00	2,667
Sub total	-	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	2,667
Fundraising events (gross)				-	
RMF - BBQ Fundraiser 2023	1,963.63	-	-	1,963.63	-
Marehay Show BBQ	1485.11	-	-	1,485.11	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,448.74	-	-	3,448.74	-
Scout hut income				-	
Hire of building	-	-	-	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income					
Bank interest	246.57	-	-	246.57	98
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	246.57	-	-	246.57	98
Total Gross Income	27,173.30	1,200.00	-	28,373.30	18,745
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	1,800
Total receipts	27,173.30	1,200.00	-	28,373.30	20,545

1st Ripley Scout Group (Charity no. 520671)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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Receipts and payments

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	3,216.00	-	-	3,216.00	3,484
Events	9,068.47			9,068.47	
Meetings	7,176.73			7,176.73	12,658
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	694
Utilities	1,387.81	-	-	1,387.81	1,098
Insurance	1,888.95	-	-	1,888.95	1,493
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and equipment	4,039.14	-	-	4,039.14	1,100
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-	5
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-	-
Uniforms	652.94	-	-	652.94	344
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	127
IT and software charges	873.06	-	-	873.06	303
Bank Fees	45.35	-	-	45.35	202
Venue Maintenance	3,713.49	1,500.00	-	5,213.49	1,655
Sub total	32,061.94	1,500.00	-	33,562	23,164
Fundraising expenses					
RMF - BBQ Fundraiser 2023	1,148.15	-	-	1,148.15	-
Marehay Show BBQ	830.54	-	-	830.54	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,978.69	-	-	1,978.69	-
Total Gross Expenditure	34,040.63	1,500.00	-	35,540.63	23,164
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,040.63	1,500.00	-	35,540.63	23,164
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,867.33	- 300.00	-	- 7,167	- 2,618
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	68,471.09	1,500.00	-	69,971.09	72,589
Cash funds this year end	61,603.76	1,200.00	-	62,803.76	69,971

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

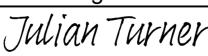

Year end date

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023			2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	28,533.46	1,200	-	29,733.5	32,989
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	6,774
Building society account	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.0	30,000
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	346.22	-	-	346.2	190
OSM Card Float	2724.08	-	-	2,724.1	18
Total cash funds	61,603.76	1,200	-	62,803.76	69,971
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c) ok ok ok ok ok ok</small>					
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	1,794	-	-	1,794	-
Trailers	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Land and buildings	747,432	-	-	747,432	747,432
Neckers and group badges	326	-	-	326	326
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	54,950	-	-	54,950	54,950
	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	806,502	-	-	806,502	804,708
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	868,105.63	1,200	-	869,305.63	874,679

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 10th June 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Julian Turner 2024-06-11 Chair
	Sally Ogden 12/06/24 Treasurer

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Date: 6 June 2024