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Up to 17th November 2024 – Group Executive Committee

Ex Officio	Chair	Mrs Emma Little
	Secretary	Ms Rebecca Cowley (resigned 17.11.24)
	Treasurer	Fiona Slater
	Group Lead Volunteer	Mr Douglas McIntyre
	Beaver Lead Volunteer	Ms Lea Scott (resigned 17.11.24)
	Cub Lead Volunteer	Ms Sam Carter (resigned 2.8.24)
	Scout Lead Volunteer	Mr Mark Lloyd (resigned 17.11.24)
	Explorer Lead Volunteer	Mr Robin Kennedy (resigned 17.11.24)

Elected	Ms Victoria Welsh
	Dr Jane Halpin
	Mrs Jane McIntyre

Nominated	Ms Dizzy Peverley
	Mr Simon Harrison
	Miss Georgia Turnbull (appointed 2.11.24)
	Mr Andy Gray (resigned 2.8.24)

From 17th November 2024 – Trustee Board

Mrs Emma Little (Chair)
Mr Douglas McIntyre (Group Lead Volunteer)
Fiona Slater (Treasurer)
Ms Victoria Welsh
Dr Jane Halpin
Mrs Jane McIntyre
Ms Dizzy Peverley
Mr Simon Harrison
Miss Georgia Turnbull (appointed 2.11.24)
Mr Thomas Harrison (appointed 17.11.24)
Mrs Jennifer Rogers (appointed 14.2.25)

Bankers	NatWest Bank Plc
Scout Registration number	2558
Charity Registration Number	520716
Contact name and address	Mr Douglas McIntyre 59 Burnhope Road Washington NE38 8DZ

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2025.

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).

Objectives of the Group

The Group was formed in 1916 by the adoption of POR by the founding Group leaders, who also acted as Trustees. The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Organisation

In the earlier part of the year, the Group was managed by the Group Executive Committee (Trustees), who met regularly to discuss all aspects of day to day running. The leaders of the Group were Trustees by virtue of their position as a leader. From the last AGM on 17th November 2024, the Group adopted the changes mandated by The Scout Association and the following structural changes were instituted:

- A Trustee Board, who make sure the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).
- A Group Leadership Team, who focus on the day to day delivery of a great scouting experience.

Investment powers

The Group's investment powers are set out in POR.

Review of Activities by D McIntyre, Group Lead Volunteer

The Group continues to thrive, thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of the volunteer teams. They are committed, across all sections, to giving the young people the best possible experiences. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them wholeheartedly for all that they do in giving up their time for the benefit of their young people.

Behind the leadership teams there is the Trustee Board. This comprises a Chairperson, Treasurer and Trustee members. There are 11 Trustees at the moment. The ideal number is considered to be between 5 and 12. It is their responsibility to ensure the Group is managed satisfactorily, is financially secure and to ensure that everything is in place to ensure Safety and Safeguarding of all members.

Not all of the Trustee board hold volunteer roles in Sections and I would like to thank each and every one of them for their continued work and support.

When the Group Executive changed to a Trustee Board, the Board's responsibilities were restricted to governance and safety. We now have a Group Leadership Team that is responsible for the more routine management matters. Unfortunately, that Team has not met as often as it should but that is something I will address going forward.

NUMBERS:

Pre Covid, we had in excess of 100 young people through two Beaver colonies, two Cub packs, a Scout Troop and Explorer Unit. Since Covid our numbers have diminished, in the lower sections particularly. As a result of that and the shortage of adult volunteers we had to close a Beaver Colony and Cub pack.

We opened a Squirrel Drey in September 2024 with an initial target of 12 young people. That is coming along nicely.

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Section numbers currently are:-

- Squirrels 17
- Beavers 15
- Cubs 27
- Scouts 20
- Explorers 11
- Group total 90

There is room for growth across the board, apart from Cubs who have healthy numbers.

Adult volunteer numbers are reasonably healthy, thanks to a combination of young people taking leader roles once they have turned 18, a number of adults having upgraded their roles and a few additional adults having been recruited. Currently we have the following numbers supporting each section:-

- Squirrels 7
- Beavers 8
- Cubs 7
- Scouts 7
- Explorers 5

Some of our adults help at more than one section and not everyone is able to attend regularly. The actual number of adult volunteers is around 35 including Trustee Board members. In addition, there are 8 Helpers of whom 2 can be considered active.

I have long wished to reopen the second Beaver Colony and Cub Pack again. Both second sections would need to be reopened at the same time to give satisfactory opportunity for transition between the sections. This is something that perhaps the Group Leadership Team could consider going forward.

Simon Harrison originally joined our Group as my Deputy Group Scout Leader. Unfortunately, that role no longer exists under the new framework. In recent months Simon has had to take a step backwards for personal reasons but continues to support me and the Team taking responsibility for making sure that all Risk Assessments are in place across the Group for activities etc.

His knowledge, skills, enthusiasm and drive are boundless and he has added a whole new dimension to the management team. I can't thank him enough for all that he has done and will continue to do.

Last but not least I would like to thank my wife Jane, who continues to support, guide and encourage me in my role. That has been unwavering over a period of over 30 years.

CHANGES:

Scouting has undergone changes since our last AGM:-

- Changes to the constitution and responsibilities of the Trustee Board have been implemented, as highlighted earlier in this report.
- Compass, the former Scout Association database for adults, has been replaced by a new digital Membership System. The transition has not been without its issues and there are still a number of areas where work is in progress. One of the main changes is that it is a self-service style of operation where individuals and management volunteers need to log in to the system to proactively manage the membership. There is much less direction coming from the centre. This is proving problematic for new volunteers as the former District Appointments Team is no more and the onus is on Group Leads to take their new volunteers along the joining path.
- Jane was the former Appointments Secretary for our District and has volunteered to continue to help coordinate the joining process along with Group Leads to facilitate this transition, as District Volunteer Development Team Lead.

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- Scouting has moved to a Teams based structure. As part of that the names of roles has changed. The hierarchy is now Group Lead Volunteer, Team Leader, Team Member. The former Occasional Helpers are now Non Members - Needs Disclosure.
- Training has been radically restructured in keeping with this.

Thanks again to everyone for what you do and apologies if I have left anyone out.

D McIntyre, Group Lead Volunteer
16th November 2025

Policy on reserves

In general, it is the Group's aim to maintain sufficient funds to ensure the success of all of its activities and to provide a contingency to support equipment replacement and unforeseen expenses at short notice. A sum of £1,500 has been designated as this contingency. Currently we have a healthy balance, and that is after spending some of our reserves on a new minibus for the benefit of the group.

Risk management

The Trustees assess the major strategic and operational risks faced by the Group on an ongoing basis and react to mitigate these risks. Through the Scout Association we arrange insurance to cover liability, personal accident and injury to young people and leaders as well as adequate insurance elsewhere for the building, the camping and activity equipment and the Group's minibus.

Grant making policy

The Group does not have a policy in respect of making grants.

Approval of the Trustees report

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

E M Little

Mrs E Little
Group Chair
16th November 2025

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1st Washington Scout Group (Charity no. 520716)			
Receipts and payments account			
		Year start date	Year end date
	For the year from	1st April 2024	To 31st March 2025
Receipts and payments			
		2024/25	2023/24
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions		13,835	13,705
Donations		21	85
Legacies			-
Gift Aid		2,908	3,420
Other similar income		-	-
Sub total		16,763	17,210
Grants			
Maintenance grant		-	-
Other grants		500	-
Sub total		500	-
Fundraising events (gross)			
Events income		12,888	11,369
Section income		-	-
Other fundraising activities		49	-
		-	-
Sub total		12,937	11,369
Scout hut income			
Hire of building		1,280	1,125
Hire of minibus		2,050	1,452
Other Scout hut income		-	-
Sub total		3,330	2,577
Investment income			
Bank interest		435	421
Bank compensation		-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-
Other investment income		-	-
Sub total		435	421
Total Gross Income		33,965	31,577
Asset and investment sales, etc.		3,000	-
Total receipts		36,965	31,577

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		2024/25	2023/24
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		£	£
Payments			
Charitable Payments			
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		4,181	3,911
Youth programme and activities		13,536	15,008
Adult support and training		138	45
Rent and Rates		38	38
Water and Sewerage		315	460
Electricity and Gas		1,526	745
Broadband		421	501
Insurance		1,038	953
Cleaning		1,666	1,432
Repairs and Renewals		3,117	10,555
Materials and equipment		295	3,414
Badges and neckers		870	969
Minibus and trailer expenses		4,945	2,399
OSM fees		306	234
GoCardless fees		856	619
AGM and trustee expenses		-	-
Miscellaneous - fundraiser for NE Autism		368	-
Sub total		33,616	41,282
Fundraising expenses			
Detail 1		-	-
Detail 2		-	-
Detail 3		-	-
Other fundraising costs		-	-
Sub total		-	-
		Total Gross Expenditure	41,282
		33,616	
Asset and investment purchases, etc. - minibus		20,400	-
		Total payments	41,282
		54,016	
		Net of receipts/(payments)	9,705
		-	17,051
Cash funds last year end		28,494	38,199
Cash funds this year end		11,443	28,494

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds			Unrestricted funds
	£			£
Cash funds				
Bank current account ****4502	2,201			853
Bank deposit account ****3117	7,334			25,730
Bank deposit accounts ****6336 and ****4588	547			420
Equals Money account	1,297			1,370
Cash/Floats	63			122
Total cash funds	11,443			28,494
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok			ok
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	-			-
Shop stock	-			-
Other stock	-			-
Land and buildings	125,000			125,000
Motor vehicles	20,000			3,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	15,000			15,000
Other	-			-
Sub total	160,000			143,000
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-			-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-			-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-			-
Loan - detail	-			-
Other liabilities	-			-
Sub total	-			-
Total net assets	171,443			171,494

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature		Print Name		
<i>E M Little</i>		E M Little		Chair
<i>F M Slater</i>		F M Slater		Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting policies

1. Income shown in the Receipts and Payment Account is before deduction of any expenses.
2. Non-monetary assets shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities has been given as an estimated valuation by the Trustees based on their knowledge of the assets involved and their age and condition.
3. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2000) for Charities, as applicable to the Group.
4. The receipts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
1st Washington Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **1st Washington Scout Group** for the year ended **31st March 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Washington 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 Washington 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 Washington 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: John Edwards

Address: 2 Rose Cottages, Windlass Lane, Washington, Tyne and Wear
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Date: 12th November 2025