



Scouts

Longford

GROUP REPORT FOR 2024/2025

1st Stretford (Longford) Scout Group

Registered Charity 521676

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER'S REPORT - NICK ANDERSON

This year has been one of real growth and development for Longford Scouts. From new sections to major progress at the Ranche, our journey continues to be driven by the commitment of our amazing volunteers. Every hour given makes a difference, and we are hugely grateful to all who contribute.

As of January 2025, our numbers have risen again to over 260 young people across all sections. Following the successful launch of our Saturday Scout Troop, we've continued to expand opportunities for families. At Easter 2024 we opened a new Tuesday Squirrels Drey, and from April 2025 we will pilot a second, giving even more 4–6 year olds the chance to join the adventure.

Our Explorer Young Leaders continue to be a real highlight — supporting younger sections with energy, ideas, and enthusiasm. Many then choose to stay on as adult volunteers, helping secure the future strength of the group.

HQ and the Ranche

A huge milestone this year was the major building project on the Ranche stores and shippon. We reroofed, insulated, and re-electrified the area, transforming it into safe, usable storage and activity rooms. This has finally allowed us to move all equipment and rooms into one consolidated space. The veranda and external works completed last year continue to provide a brilliant flexible outdoor area.

There is still much to do. In April 2025 we began work on ripping out and refurbishing the kitchen — the next big stage in creating facilities that match the needs of our growing group.

Fundraising and Support

This year saw a huge effort with our **Cheshire Ring fundraiser**, where members of the group walked 100 miles in just over 24 hours. The event raised significant funds to support the ongoing HQ works and showed the incredible determination of our volunteers and supporters.

We've also held several successful DIY days, but with over 450 parents in the group, more hands would make a huge difference. A couple of hours from everyone would transform what we can achieve. Every bit of help keeps our HQ improving and supports the best possible programme for our young people.

Governance and Thanks

Our Exec has now formally become a Trustee Board in line with Charity Commission requirements. We extend our thanks to **Darren Hughes** as Chair and Rob Partridge as Treasurer. This year also marks the retirement of **Sandie Pitt** as Group Secretary. Sandie has been an incredible support for so many years, and we thank her sincerely for her dedication and service.

Summary

Looking back, the progress we've made with new sections, fundraising, and HQ development is remarkable. Looking forward, our priorities remain clear: completing Ranche refurbishments, delivering the new kitchen, growing opportunities for young people, and ensuring our volunteer base is strong enough to deliver.

This is your Scout Group. Whether through helping at a meeting, lending DIY skills, fundraising, or driving the minibus, your support really does shape the future. Together, we can keep Longford Scouts thriving for the next generation.

CHAIR'S REPORT - DARREN HUGHES

The Group is a registered charity and was required by the Scout Association at the 2024 AGM to establish a Trustee Board. The Trustees of the Scout Group are responsible for ensuring that the Group meets requirements of the Charities Commission and the Scout Associations' policy, organisation and rules. Thanks to both Mary Lomax and Nick Anderson for their support which ensured a smooth transition from the Executive Committee and to the former Executive Committee members for their time and commitment to the Group.

In total are 9 members of the Trustee Board, which includes the Group Lead Volunteer and Treasurer. Since the inception of the Trustee Board the Trustees have focused on the areas of fundraising, stakeholder engagement and redevelopment of the Group Headquarters.

Significant progress has been made in connection with the Ranche stores and shippon, providing great facilities for our ever expanding membership. Discussions are ongoing with Trafford Borough Council to secure a long term commitment to further space adjacent to the Shippon building. In addition, with Trustee support, the Group is seeking to take advantage of grant funding for the installation of solar panels to assist in providing future energy security for the Group.

Successful fundraising activities such as the Cheshire Ring, plant sales and Bonfire night fireworks fund both the activities our members undertake but also the improvements of the Group's facilities. I would like to thank all our parents and carers who have contributed during the course of the year. These activities are crucial to the continuing success of the Group and I would invite all parents and carers to explore how they can help the Group.

The creation of the Squirrels, the first in Stretford District, is another great example of how our Group continues to expand offering Scouting to all. I am also pleased to see the development of our Saturday group. None of this would be possible without the fantastic support of our Leaders and Volunteers. On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank the team led by Nick Anderson for their time and commitment to the Group.

My final thanks go to our Group Secretary, Sandie Pitt, for her support and commitment to the Group over the many years of her service, which has been greatly appreciated by all involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - ROB PARTRIDGE

Fundraising and Donations

- An incredible £14,800 was raised from Cheshire Ring challenge– a fantastic event and fundraising achievement
- Another successful Bonfire night raised a record-breaking £3127
- 960 residual funds raised from the end of the last financial year by the plus 430 from a December fundraiser
- The annual Bedding Plant sales raised £2400
- The Group also received some charitable donations, including:-
 - o £35K Gosling Foundation
 - o £10000 donation from BERNARD SUNLEY FOUNDATION
 - o £2600 Skelton Bounty
 - o £1000 Forever Manchester
 - o £800 Benevity
 - o £730 Minibus donations
 - o £250 The window people
 - o £200 Matched fundraising

A huge thank you to the organisers of all the fundraising events and to all those who supported the events with attendance, purchases and donations.

Ranche Renovations

There was an outlay £105,000 to our main contractor for replacing much of the roofing, and renovating the store rooms and bouldering rooms

£17,000 was spent on related work including electricals, new doors and windows and heating

This expense was paid for through fundraising and use of excess reserves from previous years. AS the reserves are now depleted to just cover emergency reserve costs all new future renovation work will need to be costed and fund-raised in advance, an approach which working already with further development work in the 25/2 year

Although a large expense the renovations of 24/25 have taken the group large leaps forward by making the whole building watertight with new roofing and completing the core renovation work for most of the rooms off the courtyard.

Membership and subs

- There was another gradual increase in members throughout the year - from circa 260 to circa 290. This was matched with a gradual increase in subs paid throughout the year.
- Gift Aid paid back increased again this year (£12000) as a reflection of the increase in members and subs the previous year, plus Gift Aid claimed from donations. Gift Aid from subs should continue to increase as members increase.

- Capitation – the amount we give to the Scout Association per group member – increased for the fifth year running. A consequence of this and other increases in base costs another review of subs is being conducted.
- We are grateful for the regular subs payments from parents/carers that allow us to cover ‘base’ running costs and group programme costs – allowing fundraising and grants to be channelled into major projects such as the Ranche renovation.

Equipment and Training

- There was some paring back of training and scouting equipment this year (<£900 combined) to ensure sufficient funds could be made available for the main renovation work

End of Year Balances

- There was a drop in the group accounts from £67,000 to £35,000. This was a planned and managed reduction in the reserves to help fund the renovation work but still kept the Group within the required emergency reserves.
- Note: the End Of Year accounts are still to be finalised and subjected to an external audit prior to submission to the Charities Commission

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
Admin	2,996.41	940.00
Donation	53,055.92	16,087.50
Events	14,335.27	14,716.46
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	703.00	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,086.34	2,720.12
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	883.44	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,813.86	1,724.34
Events - Scouts	8,260.00	18,479.43
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	773.00	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	0.00
Fundraising	23,566.19	12,475.27
Gift Aid	12,208.73	7,847.04
Meetings	0.00	56.70
Membership Fees	50,506.24	41,619.46
Expense		
Activity Equipment	3,072.25	1,386.00
Admin	4,482.71	1,775.07
Badges	2,157.77	0.00
Events	13,891.49	12,000.00
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	582.76	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,474.94	2,381.66
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	863.76	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,969.49	1,326.81
Events - Scouts	8,355.16	21,195.89
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	711.49	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	0.00
Fundraising	3,992.53	5,052.26

HQ Run Costs	1,313.69	2,247.42
Insurance	1,503.40	1,469.35
Leader Uniform/Clothing	486.57	715.62
Meetings	456.04	2,769.08
Meetings - Beavers	140.73	615.30
Meetings - Beavers (Saturday)	6.77	379.98
Meetings - Cubs	100.44	1,229.91
Meetings - Cubs (Saturday)	229.06	-2,047.86
Meetings - Explorers	160.57	2,216.74
Meetings - Scouts	108.17	881.04
Meetings - Scouts (Saturday)	253.75	2,022.62
Meetings - Squirrels	48.27	0.00
Membership Costs	15,697.20	16,069.00
Minibus - Maintain & Insure	3,407.95	2,802.83
Neckers	483.10	0.00
Rent	1.00	225.00
Training	204.69	2,254.04
Training (Advanced)	312.55	0.00
Training (Young Leaders)	350.00	0.00
Utilities	5,505.66	2,512.49
Venue Maintenance	809.84	1,408.75
Venue Ranche Renovation	125,721.49	31,478.41

Account balances

Intermediary - PayPal	75.00	257.72
Expense Account	1,815.51	0.00
Sections - Co-op Bank Account	3,007.53	3,238.78
Sections - Cash	95.20	351.22
Group - Lloyds Account	32,571.91	65,307.25
Group - Cash	2,428.74	2,502.22
Group - Natwest	361.39	361.39
Sections - Co-op Bank SAVINGS	2,996.41	0.00

Summary

Account balance brought forward	72,018.58	69,719.67
Total income	179,397.05	130,242.00
Total expenditure	208,063.94	127,943.09
Net income	-28,666.89	2,298.91
Account balance carried forward	43,351.69	72,018.58



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	521676
1st Stretford Longford Scouts	521676

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Accounting	0.00	-	-	-	940.00
Donation	53,055.92	-	-	53,056	16,087.50
Events	14,335.27	-	-	14,335	14,716.46
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	-	-	4,154	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	703.00	-	-	703	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,086.34	-	-	3,086	2,720.12
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	883.44	-	-	883	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,813.86	-	-	4,814	1,724.34
Events - Scouts	8,260.00	-	-	8,260	18,479.43
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	773.00	-	-	773	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	-	-	55	0.00
Fundraising	23,566.19	-	-	23,566	12,475.27
Gift Aid	12,208.73	-	-	12,209	7,847.04
Meetings	0.00	-	-	-	56.70
Membership Fees	50,506.24	-	-	50,506	41,619.46
	176,401	-	-	176,401	130,242

Sub total(Gross income for AR)

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	176,401	-	-	176,401	130,242

Total receipts

A3 Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Accounting	0.00	-	-	-	940.00
Activity Equipment	3,072.25	-	-	3,072	1,386.00
Admin	1,486.30	-	-	1,486	835.07
Badges	2,157.77	-	-	2,158	0.00
Events	13,891.49	-	-	13,891	12,000.00
Events - Beavers	4,153.65	-	-	4,154	4,020.93
Events - Beavers (Saturday)	582.76	-	-	583	4.75
Events - Cubs	3,474.94	-	-	3,475	2,381.66
Events - Cubs (Saturday)	901.96	-	-	902	8,756.62
Events - Explorers	4,969.49	-	-	4,969	1,326.81
Events - Scouts	8,355.16	-	-	8,355	18,479.43
Events - Scouts (Saturday)	673.29	-	-	673	793.38
Events - Squirrels	55.00	-	-	55	0.00
Fundraising	3,992.53	-	-	3,993	5,052.26
HQ Run Costs	1,427.69	-	-	1,428	2,247.42
Insurance	1,503.40	-	-	1,503	1,469.35
Leader Uniform/Clothing	486.57	-	-	487	715.62
Meetings	456.04	-	-	456	2,769.08
Meetings - Beavers	140.73	-	-	141	615.30
Meetings - Beavers (Saturday)	6.77	-	-	7	379.98
Meetings - Cubs	100.44	-	-	100	1,229.91
Meetings - Cubs (Saturday)	229.06	-	-	229	-2,047.86
Meetings - Explorers	25.45	-	-	25	2,216.74
Meetings - Scouts	108.17	-	-	108	3,597.50
Meetings - Scouts (Saturday)	253.75	-	-	254	2,022.62
Meetings - Squirrels	48.27	-	-	48	0.00
Membership Costs	15,697.20	-	-	15,697	16,069.00
Minibus - Maintain & Insure	3,407.95	-	-	3,408	2,802.83
Neckers	483.10	-	-	483	0.00
Rent	1.00	-	-	1	225.00
Training	204.69	-	-	205	2,254.04
Training (Advanced)	312.55	-	-	313	0.00
Training (Young Leaders)	350.00	-	-	350	0.00
Utilities	5,505.66	-	-	5,506	2,512.49
Venue Maintenance	809.84	-	-	810	1,408.75
Venue Ranche Renovation	125,607.49	-	-	125,607	31,478.41
	204,932	-	-	204,932	127,943

Sub total

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total

Total payments **204,932** **-** **-** **204,932** **127,943**

Net of receipts/(payments) **- 28,532** **-** **-** **- 28,532** **2,299**

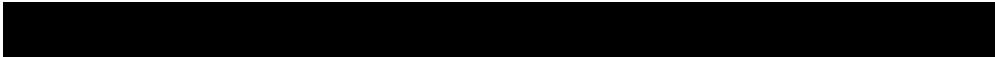
A5 Transfers between funds **-** **-** **-** **-** **-**

A6 Cash funds last year end **69,719.66** **-** **-** **69,720** **-**

Cash funds this year end **41,188** **-** **-** **41,188** **2,299**

Section B Statement of

Categories



B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Intermediary - PayIn	75.00	-	-
Expense Account E	1,815.51	-	-
Group - Co-op Bank	3,007.53		
Sections - Cash S	95.20		
Group - Lloyds Account	32,571.91		
Group - Cash G	2,428.74		
Group - Natwest G	496.51		
Sections - Co-op Bank	2,996.41		
Total cash funds	43,487	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
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		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

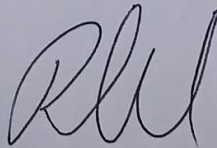
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Partridge	1/25/2026

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 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER
 1470550



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report
on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's R2eort

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Stretford (Longford) Scouts

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

521676

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 03/ 2021.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Robert Marsh

Date:

21/1/24

Name:

ROBERT MARSH

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):**

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**