

1ST THORNTON CLEVELEYS SCOUT GROUP

**MARSH ROAD
THORNTON CLEVELEYS
LANCS
FY5 2TY**

Registration Number 38294
Charity Number 521682

**FINANCIAL REPORT
and
GROUP ACCOUNTS**

1ST APRIL 2022 - 31ST MARCH 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name 1 st Thornton Cleveleys Scout Group
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 st March 2023	Charity no (if any)	521682
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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

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 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:

Date:

Name:

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

Address:

14 Vernon Road
Lytham St Annes Lancs FY8 2RQ

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Thornton Cleveleys Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Marsh Road						
Thornton Cleveleys						
Lancs						
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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
1	Mr K Smart	Chair	
2	Mrs M Crossley	Secretary	
3	Mrs C M Minshull	Treasurer	
4	Mr M Wright	Group Scout Leader	
5	Mrs K Hill	Cub Leader	
6	Mr A Smart	Scout Leader	
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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

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are these of The Scout Association. They consist of the Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

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 the Trustee Board, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 2 months.

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

Members of the Trustee Board complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Trustee Board 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;
 Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
 Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are

elected.

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:

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.

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.

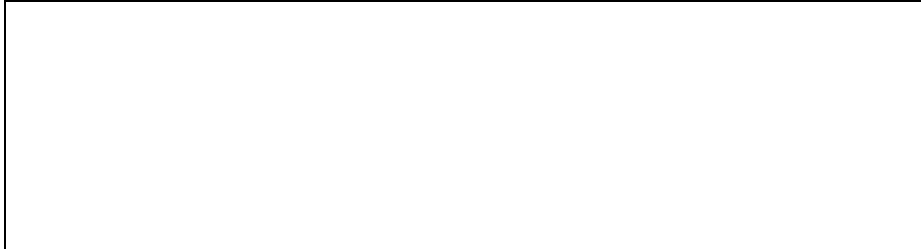
Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

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.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. 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 .

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
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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

1st Thornton Cleveleys Scout Group offers Scouting to young people between the ages of 4 and 18. The programme of activities allows the young people to achieve badges and in doing so learn the purpose of and demonstrate the Scout Method. All volunteers in the group also ensure that the Scout Method is followed in all aspects of managing and facilitating the group. During all activities and meetings all the members of 1st Thornton Cleveleys Scout Group uphold the values of Scouting.

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

The Group has opened the first new Squirrel section in Wyre and continues to run 2 Beaver Sections, 1 Cub and 1 Scout Section. We are still holding a waiting list for most sections.

Maintenance has continued around the building with new lighting in Kitchen & Foyer, Store Room, Corridor and security lights. Hedge was cut down.

Defibrillator Batteries were purchased

Activities included attending District Camp, Red Rose Camp, Sea Life Centre and a Panto Trip

Camping equipment has been purchased from successful grants

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10K.

The group held reserves of approx. £27592 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The bank account is with Co-operative Bank and the £10k reserves and additional funds are held in a separate savings account.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

We are running a varied programme and are planning more trips and camps.

We are planning on opening another Cub Group later this year.

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>Matthew Wright</i>	<i>Kevan Smart</i>
Full name(s)	Matthew Wright	Kevan Smart
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader	Chair
Date	07/07/2023	

1ST THORNTON CLEVELEYS SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS

			2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2021/22
			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Membership Subscriptions			11233.10		11233.10	9048.62
Less Paid to Scout Association			4998.00		4998.00	3216.00
Net Membership Subscriptions retained			6235.10		6235.10	5832.62
Grants (Gross)			1500.00	1350.00	2850.00	9700.00
Sports England	1350.00					
Postcode Lottery/Magic Little Grants	500.00					
Asda	500.00					
Scout Association	500.00					
Bank Interest			11.74		11.74	0.00
Gift Aid			2102.32		2102.32	1574.68
Hall Rental			3841.00		3841.00	3395.00
Misc.			57.00		57.00	48.09
Camps & Activities			7601.50	3140.00	10741.50	4370.00
Sub Total			21348.66	4490.00	25838.66	24920.39
Fundraising (Gross)			497.50		497.50	530.52
Wyre Lottery	320.50					
Red Rose	0.00					
AGM	157.50					
Smarties Challenge (Part)	20.00					
Total Receipts			21846.16	4490.00	26336.16	25450.91

PAYMENTS

			2022/23		2022/23	2021/22
						Total Funds
Equipment			2649.79		2649.79	1932.39
Adult Support & Training			524.75		524.75	460.00
Rates			171.52		171.52	87.55
Water			265.98		265.98	184.67
Electric/Gas			1569.51		1569.51	1329.57
Insurance			1851.53		1851.53	1741.59
Repairs & Renewals			2260.29		2260.29	12442.69
Red Rose Payments			3140.00		3140.00	730.00
Cleaning & Waste Removal			1008.16		1008.16	789.30
Badges & Neckers			1659.03		1659.03	897.31
Postage Stationery & Printing			254.17		254.17	156.21
Activity Expenses			2622.60		2622.60	3748.99
Uniforms			1427.76		1427.76	161.50
Internet & Website			253.92		253.92	282.62
Signs & Notice Boards			68.66		68.66	14.51
Garden			286.16		286.16	300.60
Camps & Activities			12312.56		12312.56	0.00
Misc.			695.23		695.23	449.39
Bank Charges			20.80		20.80	29.70
PPE			0.00		0.00	8.99
Fundraising Costs			147.72		147.72	0.00
Total Payments			33190.14		33190.14	25747.58
Excess of Receipts over Payments					6853.98	
Cash Funds Last Year						34446.41
Cash Funds This Year					27592.43	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT YEAR END

			2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	20221/22
				Restricted Funds		
CASH FUNDS						
Bank Account (Current)			2592.43		2592.43	24446.41
Bank Account (Savings Account)	Note1&2		10510.00	14490.00	25000.00	10000.00
Section Floats					0.00	0.00
Total			13102.43	14490.00	27592.43	34446.41
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS						
Gift Aid			2543.30		2543.30	2102.32
Outstanding Rent			0.00		0.00	340.00
Total			2543.30		2543.30	1574.68
NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE						
Badge Stock			200.00			200.00
Land & Buildings			511500.00			511500.00
Scout Equipment & Furniture			30000.00			30000.00
Total			541500.00			541500.00
LIABILITIES						
Accounts not paid						0.00
Subscriptions not paid			24.00		24.00	24.00
Loan						0.00
Other Liabilities						0.00
Total			24.00		24.00	24.00

Note 1 - Restricted funds of £10,000 have been set up to hold an amount approximately Equal to 12 months running costs.

Note 2 - Restricted funds of £1350 for Sports England Grant and £3140 For Bibby's Camp.

THE ABOVE RECEIPTS, PAYMENTS AND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND

LIABILITIES WERE APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEE BOARD

ON 7th July 2023 AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF.

Kevan SmartChairperson

Matthew Wright..... Group Scout Leader