

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 2023 - 31ST MARCH 2024



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 2024	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 31/03/2024.

**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.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

ACIB

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																																																																																																			
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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

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Thornton Cleveleys																																																																																																			
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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 Lead Volunteer	
5	Mrs K Hill	Group Assistant Lead Volunteer	
6	Mr A Smart	Volunteer (Cubs)	
7	Mr A Campbell	Lead Volunteer (Scouts)	
8	Miss L Rigby	Volunteer (Scouts)	
9	Mrs E Pelham	Lead volunteer (Squirrels)	

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:

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

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 Lead Volunteer, individual section volunteers (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead volunteer 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 volunteer 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.

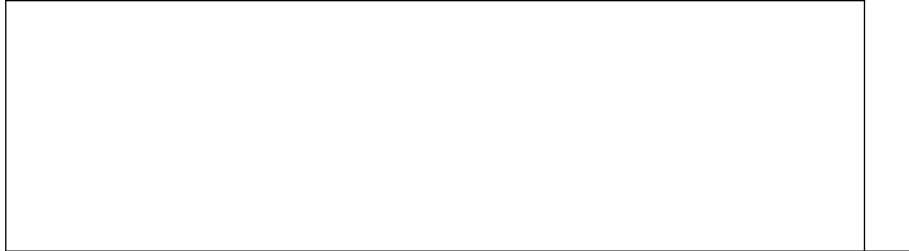
Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income 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 4 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 continues to run 1 Squirrel Section, 2 Beaver Sections, 2 Cub Sections and 1 Scout Section. We are still holding a waiting list in some sections.

Maintenance has continued around the building and the installation of a new boiler and radiator has been agreed. Grants have been received to cover this cost and work is planned in late April 2024.

Fundraising activities including Smarties Challenge, Woggle sales, Raffle and Uniform Sales raised nearly £2000 which was put towards camp subsidies.

Grants from Walney Community Fund, Warburton's, LCC Councillors Grant, BXB Foundation and Magic Little Grants totalling £3200 were given for camping equipment and a coach subsidy.

Grants from Skelton, Harold & Alice Bridges & BXB Foundation were given for the installation of the new boiler and radiators.

Sections have been on various trips throughout the year with a group camp at Bibby's Farm.

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 Trustees consider that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £12K.

The group held reserves of approx. £40,686 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 £12k 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.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Matthe w Wright	Kevan Smart
Full name(s)	Matthew Wright	Kevan Smart
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Lead Volunteer	Chair
Date	0 2 09 2024	

1st Thornton Cleveleys Scout Group
(Charity No.521682)

Receipts and Payments Account 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Receipts and payments				
	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	8637.70	5819.50	14457.20	11233.10
Camps & Activities	6089.74	2130.00	8219.74	10741.50
Donations	225.00	0.00	225.00	0.00
Gift Aid	2543.30	0.00	2543.30	2102.32
AGM	117.70	0.00	117.70	157.50
Sub total	17613.44	7949.50	25562.94	24234.42
Grants				
Walney Community Trust (Equipment)	1050.00	0.00	1050.00	0.00
Warburton's (Equipment)	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
Magic Little Grants (Equipment)	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Skelton (Boiler)	0.00	1500.00	1500.00	0.00
Lancs County Councillors Grant (Coach)	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Harold & Alice Bridges (Boiler)	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
BXB Foundation (Boiler & Camp Subsidy)	0.00	1500.00	1500.00	0.00
Sports England	0.00	0.00	0.00	1350.00
Asda	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Scout Association	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Sub total	1950.00	4500.00	6450.00	2850.00
Fundraising events (gross)				
Ebay	349.31	0.00	349.31	0.00
Smarties Challenge	414.50	0.00	414.50	20.00
Wyre Lottery	245.00	0.00	245.00	320.00
Duck Woggles	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
Misc ((Inks, Tombola & Uniform)	34.00	0.00	34.00	57.00
Christmas Raffle	810.00	0.00	810.00	0.00
Sub total	1972.81	0.00	1972.81	397.00
Scout hall income				
Hire of building	4636.00	0.00	4636.00	3841.00
Hire of equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uniform Sales	83.25	0.00	83.25	0.00
Sub total	4719.25	0.00	4719.25	3841.00
Investment income				
Bank interest	293.15	0.00	293.15	11.74
Sub total	293.15	0.00	293.15	11.74
Total Gross Income	26548.65	12449.50	38998.15	31334.16
Total receipts	26548.65	12449.50	38998.15	31334.16

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	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	0.00	0.00	0.00	4998.00
Youth programme and activities	2197.44	0.00	2197.44	2622.60
Adult support and training	277.15	0.00	277.15	524.75
Rates	91.01	0.00	91.01	171.52
Water and Sewerage	333.73	0.00	333.73	265.98
Electricity and Gas	2193.58	0.00	2193.58	1569.51
Insurance	2071.89	0.00	2071.89	1851.53
Cleaning & Waste	1304.24	0.00	1304.24	1008.16
Repairs and Renewals	1359.06	0.00	1359.06	2260.29
Materials and equipment	2672.53	0.00	2672.53	2649.79
Post, Printing and photocopying	193.02	0.00	193.02	254.17
Contribution to camp & activity costs	8695.45	0.00	8695.45	15452.56
Uniforms & Shop Set Up	2416.30	0.00	2416.30	1427.76
Badges & Neckers	830.24	0.00	830.24	1659.03
AGM and trustee expenses	457.30	0.00	457.30	0.00
Internet	498.22	0.00	498.22	253.92
Garden	273.98	0.00	273.98	286.16
Misc	123.59	0.00	123.59	716.03
Signs & Notice Boards	130.14	0.00	130.14	68.66
Sub total	26118.87	0.00	26118.87	38040.42
Fundraising expenses				
Raffle Tickets	45.00	0.00	45.00	0.00
Lottery Licence	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
Other fundraising costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	147.72
Sub total	85.00	0.00	85.00	147.72
Total Gross Expenditure	26203.87	0.00	26203.87	38188.14
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	26203.87	0.00	26203.87	38188.14
Net of receipts/(payments)	344.78	12449.50	12794.28	-6853.98
Cash funds last year end	0.00	0.00	27592.43	34446.41
Cash funds this year end	344.78	12449.50	40386.71	27592.43

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	2702.71	7684.00	10386.71	2592.43
Bank savings account	15000.00	15000.00	30000.00	25000.00
Cash/Floats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total cash funds	17702.71	22684.00	40386.71	27592.43
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Shop stock	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00
Other stock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	658953.00	0.00	658953.00	511500.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	30000.00	0.00	30000.00	30000.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	690653.00	0.00	690453.00	541700.00
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid (Capitation)	5819.50	0.00	5819.50	0.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions not yet paid	36.00	0.00	36.00	24.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	5855.50	0.00	5855.50	24.00
Total net assets	£702,500.21	22684.00	724984.21	569268.43

NOTES

Restricted Funds in current account of £4500 and £3184 are for New Boiler and Camps Subsidies. Restricted Funds in the Savings Account of £12,000 are for 12 months running costs

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2nd September 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

K Smart	Kevan Smart
M Minshull	Michelle Minshull

Chair

Treasurer