

**Charity No: 521777**

**78TH LEICESTER (1ST THURMASTON) SCOUTS  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF 78TH LEICESTER (1ST THURMASTON) SCOUTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The Executive Committee presents its report along with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, Charities Act 2011, and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2005.

## Reference and administrative details

Charity name:	78 <sup>th</sup> Leicester (Thurmaston) Scout Group	
Charity registration number:	521777	
Operational address:	Unicorn Street Thurmaston Leicester	
Trustees:	G Hartop	(Chair)
	R Warrington	(Group Scout Leader)
	D Gartside	(Secretary)
	S Sharp	(Treasurer)
	K Bolc	(Assistant Treasurer)
	L Pickering	
	H Billings	
	P Ward	
	K Hall	
	A Hall	
	A Morris	

## Structure, Governance and management

### Organisational Structure

The Charity is governed by its conveyance dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 1959 upon the trusts of the Boy Scouts Association Trust Deed of 1955. The group is completely run by volunteers.

### Recruitment and appointment of trustee

Nominations for members of the committee must be made in writing to the Secretary two weeks before the Annual General Meeting. The Officers and Committee members are elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Officers are eligible for re-election unless they have served on the committee for 10 consecutive years. Should nominations exceed vacancies, election shall be held by ballot.

### Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are that of a Scout group covering all sections of scouting from Beavers to cubs to Scouts and Explorers, covering an age range from six years to eighteen. We aim to enhance the development and education of the young people through the various activities on offer.

### Main activities undertaken for public benefit

In planning activities the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit is taken into consideration. The focus of activities is to provide an educational and stimulating environment for all of our young people.

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## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Review of activities**

See separate document attached which has a review of activities from each section within our group.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees consider that free reserves equivalent to 6 months costs should be maintained as a contingency in the event that number fall and to allow us to cover any unexpected costs of maintenance to the property. The charities balance sheet shows reserves that more than cover this.

### **Statement of Management Committee and Trustee's Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the executive Committee on 31 October 2024 and signed on its behalf.

R Warrington  
Joint Group Scout Leader

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 78TH LEICESTER (1ST THURMASTON) SCOUTS**

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We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Receipt and payments account, Statement of assets and liabilities and related notes.

## **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1 which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Mr John Ingham  
41 Victoria Road  
Whetstone  
Leicester  
LE8 6JY**

**31 October 2024**

## 78TH LEICESTER (1ST THURMASTON) SCOUTS

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYEMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### ACTIVITY AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Incoming resources:</b>					
<b><i>Gifts donations and other voluntary receipts:</i></b>					
Income from group activities	3	19,322		23,551	
Subscriptions	4	9,059		8,105	
Donations and grants	5	7,106		4,674	
			35,487		36,330
<b><i>Receipts from trading activities:</i></b>					
Hire of equipment		-		-	
Non-charitable trading	6	18,420		13,505	
			18,420		13,505
<b><i>Receipts earned from assets:</i></b>					
Interest received			-		-
<b><i>Insurance claim</i></b>					
			-		-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>			<b>53,907</b>		<b>49,835</b>
<b>Resources expended:</b>					
<b><i>Charitable activities:</i></b>					
Expenses for group activities	7	22,030		23,415	
Motor and travel expenses		1,696		56	
			23,726		23,471
<b><i>Publicity, fundraising, management and administration:</i></b>					
Non charitable trading	8	6,917		6,735	
Office expenses	9	22,528		21,120	
			29,445		27,855
<b><i>Other payments:</i></b>					
Loan repayments and interest			-		-
<b>Total resources expended</b>			<b>53,171</b>		<b>51,326</b>
<b>(Defecit) / Surplus for the year</b>			<b>736</b>		<b>(1,491)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>			<b>40,541</b>		<b>42,032</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>			<b>41,277</b>		<b>40,541</b>

The accounting policies and notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these accounts

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

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	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Monetary assets</b>			
Current account		36,898	38,120
Cash in hand		4,379	2,421
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		41,277	40,541
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accruals		-	-
Loans		-	-
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		-	-
<b>Future liabilities</b>			
Loans		-	-
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#### Other assets held for functional use by the charity

##### Freehold land and buildings

Property situated at Unicorn Street, Thurmaston, Leicester is used by the charity. The freehold title vest with the trustees. The property has been insured for £384,000.

The title deeds of the property are held by the Scout Association Trust Corporation in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement.

##### Other assets

Furniture and equipment in the building, band equipment, camping equipment and tents, group coach, trailers, canoes and such assets. These assets are insured for £30,000.

The accounts on pages 2 to 6 were approved by the trustees on 31 October 2024 and signed on its behalf:

S Sharp  
Treasurer

R Warrington  
Group Scout Leader

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005 and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### 2. Statement of trustees' responsibilities in respect of the accounts

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### 3. Income from group activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Section maintenance	3,726	3,785
Guides maintenance	4,954	3,860
Section capitation	3,026	2,945
Section activities	7,616	12,961
	<u>19,322</u>	<u>23,551</u>

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#### 4. Subscriptions

	2023 £	2022 £
Sections	15,711	14,735
Less:		
Memberships collected for the group	(6,652)	(6,630)
	<u>9,059</u>	<u>8,105</u>

#### 5. Donations

	2023 £	2022 £
General donations	7,106	4,674
Gift Aid	-	-
Grants	-	-
	<u>7,106</u>	<u>4,674</u>

#### 6. Non-charitable trading

	2023 £	2022 £
Gang Show	3,945	-
Christmas bazaar and raffle	3,303	2,653
Sponsored walk	30	2,193
100 club and coach income	2,361	2,233
Bonfire	3,681	3,312
Scout shop	725	1,413
Sundry	4,375	1,702
	<u>18,420</u>	<u>13,506</u>

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#### 7. Expenses for group activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Section activities	17,673	19,759
Training education	257	-
Capitation and maintenance	4,100	3,656
	<u>22,030</u>	<u>23,415</u>

#### 8. Non-charitable trading expenses

	2023 £	2022 £
Fundraising expenses	3,715	2,877
100 club prizes	1,128	1,438
Scout shop	2,074	2,420
	<u>6,917</u>	<u>6,735</u>

#### 9. Office expenses

	2023 £	2022 £
Repairs and maintenance	6,637	6,537
Rates and water charges	663	368
Telephone and internet	374	374
Light and heat	6,949	3,839
Insurance and sundries	7,209	8,386
Printing, postage and stationery	696	1,095
	<u>22,528</u>	<u>20,599</u>

#### 10. Controlling party

The charity is under the ultimate control of the executive board.