

# 4th Moreton Scout Group

## Trustees' Annual Report

1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

## 1. Welcome & Introduction

The trustees of 4th Moreton Scout Group are proud to present the annual report for the year ending 31 March 2025. Our group continues to deliver the Scout Association's mission: **helping young people gain skills for life** through adventure, teamwork, and personal development.

This year has seen growth, energy, and a renewed focus on strengthening our governance and programme delivery.

## 2. Our Purpose

4th Moreton Scout Group exists to:

- Provide fun, challenge, and adventure
- Support young people in developing confidence and resilience
- Encourage teamwork, leadership, and community involvement
- Deliver a balanced programme in line with the Scout Association's values

We run four active sections:

- **Squirrels**
- **Beavers**
- **Cubs**
- **Scouts**

Each section offers age-appropriate activities that help young people explore, learn, and grow.

## 3. Programme Delivery

Across all sections, young people took part in:

- Outdoor adventures
- Camps and sleepovers
- Community projects
- Badge work and skills development
- Team challenges
- Creative and problem-solving activities

Our volunteers continue to give their time, energy, and enthusiasm to ensure every young person has the chance to participate fully.

## 4. Achievements & Highlights

### Growth & Participation

- Membership increased across multiple sections.
- Over **1,000 badges** were awarded — a testament to the hard work of our young people and leaders.

### Governance Improvements

- The group successfully transitioned to a **new trustee board structure**, strengthening compliance and oversight.

### Programme Success

- Camps were well attended and financially sustainable.
- Young people engaged in a wide range of activities that supported the “Skills for Life” vision.

## 5. Challenges

Like many Scout Groups, we continue to face:

- Rising costs for utilities, insurance, and programme materials
- Ongoing need to maintain and replace equipment
- Ensuring the Scout Hut remains safe, warm, and welcoming

Despite these challenges, the group remains financially stable and forward-looking.

## 6. Financial Review

### Opening Balances (29 March 2024)

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance (£)</b>
Main Account	15,027.86
Camp Account	498.27
Savings Account	15,528.96
<b>Total Opening Balance</b>	<b>31,055.09</b>

### Income

<b>Income Source</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Subs	12,298.47
Donations	356.93
Plant Sale	3,624.60
Camps	9,164.07
Badges & Clothing	55.00
Activities	701.26
Interest on Savings	238.49
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,438.82</b>

### Expenditure

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Plant Sale Costs	2,124.25
Camps	4,253.60
Badges & Clothing	1,701.98
Activities	3,237.86
OSM	145.35

Equipment	645.85
Repairs	281.97
Insurance	1,598.39
Capitation	7,365.00
Water	455.09
Electric	823.20
Gas	883.80
Cleaner	699.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,516.2</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>

## Overall Position

<b>Summary</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Total Income	26,438.82
Total Expenditure	24,516.24
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>1,922.58</b>

The group remains financially healthy, with reserves increasing and sufficient funds to support future improvements.

## Closing Balances (28 March 2025)

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance (£)</b>
Main Account	13,866.32
Camp Account	2,561.93
Savings Account	16,967.45
<b>Total Closing</b>	<b>33,395.7</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>0</b>

## 7. Looking Ahead

Our priorities for 2025-26 include:

- Purchasing a **new mess tent** (£2,000)
- Carrying out **Scout Hut improvements** during the summer holidays
- Continuing to replace and upgrade equipment

- Supporting leader training and recruitment
- Strengthening governance and volunteer support

These plans will ensure we continue delivering high-quality Scouting for years to come.

## 8. Governance & Trustees

The group is governed by a board of trustees in line with the Scout Association's POR. Trustees oversee finance, compliance, property, and risk management.

### Trustees during the year

- Will Goodwin  
Chair
- Philip McClure  
Lead Group Volunteer
- Jayne Pinder  
Group Secretary
- Stacey McClure  
Squirrel Lead Volunteer
- Sue Wilson  
Beaver Lead Volunteer
- Jenifer Hamblett  
Cub Lead Volunteer
- Ian Scott  
Scout Lead Volunteer
- Hannah Scott  
Fundraising Lead Volunteer
- Clare Goaten  
Squirrel Parent Rep
- Vicky Moore  
Beaver Parent Rep
- David Humphreys  
Cub Parent Rep
- Bella Hornby  
Scout Parent Rep
- Caroline Richardson
- Racheal Phillips

## 9. Safeguarding

We follow the Scout Association's safeguarding policies and procedures. All adult volunteers complete mandatory training and hold enhanced DBS checks. Safeguarding remains central to everything we do.

## 10. Trustee Signatures

**Chair of Trustees:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**

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**Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Scout Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**

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Opening Balance's 29th March 2024	
Main Account	£ 15,027.86
Camp Account	£ 498.27
Savings Account	£ 15,528.96
Total	£ 31,055.09

Item	Income	Expenses
Subs	£ 12,298.47	
Donations	£ 356.93	
Plant Sale	£ 3,624.60	£ 2,124.25
Camps	£ 9,164.07	£ 4,253.60
Badges & Clothing	£ 55.00	£ 1,701.98
Activities	£ 701.26	£ 3,237.86
OSM		£ 145.35
Equipment		£ 645.85
Repairs		£ 281.97
Insurance		£ 1,598.39
Capitation		£ 7,365.00
Water		£ 455.09
Electric	£ 118.03	£ 823.20
Gas		£ 883.80
Cleaner		£ 699.90
Interest on savings	£ 238.49	
Total	£ 26,556.85	£ 24,216.24

Closing Balance 28th March 2025	
Main Account	£ 13,866.32
Camp Account	£ 2,561.93
Savings Account	£ 16,967.45
Total	£ 33,395.70



# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

4TH MORETON

SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT/COUNTY/AREA SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended MARCH 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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

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