

FIRST FINCHAMPSTEAD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1015754

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1992-12-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL,INTELLECTUAL,SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL,NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Activities for young people

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE FINCHHAMPSTEAD,WOKINGHAM
- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£34,122	£52,200	-	-
2024-03-31	£57,992	£47,210	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,100	£26,321	-	-
2022-03-31	£27,880	£17,761	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,383	£19,356	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Rowley		2025-01-19
Daniel Ledger		2025-01-19
Jake Taylor		2025-06-01
Katherine Harrison		2023-09-13
Matthew Radford		2018-05-23
Sarah Handy		2022-11-28

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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 Finchampstead Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Finchbase, California Country Park, Nine Mile Ride,

Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire

Postcode

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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	Matt Radford	Chair	From 19/01/2025
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7	Jake Taylor	Trustee	From 01/06/2025
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As Scouts we are guided by these values:

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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
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Further financial review details (optional information)

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Section F

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

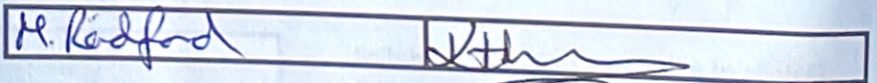
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Matt Radford Kate Harrison

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair Treasurer

Date

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1st Finchampstead Scout Group (Charity 1015754)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	11,799	11,242
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(6,820)	(7,020)
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,979	4,222
Explorer Subscription	496	768
Donations (Wokingham Marathon and Circle Trust and minibus use)	800	680
Gift Aid	-	1,462
Other similar income (Scout shop rebate; refund business rates, uniform donations)	127	222
Sub total	6,403	7,353
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants - Small Business Rate Relief Recipient 2020 and National Lockdown Grant 2020 and Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant 2021	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Amazon Smile and similar	257	426
Lottery (OneLottery for 1st Finchampstead Scouts Group)	862	990
Other fundraising activities (Wokingham Winter Carnival, Burns Night, Curry Night, Quiz Night) includes corporate match fundraising	6,023	14,411
Sub total	7,142	15,827
Investment income		
Bank interest	1,253	1,226
Sub total	1,253	1,226
Youth Activities (gross)		
Beavers Outings	40	92
Cubs Outings	1,536	2,768
Scouts Outings	2,054	4,005
Beavers Camp	1,033	-
Cubs Camps	1,906	2,574
Scout Camps	2,029	3,546
Group Activities (Kandersteg 2024)	10,726	20,600
Sub total	19,324	33,586
Total Gross Income	34,122	57,992
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	34,122	57,992

1st Finchampstead Scout Group (Charity 1015754)

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	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 2025

Receipts and payments

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Rent & Rates	657	1,058
IT subscriptions (e.g. Zoom meetings)	181	15
Water (Hut only)	161	117
Electricity (Hut and Stores)	1,930	2,268
Gas for camps	-	256
Insurance	2,218	2,483
Materials and equipment	392	990
Finchbase & Stores maintenance	1,363	1,865
Minibus	696	3,317
Uniforms/Badges	1,559	808
AGM and trustee expenses		-
Miscellaneous (Bank charges)	526	623
Sub total	9,684	13,800
Fundraising expenses		
Details		-
Other fundraising costs	2,571	3,860
Sub total	2,571	3,860
Youth programme and activities		
Beavers Outings	53	-
Cubs Outings	2,181	3,539
Scouts Outings	2,073	1,086
Beavers Camp	1,055	
Cubs Camp	2,499	2,768
Scouts Camps	419	8,241
Group Activities (inc. Kandersteg24)	28,990	12,725
Pack Activities	2,675	1,191
Sub total	39,945	29,550
Total Gross Expenditure	52,200	47,210
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		-
Total payments	52,200	47,210
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,078	10,783
Cash funds last year end	89,218	78,435
Cash funds this year end	71,140	89,218

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

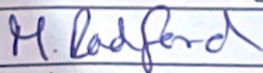
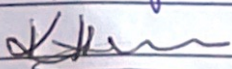
	31-Mar-25 Unrestricted funds £	31-Mar-24 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current accounts (income and payments)	21,263	40,281
Bank deposit accounts: Finchbase extension	13,100	13,100
Bank deposit accounts: Minibus Replacement	18,000	18,000
Bank deposit account: Reserves	18,776	17,837
Cash/Floats		-
Total cash funds	71,140	89,218
Other monetary assets		
Payments made for future event	474	14,389
Sub total	474	14,389
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	1,500	1,500
Sub total	1,500	1,500
Liabilities		
Camp and Activity Fees received in advance	1,335	20,600
Sub total	1,335	20,600

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on ~~1st October 2024~~ and signed on their behalf by

28th Sept 2025

Signature

Print Name

Matt Radford	Chair
Kate Harrison	Treasurer

Examiner's unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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



Steve Brown

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland – Chartered Accountant

Address: 4 Japonica Close, Wokingham, RG41 4XJ

Date: 16 September 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Bob Harrison	Kate Harrison
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

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1st Finchampstead Scout Group (Charity 1015754) Receipts and Payments Account

	For the year from	2023	To	2024
Receipts and payments				
		2023/24 Unrestricted funds £		2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions		11,242		13,191
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		(7,020)		(7,488)
Net membership subscriptions retained		4,222		5,703
Explorer Subscription		768		708
Donations (Wokingham Marathon and Circle Trust and minibus use)		680		735
Gift Aid		1,462		1,497
Refund of 2018-2020 utility bills from Contractor				
Wokingham Borough Council refunded overcharged utility bills				-
Other similar income (Scout shop rebate; refund business rates 2020 in July 2021)		222		30
Sub total		7,353		8,673
Grants				
Maintenance grant		-		-
Other grants - Small Business Rate Relief Recipient 2020 and National Lockdown Grant 2020 and Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant 2021		-		-
Sub total		-		-
Fundraising (gross)				
Amazon Smile and similar		426		247
Lottery (OneLottery for 1st Finchampstead Scouts Group)		990		1,227
Other fundraising activities (Wokingham Winter Carnival, Burns Night, Curry Night, Quiz Night) includes corporate match fundraising		14,411		3,520
Sub total		15,827		4,994
Investment income				
Bank interest		1,226		284
Sub total		1,226		284
Youth Activities (gross)				
Beavers Outings		92		271
Cubs Outings		2,768		1,215
Scouts Outings		4,005		841
Beavers Camp				-
Cubs Camps		2,574		2,636
Scout Camps		3,546		8,181
Group Activities (Kandersteg 2024)		20,600		6,005
Sub total		33,586		19,149
Total Gross Income		57,992		33,100
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-		-
Total receipts		57,992		33,100

1st Finchampstead Scout Group (Charity 1015754)
Receipts and Payments Account

	For the year from	2022	To	2023
Receipts and payments				
		2023/24		2022/23
		Unrestricted		Unrestricted
		funds		funds
		£		£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Rent & Rates		1,058		463
IT subscriptions (e.g. Zoom meetings)		15		180
Water (Hut only)		117		155
Electricity (Hut and Stores)		2,268		1,599
Gas for camps		256		286
Insurance		2,483		1,464
Repairs and Renewals		-		140
Materials and equipment		990		872
Finchbase & Stores maintenance		1,865		2,242
Minibus (mostly stationary all year due to COVID19)		3,317		3,353
Uniforms/Badges		808		1,900
AGM and trustee expenses		-		225
Miscellaneous (Bank charges)		623		474
Sub total		13,800		13,353
Fundraising expenses				
Details		-		-
Other fundraising costs		3,860		-
Sub total		3,860		-
Youth programme and activities				
Beavers Outings		-		765
Cubs Outings		3,539		1,622
Scouts Outings		1,086		640
Beavers Camp		-		-
Cubs Camp		2,768		2,537
Scouts Camps		8,241		4,693
Group Activities (inc. Kandersteg24)		12,725		1,405
Pack Activities		1,191		1,306
Sub total		29,550		12,968
Total Gross Expenditure		47,210		26,321
Asset and investment purchases, etc.				-
Total payments		47,210		26,321
Net of receipts/(payments)		10,782		6,779
Cash funds last year end		78,435		71,656
Cash funds this year end		89,218		78,435

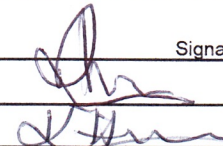

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-23 Unrestricted funds £	31-Mar-22 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current accounts (income and payments)	40,281	20,355
Bank current accounts: Kandersteg fundraising		150
Bank deposit accounts: Finchbase extension	13,100	13,100
Bank deposit accounts: Minibus Replacement	18,000	18,000
Bank deposit account: Reserves	17,837	26,830
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	89,218	78,435
Other monetary assets		
Payments for Kandersteg £1,405 from FY22/23, £12,629 from FY23/24. £335 in deposits for FY24/25 camps for both Cub packs	14,389	3,161
Prepayments to County/Area/District/Group		
Insurance claim		
Sub total	14,389	3,161
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock		
Motor vehicles (Minibus)		
Fixtures & Fittings	1,500	1,500
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		
Bike trailer & Equipment trailer		
Sub total	1,500	1,500
Liabilities		
non-credited council tax rebate		
Subscriptions not yet paid (CHECK WITH VANDANA)		
Cheque 10590 not cashed in by Beavers Leader for expenses claim on outing		30
Cheque 101686 not cashed in by volunteer for Survival Camp expenses		42
Cheque 101700 not cashed in by Beavers Leader for expenses claim on badges and certificates		
Cheque 101561 and 101567 not cashed - Wings refunds to parents		360
Cheque 101725 not cashed by parent volunteer		12
Cheque 101727 not cashed by Beaver Leader		21
Camps Fees Received in Advance (Kandersteg 2024)	20,600	3,886
Sub total	20,600	4,351

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

ob Harrison	Chair
ate Harrison	Treasurer

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Finchampstead Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group 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 1st Finchampstead Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the [Insert Scout Group/District name] as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Signed: Charlotte Mott

Name: Charlotte Mott BSc (Hons) FCA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ICAEW 9082189

Address: 67 Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 4ND

Date: 12 January 25

FIRST FINCHAMPSTEAD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1015754

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) to end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

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	Bob Harison	Chair	From 11/12/2019
2	Rebecca Gentle	Secretary	From 07/11/2018
3	Anabelle Guillory	Treasurer	From 17/12/2018
4	Matthew Radford	Group Scout Leader	From 18/09/2018
5			
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10			

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
Banker	HSBC	1-2 Market Place, Wokingham, RG40 1AL

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a 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 Group Executive Committee, 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.
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	<p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders and Assistance Group Scout Leader, if appointed. The Committee meets every 2-3 months. Section leaders are invited to attend the Committee meetings.</p> <p>Members of the Executive Committee complete '<i>Essential Information for Executive Committee</i>' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee 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.</p>

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Executive Committee 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 of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

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
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development,</p>

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

The Group operates six sections: 2 Scout sections, 2 Cub sections and 2 Beaver sections.

The Group follows a balanced programme of activities across all age ranges in order to develop all children in scouting principles. Each section meets weekly in term time. Each section leader prepares a termly programme to ensure that a wide variety of themes activities are organised. Working towards badges are an important part of the programme. Many meetings are held at 'Finchbase', but throughout the programme all children will have the opportunity, and are encouraged to engage in camping and other community based projects. These activities happen on and off site and are planned in accordance with scouting regulations, safeguarding practices and are fully risk assessed.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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

For the period April 2021 to March 2022, Finchampstead Scout group activities slowly started picking up again after almost 2 years of events on hold due to the Covid19 Pandemic. There was no time to organise a Scout Summer camp in 2021 but some scouts were able to join the Cubs summer Pirate camp in early September 2021. A Scout Survival Camp was held at the end of October 2021. In November 2021, the group had a fundraising event at the Wokingham Winter Carnival and in February 2022, the group ran one of the Wokingham Half marathon water stations. Otherwise, the Cubs and Scouts enjoyed participating again in outdoors activities such as Katakanoeing, paddle boarding and kayaking and the Cubs traditional trip to the Christmas Pantomime resumed in December 2021. The yearly Eastrek and Three Towers walking events did not go ahead in 2021.

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 4 months running costs, circa £10,000.

The Group hold further reserves for spend on 'Finchbase' once the current lease position is resolved and for replacement of the Group's minibus should this be required. The Group held total reserves of £71,195 against this at year end.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Net receipts for the year were £10,119. This is in large explained by the allocation of 1 grant (Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant 2021) in the aftermath of the COVID19 pandemic and increased fundraising activities (e.g. Lottery).

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Some funds are held in a no notice deposit account to maximise interest received.

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

The Group is finalising a new 14 year lease with the local council for 'Finchbase'. Once secured the Group will invest in the base.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Robert Harrison Anabelle Guillory

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman Treasurer

Date

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1st Finchampstead Scout Group (Charity 1015754) Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	2021	To 2022
Receipts and payments		
	2021/22	2020/21
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£

Receipts

Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	12,837	9,773
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	0	(14,273)
Net membership subscriptions retained	12,837	(4,501)
Explorer Subscription	532	-
Donations (Wokingham Marathon)	531	10
Gift Aid	1,310	2,863
Refund of 2018-2020 utility bills from Contractor	-	5,205
Wokingham Borough Council refunded overcharged utility bills	-	1,063
Other similar income (Scout shop rebate; refund business rates 2020 in July 2021)	159	5
Sub total	15,369	4,645
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants - Small Business Rate Relief Recipient 2020 and National Lockdown Grant 2020 and Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant 2021	2,667	11,334
Sub total	2,667	11,334

Fundraising (gross)		
Amazon Smile and similar	299	360
Lottery (OneLottery for 1st Finchampstead Scouts Group)	593	-
Other fundraising activities (Wokingham Winter Carnival 28/22/2021 and Ella Sehringer's Hike in August 2021)	1,068	-
Sub total	1,960	360
Investment income		
Bank interest	7	24
Sub total	7	24
Youth Activities (gross)		
Beavers Outings	5	30
Cubs Outings	1,635	10
Scouts Outings	358	-
Beavers Camp	-	-
Cubs Camps	1,803	-
Scout Camps	4,077	4,880
Group Activities (Kandersteg 2021->2022)	-	3,100
Sub total	7,878	8,020

Total Gross Income	24,383
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-
Total receipts	24,383

Total Gross Income	27,880
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-
Total receipts	27,880

1st Finchampstead Scout Group (Charity 1015754)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date	Year end date
For the year from	2021	2022
Receipts and payments		
	2021/22	2020/21
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£

Payments

Charitable Payments		
Rent & Rates	501	347
IT subscriptions (e.g. Zoom meetings)	258	277
Water (Hut only)	236	310
Electricity (Hut and Stores)	620	1,239
Gas for camps	-	-
Insurance	1,417	1,374
Repairs and Renewals	27	-
Materials and equipment	270	582
Finchbase & Stores maintenance	1,279	696
Minibus (mostly stationary all year due to COVID19)	717	1,114
Uniforms/Badges	940	347
AGM and trustee expenses	-	8
Miscellaneous (Bank charges)	38	31
Sub total	6,305	6,325
Fundraising expenses		

Details		
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total		-

Youth programme and activities		
Beavers Outings	312	30
Cubs Outings	2,040	139
Scouts Outings	499	-
Beavers Camp	-	-
Cubs Camp	1,845	30
Scouts Camps	3,950	5,885
Group Activities (inc. Kandersteg21->22)	2,050	6,717
Pack Activities	761	229
Sub total	11,457	13,031

Total Gross Expenditure 19,356

Asset and investment purchases, etc. -

Total payments 19,356

Net of receipts/(payments) 5,027

Cash funds last year end 61,076

Cash funds this year end 61,076

74,195

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

31-Mar-22

31-Mar-21

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds

£

£

Cash funds		
Bank current accounts (income and payments)	23,622	11,805
Bank current accounts: Kandersteg fundraising	150	1,392
Bank deposit accounts: Finchbase extension	13,100	13,100
Bank deposit accounts: Minibus Replacement	18,000	18,000
Bank deposit account: Reserves	16,323	16,779
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	71,195	61,076
Other monetary assets		
Payments for FY2021/2022 and FY2022/23 camps (Offshore sailing camp 2020 postponed to June and then September 2021, K21 postponed to 2022 and then 2023)	5,914	6,274
Prepayments to County/Area/District/Group	-	6,875
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	5,914	13,149
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Motor vehicles (Minibus)	-	-
Fixtures & Fittings	1,500	1,500
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Bike trailer & Equipment trailer	-	-
Sub total	1,500	1,500
Liabilities		
non-credited council tax rebate		113

Subscriptions not yet paid (CHECK WITH VANDANA)			
Cheque 10590 not cashed in by Beavers Leader for expenses claim on outing.	30		30
Cheque 101686 not cashed in by volunteer for Survival Camp expenses	42		
Cheque 101700 not cashed in by Beavers Leader for expenses claim on badges and certificates	30		
Cheque 101620 not cashed in by Cubs leader for IT expenses			72
Cheque 101620 not cashed in by Cubs leader for pack activity			54
Kandersteg refunds cheques not cashed in by parents			2,050
WINGS deposit refunds not cashed in by parents: cheques 101561 and 101567	360		360
Camps Fees Received in Advance (Offshore sailing camp 2020 then postponed in September 2021) and deposits paid for activities in following financial year			400
Sub total		461	3,078

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 3rd October 2022 and signed on their behalf by

	Signature
	

Print Name	Chair
Robert Harrison	
Anabelle Guillory	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Finchampstead Scout Group.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Finchampstead Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Charlotte Mott FCA BSc (Hons)

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ICAEW 9082189

Address: 67 Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire

Date: 3 October 2022