

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to Smalley Hall tonight, to the 1st Middleton Scout Group Annual General Meeting. We are currently in a time of change in the Scout Association, of which most of you will be unaware. The new version of our rules called "Policy Organisation and Rules", formally adopted on 18th April 2023, details changes in protocol and structure as we transition towards the new 'Our Volunteering Culture'.

Therefore, the immediate matter for the Group Scout Council tonight (which includes yourselves) is to formally re-adopt the new version of POR as our governing document (our constitution). The adoption of Item 5 on the agenda is truly relevant to us meeting the Guidelines of the Charities Commission, as the 1st Middleton Scout Group is a registered charity.

Before I continue with matters of the Group Scout Council, I feel it incumbent on me to recognize the sudden loss of our beloved President, Brenda Holmes, earlier in the year. A lot of you will know of the long service she gave to Scouting and we are all richer for having known her. On your behalf I extend our condolences and good wishes to her family, who I am sure, like me, are all missing her.

As I stated above, we are in a time of change and since our last AGM it has been the same for the 1st Middleton Scout Group. We have had to find a new Treasurer and for the past twelve months Jane has spent time obtaining the correct authorisations to enable her to manage the accounts successfully. As can be seen from the balance sheet we are a very successful group with our funds being adequate for our needs. Congratulations to Jane who recently married Keith, a Beaver Leader (for many years). I'm sure you will join me in wishing them every happiness for the future.

Adult Leaders are not a resource we have that is plentiful; in fact, we are just meeting our minimum requirements. More adults are required to meet our needs if the group is to grow in the future. Our successes this year have been the continued growth of the Scout troop and its achievements in its leadership training. The Beaver, Cub and Explorer Sections continue to grow which is great news. However, be aware that unless the Scout Troop Leadership Team grows, Cubs reaching Scout age could find that there are no places available to accommodate them. The same can be said for the Beavers and Cubs at this moment in time. Both sections are running together as the leadership team cannot sustain each section running separately. Please seriously consider offering to come and help us. Talk to any of the leaders tonight and offer to help us go forward.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has helped the group in the past 12 months, especially all the Volunteer Leaders, who each week make Scouting happen at the 1st Middleton Scout Group. Your precious time is very much appreciated by every young person in the group.

Derek Redfern
Group Scout Leader

Scouts

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1st Middleton Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year endedAPR 2023 to Mar 2024.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages1... to1.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Date: 9th OCTOBER 2024

1st Middleton Scout Group Accounts (2023-2024)

INCOME

£

Subs

5,008.00

Activity Days & Camps

Explorers - Blackpool	732.50	
Camp - Bury Jun-23	550.00	
Cub Day	130.00	
Beavers & Cubs Picnic Jul-23	130.00	
Cub Day - Green Withens	100.00	
Bonfire Night	40.00	
Scouts - Monopoly Run	72.00	
Raffle - 2022/23 AGM	94.00	1,848.50

Donations

John Stocks	250.00	
Queen Elizabeth Foundation - towards minibus	500.00	
Middleton Rotary - towards minibus	400.00	
GRANT Rochdale BC - WC's refurb & flooring works at Alkington	4,000.00	5,150.00

Bank Interest

344.48

Alkington Insurance Claim

12,670.00

TOTAL INCOME

25,020.98

EXPENDITURE

Membership

2,326.50

Building Costs

Smalley Hall Rent	2,820.00	
Alkington - Repairs	7,293.05	
Alkington - Electricity	1,309.53	
Alkington - Gardening	140.00	
LockUp- Rent	62.40	11,624.98

Transport

Minibus - Ins, Tax, MOT, Servicing & Fuel	1,750.60
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Activity Days, Camps & Section Running Costs

Group Insurances	517.25	
Explorers - Blackpool	732.50	
Explorers - Gladstonbury (Summer 2024)	640.00	
Camp	540.50	
Cub Day - Green Withens	100.00	
Bonfire Night	40.00	
Badges	119.22	
Food & Activities	1,467.01	
Neckers	121.08	
Training	20.00	
Misc	47.00	4,344.56

Equipment

Tents	1,296.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE

21,342.64

MOVEMENT

3,678.34

Cash & Bank Summary

B/F Bank Account Balance	16,413.92
P + L Movement	3,678.34
Cash in Hand	1.86
C/F Cash & Bank	20,094.12

Audited By

Pauline Robinson

Signed

P. Robinson

Date:

09.10.24