

FIRST NEEDHAM MARKET SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1038177

Details

Other names 1st Needham Market Scout Group

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-05-31

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

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Activities

Objects: UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Activities: As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, the 1st Needham Market Scout Group give young people of the Needham Market area the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE STOWMARKET
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£109,449	£82,821	-	-
2024-03-31	£20,395	£16,475	-	-
2023-03-31	£21,384	£29,273	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,018	£16,245	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,562	£7,537	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Luc Mathlin	Chair	2020-02-01
Amy Mayes		
Christopher John Reginald Frost		2022-07-13
Edward George Ashton Bell		2024-02-19
Eleanor Norman		2020-02-05
Matthew Gilbert		2020-02-01
Ruby Hunter		2024-11-25
Stefanie Pryke		2020-02-05
Stephen Goldsmith		2024-11-25

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) to end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

First Needham Market Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Needham Market Scouts

Crown Street

Needham Market

Postcode

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	Matthew Gilbert	Group Lead Volunteer	
2	Mark Lennon		
3	Edward Bell		
4	Luc Mathlin	Chairman	
5	Amy Mayes		
6	Eleanor Norman		
7	Stefanie Pryke		
8	Christopher Frost		
9	Ruby Hunter		25/11/2024 onwards
10	Stephen Goldsmith		25/11/2024 onwards
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Names and addresses of advisers

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
N/A	N/A	N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

<p>How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)</p>	<p>The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.</p>
<p>Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)</p>	<p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.</p>
<p>Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p>	<p>The Group is managed by the Group 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.</p>
<p>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>	<p>The Committee consists of a chair, together with the Group Lead Volunteer, a representative from each of the five individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and representation from the wider group and local community and meets every 2 months.</p> <p>Members of the Trustee Board completed '<i>Being a Trustee in Scouts</i>' training when they joined the committee.</p> <p>This Group 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 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)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>The Group 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:</p> <p>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 or other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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 of the Group.

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, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>As Scouts, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, the 1st Needham Market Scout Group give young people of the Needham Market area the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.</p> <p>The group runs five sections, being Squirrels (age 4 to 5) Beavers (age 6 and 7), Cubs (ages 8 to 10.5) and Scouts (ages 10.5 to 14) and an Explorer section (ages 14-18), which is partnered with the Stowmarket Scout District. We are open to all young people in the local area.</p> <p>Over 100 young people attend weekly, supported by adult volunteers who collectively contribute hundreds of hours each term.</p>

The sections run a full programme of fun, educational and adventurous activities supplemented with camps, hikes and other trips on an ad hoc basis.

The main sources of income for the group are subscriptions from members charged on a termly basis as well as ad hoc contributions for specific events, trips and camps. We also receive some income from rent of the Scout Hut to other users and from ad hoc fundraising events. In the current year we have also received grant income from the local authority to contribute to our new Scout Hut.

The main recurring costs we incur in order to deliver our activities are the costs of the programme, badges and scarves as well as the overhead costs for the Scout Hut of electricity, water and insurance along with capitation fees to the Scout Association, which covers the group in their national accident insurance policy. During the current year we have also started a large project to re-build our Scout Hut, this has mainly been covered by local authority CIL and S106 grants, along with contributions from the groups funds.

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.

The Group Trustee Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who support the group both in running section nights and other activities as well as behind the scenes support and maintenance. The group is solely reliant on volunteers and without all of their donated time we would not be able to provide our young people with the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

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

Programme and safeguarding: We delivered a full weekly programme across Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers for 100+ young people, supported entirely by volunteers. All adults held the required disclosures and mandatory training; section risk assessments were maintained and reviewed. Trustee induction ("Being a Trustee in Scouts") was completed by new members and safeguarding remained a standing agenda item.

New HQ project: During the year we secured both a Section 106 grant (£235,301.61) and a CIL allocation (22.7%) directly to the Group, with claims to be made against staged contractor milestones. Key statutory and technical steps completed. The Anglian Water build-over position and related legal protections were progressed and executed during the year; Building Control remained engaged throughout.

Works started on site (25 Nov 2024). By 31 March 2025 the project had achieved:
- Site establishment, initial excavations and foundations/groundworks including drainage.

(circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

- You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
 - how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
 - investment policy and objectives;

A detailed financial review of the year covering the main sources of income and expenditure is covered in section D above to support the detail in the accounts.
Investment Policy The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Future plans, most notably the new hut project, are covered in section D above.

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Luc Mathlin	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman	
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Date

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1st Needham Market Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31/03/2025
Scout registration number: 10014601
Registered charity number: 1038177

	2024/25		2023/24	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions				
Membership subscriptions	11,149	-	11,149	10,726
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to District	5,138	-	5,138	5,558
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,011	-	6,011	5,168
Other Receipts				
Bank Interest	72	-	72	67
Donation	2,050	-	2,050	181
Events	5,234	-	5,234	3,711
Events - Explorers	496	-	496	942
Events - Beavers	16	-	16	-
Events - Cubs	360	-	360	1,301
Events - Scouts	955	-	955	144
Fundraising	2,449	-	2,449	-
Funds Transfer	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	2,839	-	2,839	2,407
Grants (see details in the notes below)	150	5,057	5,207	350
Group Clothing	152	-	152	567
New Build Grants	-	53,471	53,471	-
New Build District Loan	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total Receipts	45,783	58,528	104,311	14,838
Payments				
New Build	16,960	48,275	65,235	672
Activity Equipment	-	-	-	361
Admin	354	-	354	317
Badges	389	-	389	624
Bank Fees	713	-	713	640
Camping Equipment	2,257	-	2,257	210
Events	4,042	-	4,042	1,998
Events - Explorers	418	-	418	574
Events - Cubs	160	-	160	1,135
Events - Scouts	744	-	744	184
Incorrect Expenses	5	-	5	-
Group Clothing	-	-	-	876
Insurance	1,517	-	1,517	410
Meetings - Beavers	35	-	35	72
Meetings - Cubs	30	-	30	74
Meetings - Explorers	141	-	141	189
Meetings - Scouts	36	-	36	223
Meetings - Squirrels	43	-	43	14
Utilities	1,472	-	1,472	1,583
Venue Maintenance	92	-	92	762
Total Payments	29,408	48,275	77,683	10,918
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,374	10,254	26,628	3,920
Cash funds last year end	39,180	550	39,730	35,810
Cash funds this year end	55,554	10,804	66,358	39,730

Statement of Assets and liabilities - The cash balances shown above, held in a current account with Co-Operative Bank are represented by the groups main current account which has a year end total of £63,564.26 (2024: £37,386.28), the groups expense account which has a year end total of £1,274.92 and the deposit fund account which has a year end total of £1,519.43 (2024: £1,447.71).

In addition to the cash balances shown above the group has a number of non monetary assets which includes a range of tents, stoves, trailer and other camping equipment, tables and benches, various sports equipment, stock of badges for all sections and neckers. The group is currently rebuilding it's Scout Hut but owns the asset which has been built so far and will own the total building once complete, it also owns a new container which is situated on the Town Council site at Crowley Park. It includes fixtures and fittings including the CCTV system, solar panels and fixed heat pump/AC units. The land on which the hut is situated is leased (at peppercorn rent) from another local charity.

Liabilities:

Loan - Stowmarket District Scouts, interest-free, repayable in 2025/26 totalling £25,000.
Loan Movement: Opening £0, received £25,000, repaid £0, closing £25,000

Notes

Restricted funds movements (year ended 31 March 2025)

Restricted funds comprise grants and donations given for specific purposes (principally the New Build). Movements were:

Opening restricted balance (prior-year fundraising for new build) = £550.00

Income – S106/CIL milestone claims = £53,470.95

Income – MSDC Locality (container) = £2,000.00

Income – Crane Fund (accessible WC) = £3,057.24

Total restricted income = £58,528.19

Expenditure – New Build (funded by S106/CIL/prior-year restricted) = (£46,274.57)

Expenditure – Container (Recorded under New Build) (funded by MSDC Locality) = (£2,000.00)

Expenditure – Squirrels start-up (unrestricted by donor, shown in unrestricted column) = £150

Transfers between funds= £0

Closing restricted balance (unspent) = **£10,803.62**

Closing restricted cash balance agrees to the Restricted column cash at year end (£10,804)

Make-up of closing restricted balance:

New-Build (Milestone 4 receipt received pre-spend) = £7,746.38

Crane Fund (accessible WC works not yet incurred) = £3,057.24

Total = £10,803.62

During the year the Group received an interest-free loan of £25,000 from Stowmarket District Scouts to support cash-flow while awaiting reimbursement of S106/CIL grant claims. The loan is unsecured and repayable in full during 2025/26.

The grant income received this year includes £2000 from Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Awards to contribute towards the costs of the new Container and £3057.24 from Crane Fund to contribute towards the costs of the disabled toilet in the new building, these are restricted. It also includes a £150 grant from the Stowmarket Scout District to assist with the start up of our new Squirrels section which is not restricted.

There are also a number of S106 and CIL grants to contribute towards the cost of the new building, these are restricted.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Luc Mathlin - Group Chairman



Date: 29/01/2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of First Needham Market Scout Group ('the Group')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Group comprising the First Needham Market Scout Group Trust ('the Trust') for the year ended 30 April 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.

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: Helen Angharad Kearns-Watts

Address: 48 Hyperion Court, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 5AJ

Date: 30/01/2026

FIRST NEEDHAM MARKET SCOUT GROUP

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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

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HQ registration number

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
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	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Matthew Gilbert	Group Scout Leader	
2	Mark Lennon		01/10/2020 onwards
3	Robert Carter	Treasurer	
4	Luc Mathlin	Chairman	
5	Amy Mayes		
6	Eleanor Norman		
7	Stefanie Pryke		
8	Paul Rudland		
9	Benjamin Mayes		
10	Christina Lee	Secretary	01/10/2020 onwards
11	Adam Lee		01/10/2020 onwards
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Names and addresses of advisers
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)

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The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, a representative from each of the three individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and representation from the wider group and local community and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Executive Committee completed 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training when they joined the committee.

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

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

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Section C	Objectives and activities
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<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: The Group Executive would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who support the group both in running section nights and other activities as well as behind the</p>

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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 and the wider world, defined by the global Covid-19 pandemic which has impacted on the lives of everybody within our community. It was also a year in which the new Group Executive, appointed part way through the prior year, was able to start to effect real change within the group.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic we have followed and adhered to guidance issued centrally by the Scout Association. For a large part of the year we have only been able to provide a programme remotely using online resources over Zoom. After having run some one off zoom meetings for each section during the first lockdown in Spring/Summer 2020 the group was proactive in completing the necessary risk assessments and putting place sufficient social distancing measures to enable us to be one of the first groups in Suffolk to return to face to face Scouting in September 2020. While we had to revert back to zoom meetings in the further lockdowns during November 2020 and January to March 2021 we maintained a regular programme for our young people to allow them to continue to develop new skills and have fun during the lockdowns.

The pandemic has seen our number of young people increase from the previous year, and continue to increase still post year-end. We have also welcomed new leaders to the group during the year providing some much needed support to the existing leadership team. A number of leaders from the Beaver and Scout sections have also been helping to support gaps in the Cub leadership team.

As well as impacting on the groups ability to deliver our activities to young people the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on our finances. During the first lock down in Spring/Summer 2020, as mentioned above, we ran some one off zoom meetings but were not providing a full programme. While this was the case, and mindful of the potential financial hardship and uncertainty being experienced by many individuals in the country at the time the executive made a decision that we would not be charging subscriptions to members which is ordinarily our main source of income.

However as we own our own hut (on land leased from another local charity) we then found out that we were eligible in the first lockdown to receive grant funding (an initial £10,000) from the local authority (Mid Suffolk District Council) to support our finances and cover our on-going costs due to the uncertainty caused by pandemic. We were also successful in our application for a specific Emerging Needs grant fund. This grant was spent during the year, in line with the grant conditions, helping to cover specific costs during the lockdown period and fund some of the repairs and new CCTV system following some instances of anti social behavior and a break in at the hut in Spring 2020. Luckily no property was stolen during the break in.

We were then eligible to receive further grant funding from the local authority in the subsequent lockdowns in November 2020 and January to March 2021 with a further £9,900 received for these periods under the national scheme.

In March 2021 we were also successful in our application to our local councillors for a locality grant of £3,500. This was received from Mid Suffolk District Council in March 2021 and is to fund solar panels for the roof of the hut. This will help save the group money in ongoing electricity costs and increase our use of renewable energy and reduce our carbon footprint. When the electricity generated by the

panels is not required for our use it is tied back into the grid so has added benefit for the community as a whole. These were purchased and installed post year-end and will be moved to the new hut once built.

We resumed charging subscriptions from members in the autumn term as we returned to a full programme. While we maintained a full zoom programme during the further lockdown between January and March 2021 the Executive made the decision, following confirmation of the additional grant funding received, to reduce the subscriptions for that term to 50% of normal levels.

Aside from our normal expenditure on overhead costs for electricity, water, insurance and programme and activity costs we have also had to incur some one off costs in the period for maintenance and renewals of the hut. Following the new executive being appointed in the prior year and with support from the district team it was identified that the existing hut was in a bad state of repair in certain places. While the progress towards a new hut have continued well during the year, see details below, we still expect that the current hut will be in use for a sufficient amount of time that some essential expenditure had to be incurred. Throughout this we were mindful to limit expenditure on anything that could not be removed and reinstalled in the new hut (such as the CCTV and solar panels detailed above for which specific grant funding was obtained) unless it was completely essential. The main areas which have been repaired/replaced were a number of structural repairs to part of the building due to damage, replacement of the front door and repairs to one of the fire doors as well as refurbishment of the part of the kitchen and toilets as these were both becoming unusable and unsafe. We have also had to replace part of the electrics in the building and have installed heaters which will be able to be moved to the new building.

We have made good progress towards our goal of replacing our existing Scout Hut over the course of the year and since the new executive committee was appointed, we have formed a 'new hut' sub committee that is specifically tasked with working on the new build project. The committee has been working closely with the Needham Market and Barking Welfare Charities (land owners) along with the town council to ensure everyone is on the same page and happy with our plans. We managed to secure free voluntary work from an architect working for Ingleton Wood to draw up our initial architectural drawings and with the help of the town council who funded and submitted the planning application, we now have full planning permission for the new build based on these drawings.

With help from the voluntary services of Elite Building Projects Ltd, who have been offering us guidance throughout the project, we reached out and obtained several quotes for detailed architectural drawings along with a principal designer for CDM regulations. After reviewing these quotes the executive committee agreed to spend £3600 with Patrick Allen and Associates Ltd to produce the architectural drawings, £1225 with Safescope to cover off the principle designer and CDM advisor roles and £960 for the cost of build control once the architectural drawings have been produced. These funds are expected to be paid out in the 2021/2022 financial year. We are working closely with these relevant parties to further progress the project to a point whereby we can go out to tender from local building firms.

Working with Needham Market and Barking Welfare charities, we made progress with renewing the lease on the land the current Scout hut is on, with the aim of making this a 99 year lease to secure the Scout groups future. We have

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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 12 months running costs, circa £3,000.</p>

Quantify and explain any designations

The Group held unrestricted reserves of approximately £25,051 against this at year-end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the additional grant funding received during the year which is detailed in section D above, a significant proportion of which was received in the final three months of the year. The executive is mindful of the continuing uncertainty of the global pandemic as well as the on-going new hut project and so has so far been cautious in our use of these additional funds.

The group also has restricted reserves of £12,851 at year-end, details of these are explained further in section D above and the notes to the accounts.

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

N/A - no funds are in deficit

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

A detailed financial review of the year covering the main sources of income and expenditure is covered in section D

Investment Policy
The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F Other Optional Information

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

Future plans, most notably the new hut project, are covered in section D above.

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) **LUC MATHLEN**

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) **Chairman**

Date **310122**

1st Needham Market Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31/03/2021
Scout registration number: 10014601
Registered charity number: 1038177

	2020/21		2019/20 as restated	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions				
Membership subscriptions	4,522	-	4,522	1,938
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on to District	- 1,815	-	- 1,815	- 1,963
Net membership subscriptions retained	2,707	-	2,707	- 25
Other Receipts				
Camps and trips	671	-	671	1,677
Neckers and badges	8	-	8	8
Grants (see details in the notes below)	19,907	6,000	25,907	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Interest	9	4	13	19
Rental income	255	-	255	-
Other	-	-	-	34
Total Receipts	23,558	6,004	29,562	1,712
Payments				
New Hut Costs	-	-	-	4,159
Water and Sewerage	274	-	274	201
Electricity and Gas	766	-	766	420
Insurance	-	494	494	483
Hut Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance	2,403	1,971	4,374	175
Badges, Scarves and Uniforms	498	-	498	-
Printing, Photocopying and Postage	-	-	-	15
Beaver Programme	242	-	242	-
Cub Programme	177	-	177	-
Scout Programme	170	-	170	-
Camps and Trips	249	-	249	2,876
Internet and ICO fees	208	35	243	-
Other	50	-	50	60
Total Payments	5,037	2,500	7,537	8,389
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,521	3,504	22,025	- 6,676
Cash funds last year end (as restated)	6,530	9,347	15,877	21,206
Cash funds this year end	25,051	12,851	37,902	14,530

Statement of Assets and liabilities - The cash balances shown above, which are both held in current accounts with HSBC, are represented by the groups main current account which has a year end total of £27,194.76 (2020: 5,182.90), the fundraising account which has a year end total of £9,350.97 (2020: 9,346.81) and the CCLA account which has a year end total of £1,356.01 (2020: 1,346.90). In addition to the cash balances shown above the group has a number of non monetary assets which includes a range of tents, stoves and other camping equipment, tables and benches, various sports equipment, stock of badges for all sections and neckers. The group also owns the existing hut and the fixtures and fittings including the CCTV system, solar panels (purchased and installed post year end) and fixed heaters. The land on which the hut is situated is leased (at peppercorn rent) from another local charity.

Notes

The restricted funds above are held between group's fundraising current account (£9,350.97) and the group's current account (£3,500). The funds held in the fundraising account have been generated from fundraising activities towards the building of a new hut. The funds can only be spent towards design and building of a new hut. The expense recognized in the prior period relate to architect's fees and survey's completed for the new hut.

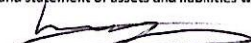
The £3,500 held in the current account is a locality grant received from Mid Suffolk District Council in March 2021 to fund solar panels for the roof of the hut. These were purchased and installed post year end and will be able to be moved to the new hut once built.

The other grant income received in the year was also from Mid Suffolk District Council. The unrestricted grants relate to Covid 19 Local Restrictions Support Grants received to support the group during the periods of national lockdown. We also received an additional £2,500 of restricted grant during the first national lockdown in Spring 2020 from the Council as part of the Emerging Needs grant fund. This grant was spent during the year in line with the grant conditions helping to cover specific costs during the lockdown period and fund some of the repairs and new CCTV system following a break in at the hut in Spring 2020.

At the year end the group had Income of nil (2019/20: £3,325.12) owed by GoCardless for subscriptions collected using the OSM (Online Scout Manager) system. The amount at the prior year end could not be paid over until the bank account signatories were updated to the new executive following the change in executive committee in the prior year with the amount received in the 2020/21 year and is the reason for the increase year on year in subscriptions. The group also had an amount of £1,834.75 owed to Stowmarket Scout District for membership subscriptions being the charge for the 2020/21 year. This was paid in April 2021. The amount included above for subscription payments to the District relates to the 2019/20 year, as this amount did not clear the bank until June 2020.

During the year it was discovered that a CCLA COIF Charities deposit fund exists in the name of the group which had been omitted from previous years reports. The 2019/20 figures have been amended to include these funds and the corrected comparatives are now shown.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: LUC MATHIAS 

Date: 31-01-22

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of First Needham Market Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the First Needham Market Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the First Needham Market 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 First Needham Market 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 First Needham Market 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: GREGORY COOMBES ACMA.

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

Address: 6 BARKING ROAD, NEEDHAM MARKET IP68EW

Date: 31/01/22