

## **Annual Report 2023/24 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood**

1<sup>st</sup> Northwood Scouts have had another successful year with lots of interesting and challenging activities taken on by all our Scouting Sections: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. The Trustees have also been successful in providing the wherewithal and the funding for the Sections to function effectively.

The Annual Jumble Sale was successful in raising enough capital to support the Unit for all anticipated expenditure for the next year: the Scouting events, paying for Leaders' uniforms and training, paying the running and maintenance costs of the Group minibus, keeping the Scouting Centre well maintained and safe, buying the many items of equipment required as the leaders provide a full programme of inside and outside activities.

The regular Newsletter, edited by a volunteer, keeps Group Members, past members and District Scout officers in touch with activities.

At our AGM last year, Paul Akers was re-elected as our Chairman. In November he stood down from the role, and sadly he passed away at the beginning of February this year. Paul had been our Chairman at 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood since 1992. Though he is sorely missed the committee is continuing to work without a chairman at present.

The Group is a Trust established under the rules which are common to all Scout Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The accounts have been drawn up on a cash basis.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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**1st NORTHWOOD SCOUT  
GROUP**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**SUMMARY**

<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
29,526	Total Receipts for the year (see page 5)	34,832
18,171	Total Payments for the year (see page 6)	23,084
11,355	Net surplus/shortfall for the year	11,748
61,944	General Funds at 1 April 2023	73,299
73,299	General Funds at 31 March 2024	85,047

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Approved by the Trustees on ...18<sup>th</sup> September..... 2024



And signed on their behalf by ...  
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**1st NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH**

**2024**

**2022/23**

£

**2023/24**

£

£

**RECEIPTS**

9,926	Membership Subs & contribution for Section activities	10,623	
6,837	less paid to District/Headquarters (see Note 1)	-	
3,089			10,623
321	Interest on bank/savings account		1,923
1,359	Donations		1,223
280	Other Receipts		1,100
828	Gift Aid reimbursement		
	<b>Fund-raising</b>		
19,914	Jumble Sale (Note 2)	18,635	
3,735	Other	1,328	
23,649			19,963
<b>29,526</b>	<b>Total Receipts for the year</b>		<b>34,832</b>

# ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

## SUMMARY (Continued)

### ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

31/03/23		31/03/24
	<b>Assets</b>	
	Cash at bank:	
	<u>Group - General Funds</u>	
4,473	Natwest Current Account	701
5,732	CAF Account	15,101
3,033	Natwest Reserve (savings) Account	3,074
30,922	Redwood Bank savings accounts	31,897
20,000	Cambridge & Counties savings accounts	20,875
64,160		71,648
	<u>Sections' Accounts</u>	
1,793	Cubs - Lloyds Account	4,202
7,347	Scouts & Beavers - HSBC Account	9,197
9,139		13,399
<b>73,299</b>	<b>Total cash at bank</b>	<b>85,047</b>
<b>73,299</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>85,047</b>
	<b>Reserve Funds (Note 4)</b>	
49,960	Group - General Funds	55,898
14,200	Group - provision for failure of Jumble Sale	15,750
9,139	Sections' Funds	13,399

<b>73,299</b>	<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>85,047</b>
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
-	[The Group has no liabilities]	-

**2022/23****£****2023/2024****£****£****PAYMENTS****Premises**

630	Rent	630	
117	Water Rates	357	
1,181	Electricity	1,036	
711	Insurance	990	
448	Maintenance	2,154	
-	New Hut	2,600	
3,087			7,767

**Activities**

2,501	Vehicle running costs	2,065	
2,273	Other Group expenses	2,932	
1,816	Beavers	852	
2,491	Cubs	1,509	
1,864	Scouts	3,932	
10,945			11,290

**Fund-raising**

3,768	Jumble Sale (Note 2)	3,678	
3,768			3,678

**Administration**

227	AGM		219
144	Bank charges		130

<b>18,171</b>	<b>Total Payments for the Year</b>	<b>23,084</b>
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## 1st NORTHWOOD SCOUT GROUP

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

##### **Note 1 Subscriptions**

While the Group usually pays its annual subscription to Scout Association HQ and REN District at the start of the financial year, at the REN District's request, we paid in the 2023/24 subs at the end of Financial Year 2022/23. Hence the large payment shown for 2022/23 and the nil payment for 2023/24.

##### **Note 2 Jumble Sale**

	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income	19,914	18,635
Expenditure	3,768	3,678
	16,146	14,957

##### **Note 3 Fixed Assets:**

At the start of the financial year 2023/24 the Group held the following assets which were never capitalised:

<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Year of Purchase</b>	<b>Original Cost in £</b>
Foundations & landscaping	2018	181,564
Wooden Scout Centre superstructure	2019	148,843
Replacement for Neal Hut	2020	2,988
Concrete store shed	1990	1,771

Insured value of Scout Centre: **£163,316**

#### **Note 4 Reserves Policy**

The central Group cash reserve stands at £70,172 which includes provision for the following:

	£
Provision for failure of next year's Jumble Sale	15,750
Reserve for replacement of minibus	25,500
Building Reserve	11,500
Working Capital	18,898
	<b>71,648</b>

#### **Note 5 Going concern**

*It is the Trustees opinion (as confirmed at the **18 October 2024** Committee meeting) that the Scout Group's finances are sound. A further reserve has been identified in the event that it is necessary to cancel the 2025 jumble sale, enabling the Group to continue operations on a going concern basis.*

#### **Note 6 Related party transactions**

There were no Related Party transactions.

#### **Note 7 Remuneration**

Trustees and all scout leaders are volunteers who receive no remuneration, but are reimbursed for out of pocket expenses they incur on behalf of the Group's scouting activities.





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

1<sup>st</sup> Northwood Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no (if any)

1052650

Set out on pages

3-6

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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.

Signed:

K F Mulvaney

Date:

17/01/2025

Name:

K F Mulvaney

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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October 2018

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**