

Trustees' Annual Report

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 Kyle Valley Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 0 7 8 8 5 7

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut

Back Lane

Tholthorpe

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Kevin Wilson	Group Scout Leader	
2	Julia Padgett	Group Chair	05/03/2023
3	Dorothy Best	Group Treasurer	
4	Megan Remmer	Group Secretary	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets at least once every school term.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining 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 those who are elected.

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

Section C

Objectives and activities

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.

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 objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Activities at the hut this year have ranged from cooking simple meals, first aid training, preparing and cooking wild game, team challenges such as stretcher racing and forums on subjects such as climate change and refugees. They have taken part in expedition hikes and multi activity camps. We have also participated in community events such as ParkRun, Aine Street Fayre, Remembrance day etc. Several Scouts have earned high level awards including two Commissioner's Commendations.

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.

Our volunteer team is fantastic. We have almost twenty adults helping to deliver the programme and run the admin of the group. All of them committed to our aims and objectives and to benefiting the young people. Although a couple of adult members have moved on we have been able to replace them very quickly.

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 the charity during the year

This year over 30 days of camping activities are available to our Scout Section. Membership is very healthy, over 100 young people a week attend sessions. Attendance is very good and our adult team has grown to support this. We have continued to support the young people including financial assistance to some members struggling to pay for camps and activities. We have invested in Solar PV at our premises and are on track to be carbon neutral or better within the next month.

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 6 months running costs, circa £3600.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

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);

The Group raises usually raises money through three main routes, namely a termly subscription by the young people who are members of the group, by running fundraising events and by occasional hiring of the Hall to external users. Subscriptions are primarily paid via Go Cardless, and currently amount to £36 per young person per term. We encourage our parents to use Gift Aid on subscriptions. A reminder email is sent for late subs.

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

Installation of Solar PV to reduce expenditure on fuel and enable greater investment in young people. Payback on system estimated at 5 years. We have replaced many old tents and renewed activity equipment such as balls, beanbags and so on.

- investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy

To provide safe and working equipment to enable a varied and interesting activity schedule throughout the year.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

We are running a trip to Kandersteg Scout Centre in Switzerland this August.

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)

Kevin

Wilson

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader

Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING	31/03/2024
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31/03/2024

Previous
year

Receipts	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Receipt - Beaver Camp	-	30.00
Receipt - Cub Camp	1,158.80	895.91
Receipt - Camps	11,813.68	5,803.53
Receipts - Junior Warrior	812.00	132.00
Receipt - Paddle	1,053.00	700.00
Receipt - De Kluis 2023	19,183.00	1,415.00
Receipt - Kandersteg	7,225.00	20,300.09
Receipt - Mini Bus	-	105.00
Receipt - Neckers	-	86.00
Receipt - Jamboree	-	600.00
Receipt - Donations	500.00	250.00
Receipt - Fundraising	357.70	503.87
Receipt - Gift Aid	1,348.81	1,941.07
Receipt - Hut Rental	1,760.00	1,115.00
Receipt - Electricity Credit	-	570.55
Receipt - Scouting	1,328.50	-
Receipt - Subscriptions	7,847.90	8,435.89
Receipt - Tree Fundraising	1,088.00	970.00
Receipt - Refunds	718.40	97.48
Receipt - Grants	3,500.00	389.00
Total receipts	59,694.79	44,340.39

Payments	2023/24	2022/23
Payments - Badges, Neckers, Uniform	1,333.05	1,147.30
Payments - Camps	9,364.33	3,718.33
Payment - Paddle	805.00	660.00
Payments - Council Tax	65.28	-
Payments - Cub Camp	1,361.00	780.00
Payments - District	4,147.50	8,323.40
Payment - Equipment	1,906.25	1,718.40
Payment - Jamboree	-	600.00
Payment - Fundraising Expenses	-	201.58
Payment - Kandersteg	10.00	24,929.59
Payment - Ground Rent	12.00	-
Payment - Bank Authorisation	0.01	-
Payment - Kandersteg 2025	-	3,000.00
Payment - De Kluis 2023	17,767.98	-
Payment - Hut Maintenance	1,251.78	280.31
Payment - Electricity	2,609.58	2,207.66
Payment - OSM	123.00	73.50
Payment - Mini Bus	1,312.36	8,400.38
Payment - Scout Insurance	807.84	730.46
Payment - Leader Expenses	-	852.06
Payment - Scouting	2,716.21	73.44
Payment - Bank Charges	79.60	79.02
Payment - Water Rates	50.68	32.22
Payment - Solar Panels	12,315.00	-
Total payments	58,038.45	57,807.65

Net receipts / (payments)	1,656.34	(13,467.26)
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Transfer	-	-
Balance brought forward	29,045.30	42,512.56
Balance carried forward	30,701.64	29,045.30

Made up of:		
Current account	30,701.64	
Savings account		
Cash float		
Spare		

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the management committee and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: _____

Name JULIA PADGETT (Management Committee member)

Date: 26th April 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
1st Kyle Valley Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1078857

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the group's trustees, 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 Group'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Date: 8/7/24

Name:

Hayden Priest

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

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