

Charity Registration No. 1123350

**1st ROTHLEY SCOUT GROUP
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Secretary	Mr J Rashleigh
Charity Number	1123350
Scout Headquarters	1 st Rothley Scout Group North Street Rothley Leicestershire LE7 7NN
Bankers	Barclays Bank 2, Bishop Meadow Road Loughborough Leics LE11 5RE

1st ROTHLEY SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2021

Structure, governance and management

The 1st Rothley Scout Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association (registered charity no. 306101). 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.

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.

The Committee currently consists of five members inc, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the Chairman, and meets at intervals of 2 months unless otherwise necessary.

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

The trustees who served during the year are:

- Mrs N Arnold – Chair
- Mr J Rashleigh – Secretary
- Mrs J Reynolds – Treasurer
- Mr G Newman – Lettings
- Fundraising sub committee
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- Mrs A Hercock – Subscription Secretary
- Mr T May - GSL

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. New committee members are recruited at the AGM annually whereby parents/guardians of beavers, cubs and scouts are invited to nominate themselves for consideration to become a trustee. The members elect if in agreement.

Objectives and activities

Risk and Internal Control

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 policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The Aim of The Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

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.

Achievements and Performance

The Group continues to be popular with enough local young people, both boys and girls, to ensure its future viability and usefulness to the local community. In fact the demand for membership, particularly at the bottom end of the age range, while it might be met by the current adult leadership would overwhelm the present deteriorating accommodation facilities currently available to the Group in its home village.

The activities offered to the young people are in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of the UK Scout Association, of which the 1st Rothley Scouts are all members. These rules require the Group to be self funding, and their day to day running expenses and membership fees payable to the Scout Association and Leicestershire Scout Council are met by a charge on the parents/guardians of the Scouts. This is supplemented by an annual programme of fund raising events organised by the Executive Committee of the Group.

The individual Scouts within the Group continue to be successful in achieving the aims of the training programme provided by their adult Leaders in accordance with the Aims and Methods of the Scout Association. The latter provides a frame work within which the Leaders can offer the Scouts personal choice, responsibility, commitment and achievement. Many of the Scouts in the Group achieve the highest Scout award available to their particular age group.

The Scout Group in Rothley which consists of approximately 125 children is an important part of the local community and by its number of members within the age range of 6 to 18 years it seems to be as attractive to today's youth as it ever was in the past. Its scouting method of training young people to become useful members of society, both locally and in a wider sense, is well proven on a world-wide stage. The Group is set to increase in size due to the increase in the population of the village due to new housing projects.

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 1 ½ times annual running costs of £2500 so reserve of £4000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £15607 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by two reasons. One is that some of the leaders have not submitted their expenses for running costs in the correct financial year and we operate a receipts and payments system therefore these expenses are not accounted for. The committee have also made a commitment to update the equipment e.g new tents, cooking equip for camping and to renovate various parts of the building.

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.

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Income and Expenditure Year ended 31 March 2021

	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	3150.00	14188.00
Donations(Rent etc)	275.00	5386.50
Gift Aid	3348.01	3100.72
Grants (x5)	21335.00	0.00
Camp/Activities	614.50	16215.27
Fund Raising		1520.90
Interest/Incom		2592.11
Suspense		-2.15
	28722.51	43001.35
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Utilities	1276.04	936.26
Membership Fees	5083.80	5402.00
Camp/Activities	195.77	15656.88
Fundraising	0.00	797.43
Insurance	993.69	888.36
Training & Administration/hut upkeep	817.24	1930.37
Uniform & Equipment	531.30	3026.13
Repairs	4122.34	
Banking Costs	94.86	815.85
	13115.04	29453.28
Balance b/f	27535.03	16579.57
Surplus / Deficit for the Year	15607.44	10955.96
Ac balance		
End of Year Bank Balance	43142.50	27535.53

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) Jane Reynolds

Date 01 09 21