



1st ROTHLEY SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs S Smith – Chair Mrs C Cooper – Treasurer Mr T May – Group Lead Volunteer Mr M Hutchin – Trustee Mr M Chapman – Trustee Mrs S Hampson – Trustee
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Charity Number	1123350
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Scout Headquarters	1 st Rothley Scout Group North Street Rothley Leicestershire LE7 7NN
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Bankers	Barclays Bank 2, Bishop Meadow Road Loughborough Leics LE11 5RE
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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 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.

The Group Trustee Board currently consists of six members including, a Treasurer and the Chair, and meets at intervals throughout the year as necessary.

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.

The trustees who served during the year are:

Mr T May – Group Lead Volunteer

Mrs S Smith – Chair

Mrs C Cooper – Treasurer

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Mr M Chapman – Trustee

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The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. New trustees are recruited at the AGM.

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.

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 fundraising events organised by the Group Trustee Board.

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 framework 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 130 children is an important part of the local community and by its number of members within the age range of 6 to 14 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.

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 Trustee Board 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 over £46,500 against this at year end. This is higher than is required but is held so that we can purchase equipment e.g. new tents, cooking equipment for camping and renovation to various parts of the building. The leaders' expenses for running costs in the operate a receipts and payments system therefore these expenses may not have all been accounted for.

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.

1st Rothley Scout Group**Income and Expenditure Year ended 31 March 2025**

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	13,925.00	14,320.00
Donations(Rent etc)	264.00	88.00
Gift Aid	3,167.40	2,900.61
Grants (x2)	0.00	700.00
Camp/Activities	10,184.00	9,572.80
Fund Raising	566.75	971.40
Interest/Income	0.00	0.00
	<div>28,107.15</div>	<div>28,522.81</div>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Utilities	1,261.09	1,348.89
Membership Fees	7,195.50	6,793.00
Camp/Activities	13,618.54	11,624.47
Fundraising	285.33	234.26
Insurance	1,288.18	1,258.38
Training & Administration/hut upkeep	1,544.00	1,206.26
Uniform & Equipment	3,264.35	2,006.11
Repairs	136.34	273.67
Banking Costs	1,081.78	1,069.85
	<div>29,675.11</div>	<div>25,814.99</div>
 Balance b/f	<div>48,001.95</div>	<div>45,264.13</div>
 Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	<div>(1,567.96)</div>	<div>2,737.82</div>
Ac balance		
End of Year Bank Balance	<div>46,433.99</div>	<div>48,001.95</div>

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) Claire Cooper

Date 30 06 2025



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Full name(s) Claire Cooper

Date 30 06 2025

I report on the accounts of the 1st Rothley Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

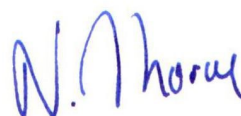
(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting records of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Thorne ACMA
Calmax Accountancy Ltd
Chartered Management Accountants
The Willows, 1092 Loughborough Road,
Rothley, LE7 7NL.



Date: 15/1/26