

Chair Persons Report

This has proven to be another busy year for the 1st Mountsorrel Scout Group but once again a successful one with the children and young people who come along to our sections all the way from 4 year olds who join our squirrels all the way to our teenage scouts who gain so much from it. Also, as a parent who has had (or will have) children in all of those sections it continues to be a real asset to have in our local community.

In order for this success to continue in our community it relies on people that make it happen therefore on behalf of the Trustee committee and the parents I would like to say a massive thank you all the leaders and young leaders who give up their time and share their experience and enthusiasm so scouting can happen in Mountsorrel. The dedication to make this work not only in Mountsorrel on a Wednesday and Thursday nights but to give up weekends, link with other groups in the district and county is to be commended and we are lucky to have such a group. I would also like to thank the parents who come along to help with activities and trips and would encourage anyone who at the end of a session thought "I really enjoyed that" consider becoming a section volunteer, a plea that you will here repeated throughout the year. I would also like to thank the other Trustee members for their time and support behind the scenes.

One of the big changes for the group will be the shift to a trustee governance framework which means changes to roles, processes and bringing Mountsorrel inline with the rest of the county and country in how Scouts is ran. This is a big change in the governing of the group and we are still getting our heads around some of the processes and procedures, so bare with us through this AGM.

However, this just makes sure the sections can the children and young people can continue to be brilliant, and they have all done so much this year. Scouts have been working away at their badges as well as raising money through supporting the Mountsorrel Revival festival last August. Cubs have been on camps, numerous activities including shooting and a two teams represented Mountsorrel in the Rambling Fox County event and squirrels continue to go from strength to strength which included a busy trip to Wheelgate park with other drays from the district.

We continue to fundraise and consider improvements to the scout hut following the extensive work on the roof last year, recognising its value as a community hub and will be looking to engage in more fundraising activity this year to maintain it, so keep an eye out for how you can support us. Indeed, look out for us in the Mountsorrel Post to see what we are up to in the coming months as we take over column inches.

Once again, thanks for all the support over the past year and we look forward to another successful year of scouting in Mountsorrel.

Matt Prisk

Chair Person 1st Mountsorrel Scout Group

Group Scout Leaders Report 2024

This year has been a challenging time for Scouting in general, with major changes to the way the organisation is run & following high profile incidents a more safety conscious approach. Leaders within the group have always held the safety of the young people in high regard. This means that without parental support either as occasional helpers or taking up the mantle of being a adult volunteer. We could not run the group.

Squirrels. The Squirrel Dray is fast becoming an exciting place for a young person to start their Scouting experience with Mountsorrel having a thriving Drey.

Beavers. With Alison having taken over running the Beavers, the colony is having an exciting time. With trips out & even restarting to have sleepovers Although to give the Beavers the best experiences we need more adults

The Cubs have had a busy year with adventures out & about, and learning a lot about the world around us. Through learning new skills, helping nature to discovering the sky above.

The Scouts Have also had a busy year with a lot of activities, but also are the section that need the most help moving forward. We have a young team of leaders who have been with the group from the beginning as Cubs, through to Scouts, explorers, to young leaders & eventually leaders in their own right. This means they have been with the group for around 20 years, they are now looking to take a break withing the next 6 months. This means we will have an exciting opportunity for some new blood to come and make their mark. If you think you can give up a couple of hours on a Thursday evening, along with the odd weekend. Please come & talk to me or any of the leadership team.

Without adult volunteers we would have no group, whether as a uniformed leader, occasional helper or on the Trustee Board.

Trustees. This one of the largest changes within Scouting, With each group having a board of Trustees rather than an Executive Committee. With a new way of administrating the management of the group.

As stated throughout this document, This means that we need new volunteers to step up, if we are to keep a varied & vibrant group continuing. All helpers & leaders do so voluntary and without all their hard work none of this would be possible, without them the group simply would not exist. So if you can spare a bit of your valuable time to & would like to help, either directly with the young people or on the Trustees board. Please talk to any of the leaders or Trustee members, either at the AGM or any meeting night.

Squirrels	Wednesday	5pm to 5:45pm
Beavers	Wednesday	6pm to 7pm
Cubs	Wednesday	7:15pm to 8:30pm
Scouts	Thursday	7:15pm to 8:45pm

Yours in Scouting

Peter Wood

Group Scout Leader/ Group Lead Volunteer

1st MOUNTSORREL SCOUT COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May 2024: 18:30
Mountsorrel Scout Hall, The Green, Mountsorrel

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14/06/2023
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-teams
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 1st Mountsorrel Scout Group
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Appoint the Auditor
- 6. Closing remarks**

1st Mountsorrel Scout Group

Financial Statement from 1st March 2023 to 28th Feb 2024

	2023-2024	2022-2023
Income		
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00
Donation	1000.00	1.00
Events	9062.53	11496.94
Fundraising	1617.65	546.47
Gift Aid	2340.00	1717.44
Grants Received	3834.91	6500.00
Membership Fees	13107.50	10920.52
Rent	6917.46	5355.66
Uniform	108.00	298.42
TOTAL INCOME	37988.05	36836.45
Expense		
Activity Equipment	318.68	53.22
Badges	1410.57	639.96
Camping Equipment	24.45	817.42
Events	9493.42	12262.50
Fundraising Expenses	513.71	218.11
Gifts / Donations	77.50	127.50
Go Cardless / OSM Paym Fee's	683.50	650.17
Insurance	1285.36	1555.45
Meetings	905.71	945.45
Membership Costs (Capitation)	4753.00	4794.00
Misc	241.89	59.70
OSM Subscription Fee's	230.75	161.00
Training	0.00	40.00
Uniform	806.60	701.96
Utilities	2263.01	2502.46
Venue Maintenance	23685.67	50782.72
TOTAL EXPENSE	46693.82	76311.62
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	11758.78	51233.95
Total income	37988.05	36836.45
Total expenditure	46693.82	76311.62
Net income	-8705.77	-39475.17
Account balances		
Account balance carried forward	3053.01	11758.78
Loan from Leics Scout for Roof	0.00	-3000.00
Lloyds Bank - Current	3053.01	14758.78

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

1st Mountsorrel Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

29th February 2024

Charity no
(if any)

306101

Set out on pages

1 to 3

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

As the charity'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 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

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Signed:

Anita K. Griffin

Date:

10th April 2024

Name:

Anita Kathryn Griffin

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)

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Address:

Section B

Disclosure

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

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No matters of concern are highlighted.

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Accounts for the year ended 29 February 2024

	2023-24
	£
Income	
Bank	
Interest	0.00
Donations	1,000.00
Events	9,062.53
Fundraising	1,617.65
Gift Aid	2,340.00
Grants Received	3,834.91
Subs	13,107.50
Rent	6,917.46
Uniform	108.00
Misc	0.00
	<u>37,988.05</u>
Expenses	
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Badges	1,410.57
Camping Equipment	24.45
Events	9,493.42
Fundraising Expenses	513.71
Gifts/donations	77.50
Go Cardless Fees	683.50
Insurance	1,285.36
Meetings	905.71
Membership costs (Capitation)	4,753.00
Misc	241.89
OSM Subscription	230.75
Training	0.00
Uniform	806.60
Utilities	2,263.01
Venue Maintenance	23,685.67
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Summary	
Bank account balance b/fwd	11,758.78
Net income/outgoings for year	(8,705.77)
Loan from Leics County Scouts re: roof	0.00
Bank account balance c/fwd	<u>3,053.01</u>
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