

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 the smallest 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 and I think I speak on behalf of all the Trustee committee members and parents when I say a massive thank you for the continued commitment and time of our section leaders and young leaders who give up time from their own busy lives to give our young people such rich experiences they will remember until they are as old as some of us.

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 heard last year and will undoubtedly and unashamedly hear again as we move forward. A number of parents have this year which is a real boost. I would also like to thank the other Trustee's for their time and supported behind the scenes.

In our first year in a shift to a trustee governance framework has meant changes to roles, processes and bringing Mountsorrel inline with the rest of the county and country in how Scouts is ran but I think we are getting there and it feels like a good platform to keep the group moving forward. I hope you see that reflected in the section leaders updates as well as from our treasurer.

But what a year 2024 was and 2025 looks to be. Scouts sent two teams to the county Rambling Fox event which they represented the group magnificently well as raising money through supporting the Mountsorrel Revival festival last August. Cubs have been on a winter camp, numerous activities and still have a summer camp and a stay at the Blackpool tower to look forward to. Squirrels continue to go from strength to strength which included a day at Fox Coverts with other drays from the district as well as an Olympics style event at Martin High School too, which of course they came first place in. Beavers too are always busy, you will see them around the village often as well as taking part in numerous activities as I see the leaders on a Wednesday night taking more and more elaborate stuff into the hall to make the meetings as fun as possible.

We continue to fundraise and consider improvements to the scout hut following the extensive work on the roof last year. We have bought a new shed to store equipment better, installed a better heating system and next are considering the toilets. All this and the upkeep require us to continue to fundraise and one of our best opportunities for that is to support 'Revival'. We raised over £900 last August so please if you can spare us a couple of hours to help this year let us know! Also, 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 Lead Volunteers Report 2025

Over the past year Scouting, in general has moved on to a new way of organising itself. With changes to the way the group is managed. Starting with the change this time last year for the back office team moving from being Executive members to Trustees in line with other charities. The leaders are now Team members working together to allow a more flexible approach, giving adult volunteers who have time restrictions, but still wish to participate, the flexibility to give their time when they can. This means that with more leaders available, parental support and occasional helpers we can do more for the young people.

Squirrels. Caroline has made our thriving Squirrel Dray become the leading Drey of the district, giving a young person a start to their Scouting journey.

Beavers. Alison has expanded the Beaver team, the colony is having an exciting time, With trips out & having gained her nights away permit, taking the Beavers on sleepovers. The feedback is that this year's Mother's Day sleepover was well received by Mountsorrel Mums.

The Cubs. Karl & Carol have kept the Cubs busy throughout year with exciting activities and learning lots of new skills, ready they are eager to take on the Scouts at camping.

The Scouts Have also had a busy year with a change of leadership. So please give a warm welcome to Gareth. With a move back to basics & Scouting skills, plenty of cooking, knots & map reading, so when you are lost without Google maps, just ask your Scout to map read for you!

The Scouts will finish the year on Camp, this will be the first time in a number of years, and they will get the chance to show the Cubs how it's done.

Within the Group, this is the section that needs additional adult input moving forward, enabling the section to do more. This means we still have an exciting opportunities to join Gareth and make their mark. If you think you can give up some time & would like to pass on your knowledge & experience to a group of exciting young people. Please come & talk to us.

To finish all leaders & helpers do so voluntary and without all their hard work none of this would be possible, without them the group simply would not exist. So, a big thanks from all the young people.

Please 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 Lead Volunteer

1st Mountsorrel Scout Group

Financial Statement from 1st March 2024 to 28th Feb 2025

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
Donation	0.00	1000.00
Events	11391.55	9062.53
Fundraising	939.57	1617.65
Gift Aid	2576.25	2340.00
Grants Received	1000.00	3834.91
Membership Fees	15059.50	13107.50
Rent	4189.75	6917.46
Uniform	52.50	108.00
TOTAL INCOME	35209.12	37988.05
Expense		
Activity Equipment	83.05	318.68
Badges	788.37	1410.57
Bank Fees	0.60	0.00
Camping Equipment	11.90	24.45
Events	10177.18	9493.42
Fundraising Expenses	30.74	513.71
Gifts / Donations	130.50	77.50
Go Cardless / OSM Paym Fee's	884.96	683.50
Insurance	1311.80	1285.36
Meetings	688.35	905.71
Membership Costs (Capitation)	5809.70	4753.00
Misc	370.53	241.89
OSM Subscription Fee's	225.69	230.75
Tools & Equipment (Non Camping)	38.50	0.00
Uniform	254.60	806.60
Utilities	3015.19	2263.01
Venue Maintenance	11433.76	23685.67
TOTAL EXPENSE	35255.42	46693.82
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	3053.01	11758.78
Total income	35209.12	37988.05
Total expenditure	35255.42	46693.82
Net income	-46.30	-8705.77
Account balances		
Account balance carried forward	3006.71	3053.01
Lloyds Bank - Current	3006.71	3053.01

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

1st Mountsorrel Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended

28th February 2025

Charity no
(if any)

306101

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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 28th February 2025.

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

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.

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Signed:

A.K. Griffin

Date:

13 April 2025

Name:

Anita Kathryn Griffin

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

Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

1st Mountsorrel Scout Group
Accounts for the year ended 28th February 2025

Income	£
Events	80.00
Events - Beavers	1,851.05
Events - Cubs	6,227.42
Events - Scouts	2,612.58
Events - Squirrels	620.50
Fundraising	939.57
Gift Aid	2,576.25
Grants Received	1,000.00
Membership Fees	15,059.50
Rent	4,189.75
Uniform	52.50
TOTAL INCOME	35,209.12

Expenses	£
Activity Equipment	83.05
Badges	788.37
Bank Fees	0.60
Camping Equipment	11.90
Events	2,882.51
Events - Beavers	2,159.24
Events - Cubs	3,353.13
Events - Scouts	966.00
Events - Squirrels	816.30
Fundraising Expenses	30.74
Gifts / Donations	130.50
Go Cardless / OSM Paym Fee's	884.96
Insurance	1,311.80
Meetings - Beavers	65.17
Meetings - Cubs	400.20
Meetings - Scouts	138.51
Meetings - Squirrels	84.47
Membership Costs	5,809.70
Misc	370.53
OSM Subscription Fee's	225.69
Tools & Equipment (Non Camping	38.50
Uniform	254.60
Utilities	3,015.19
Venue Maintenance	11,433.76
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,255.42

NET INCOME **£ (46.30)**

Account balances	£
Lloyds Bank - Current	3,006.71

Summary	£
Balance brought forward	3,053.01
Net income	(46.30)
Balance carried forward	3,006.71

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