

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 Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 3 4 8 6 1

Scouts HQ charity number

3 0 6 1 0 1

Charity's principal address

1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout HQ

Wythall Park, Silver Street

Wythall, Birmingham

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity (These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1 Sean Pereira	Chair	
2 Candice Pereira	Trustee	
3 Claire Harris	Treasurer	
4 Richard Harris	Trustee	
5 Megan Whale	GLV	15/06/24 - 31/12/24
6 Helen Meakin	Trustee	

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Accounts Scrutineer	Maxine Giles	76 Lea Green Lane, Wythall

Section B Structure, governance and management

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.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer GLV, and 3 Trustees and meets approximately every 3 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board 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:

♦ Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. We also have a Personal Accident & Medical Expenses policy in place for non member helpers & supporters. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

♦ 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.

♦ Reduced income from fundraising. 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 Board 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 4 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.

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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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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.

- ♦Support our young people to follow our Scouting Law and Promise, by regularly running activities that keep this at the forefront
- ♦Providing an exciting and fulfilling program to support our young people to achieve the values of scouting
- ♦Train and support our volunteer team members so they are equipped and confident in delivering these activities and keeping our young people safe
- ♦Creating a safe place where we respect each other and can explore our beliefs and differences, through the celebration of different faiths

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

- ♦Successfully recruited and introduced leaders in all sections of our Group
- ♦Increase in the number of bronze, silver and gold achievement awards throughout the Group
- ♦Successfully recruited and filled Trustee positions on the Trustee board to support with the running of the charity
- ♦Driven work on anti-bullying and behaviour throughout the Group, ensuring a zero tolerance approach
- ♦Continued to be at capacity in each section, whilst delivering a fulfilling program
- ♦Improved communication between sections to support our young people in making a smooth transition between sections

Section E Financial Review

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 12 months running costs, circa £12k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £12k against this at year end.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is quite small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and will be introducing an investment policy to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. It is envisaged this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board will consider the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	
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SEAN PEREIRA	CLAIRE HARRIS
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair)

Chair	TREASURER
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Date

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1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group

Summary of Bank and Cash Balances Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers	Group	GROUP
Balance at 1st January 2024						
Current account	£220	£313	£360	£48	£31,443	£32,385
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Other current assets:						
Stock (Group Shop)	-	-	-	-	-	£0
	£220	£313	£360	£48	£31,443	£32,385
Add:						
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year 2024	-£39	-£205	£271	£643	£3,142	£3,813
Transfers						£0
	£181	£109	£632	£691	£34,586	£36,199
Less:						
Transfers Section Subs	-	-	-	-	-£3,201	-£3,201
Balance at 31st December 2024	£181	£109	£632	£691	£31,384	£32,997
<u>Represented by:</u>						
Lloyds Account	£181	£108	£632	£691	£31,384	£32,997
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Claire Harris
Hon. Treasurer

1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Year Ended 31st December 2024

Income

GROUP

Donations/grants	£1,200.00
Uniform Sales	£48.00
Equipment Sales (Canoe Trailer)	£1,500.00
Fundraising	£325.73
Section subscriptions	£10,437.67
Gift Aid	£3,323.96
Hall Hire	£9,352.00

TOTAL INCOME

£26,187.36

Expenditure

GROUP

OSM Fees	£34.00
Waste removal WCA	£737.88
Uniform (incl badges)	£1,149.57
Insurance	£2,033.36
Motor expenses	£1,204.04
Rent	£1,247.00
Equipment	£3,726.82
Maintenance (including cleaning)	£3,196.82
Utilities	£5,537.36
WEB Hosting	£121.04
District subscription	£4,032.00
RBL Wreath	£25.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

£23,044.89

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

3,142.47

(OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE)

1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CASH AND BANK BALANCES					
Bank current accounts (including section accounts)	£32,997.25	£32,385.07	£36,929.60	£44,026.63	£34,300.98
Bank deposit accounts	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Petty cash (including section accounts)	£0.00	£0.00	-£82.21	£120.34	£287.74
	<u>£32,997.25</u>	<u>£32,385.07</u>	<u>£36,847.39</u>	<u>£44,146.97</u>	<u>£34,588.72</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS					
Debtors: Amount claimed under Gift Aid Scheme	£3,323.96	£0.00	£663.12	£1,648.81	£1,980.07
	<u>£3,323.96</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£663.12</u>	<u>£1,648.81</u>	<u>£1,980.07</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS (Assets for Charity's use)					
Fixed assets: Buildings - HQ (Insurance value)	£300,000.00	£300,000.00	£300,000.00	£300,000.00	£300,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	£41,011.00	£39,000.00	£21,870.00	£24,300.00	£27,000.00
	<u>£341,011.00</u>	<u>£339,000.00</u>	<u>£321,870.00</u>	<u>£324,300.00</u>	<u>£327,000.00</u>
Current assets: Uniform	£830.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£341,841.00</u>	<u>£339,000.00</u>	<u>£321,870.00</u>	<u>£324,300.00</u>	<u>£327,000.00</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Other creditors:	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£374,838.25</u>	<u>£371,385.07</u>	<u>£358,717.39</u>	<u>£368,446.97</u>	<u>£361,588.72</u>

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS
There are no liabilities that have been contracted at the year end

Notes

Scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Mrs Maxine Giles

Signed:



Address: 76 Lea Green Lane,
Wythall
B47 6HN

Date:

9th May 2025