



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1/04/2022 Period start date To: 31/03/2023 Period end date

Charity name: 1st Woodcutts Scout Group

Charity registration number: 1135278

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Scouting exists to actively engage with and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Scouting involves young people working in partnership with adults to: take part in a range of indoor and outdoor activities; learn skills for life; undertake new and challenging activities; enjoy what they are doing and have fun; share in spiritual reflection; take responsibility and make sound choices; live by their Promise
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees can confirm that 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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The 24 strong Group leadership team is comprised entirely of volunteers, who plan and deliver the activity programmes for the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels sections. They also plan and run our summer and family camps.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year 2022/23 the Group returned to fully active face to face scouting, following the end of Covid 19 restrictions. All sections met weekly during term time, usually at the HQ but sometimes at other locations when carrying out different activities.</p> <p>1st Woodcutts became one of the first Scout Groups in the South of England to establish a Squirrel Dray for 4 - 6 year olds from the local area. This has proved extremely popular to the point that we have had to institute a waiting list for would-be Squirrels.</p> <p>A very successful summer camp was held in Cornwall, involving a wide range of activities both ashore and in/on the sea.</p> <p>The Group's main fundraising event, a Bonfire Night fireworks display, was once again well attended and raised a substantial amount for Group funds.</p> <p>As in previous years, the entire Group took part in the Sixpenny Handley Remembrance Day service, including a parade up the High Street with members of the Armed Forces and veterans.</p>

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Most weekly activities for all sections are funded from subscriptions, while camps are carefully budgeted and paid for by the participants. Our fundraising is therefore targeted at the purchase of new stores & equipment, and covering one off expenses such as section outings and Group celebrations.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At year end the Group had a healthy current account balance of some £47,000 plus £120,000 in a savings account. This latter sum was donated by our President and principal benefactor to fund the extension of the HQ building in order to provide a second meeting space for the expanding Group.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group if income and fundraising should fall short. The Trustees consider that the Group should hold in reserve a sum equivalent to 12 months' running costs, circa £10,000.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Subscriptions (approx £10,000 p.a.) Fundraising (approx £10,000) Camping/hire donations (approx. £3,000)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. It 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.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern are: 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. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance to mitigate against permanent loss.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They comprise 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. Also Group Constitution of 4 May 2009.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All members of the Group's Executive Committee (trustees) complete, within 5 months of their appointment, the training laid down by The Scout Association, namely the 'Essential Information for Executive Committee Members', including safeguarding, safety & risk assessment, and the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Group is managed by its Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'charity trustees' of the 1 st Woodcutts Scout Group. In September 2023 the Executive Committee will be replaced by a Board of Trustees with responsibilities focused on governance and finance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Woodcutts Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1135278
Charity's principal address	Kete Cottage Deanland Sixpenny Handley Dorset SP5 5PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Wilkinson	Chair		
2	Toby Cullen	Vice Chair		
3	Abi Carlyle-Clarke	Secretary		
4	Beverly Jesse	Treasurer		
5	John Curtis	GSL		
6	Rob Easton	SL		
7	Anthony Brown	ESL		
8	Andy Young	CSL		
9	Annette Toope	BSL		
10	Zoe Preedy	SqSL		
11	Donna Rendell			
12	Peter Goldstone			
13	Matthew Reeks			
14	Geoff Parnell			
15	Colin Taylor			
16	Alix Fauval		01/04/22 – 21/07/22	
17	Ros Adams		01/04/22 – 22/11/22	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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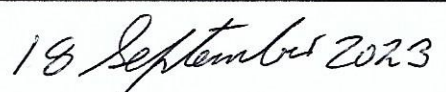
Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	PETER JOHN WILKINSON	BARRY, MICHAEL JOHN CURTIS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Date



Combined Accounts 2022 - 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
1st Woodcutts Scout Group
Registered Charity 1135278 I

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group 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 Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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Qualification: AAT
Address: 5 The Orchards, 51 Bay Close, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, BH21 6SW
Date:

Signature:



7th October 2023

Combined Accounts 2022 - 2023

Receipts and Payments					
	2022-23 Unrestricted Group Funds	2022-23 Designated HO Funds	2022-23 Restricted Building Fund	2022-23 Total Funds	2021-22 Last Year
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	11932.99			11932.99	10575.00
Donations	777.50			777.50	42.00
Council Grants					8000.00
Other Grants	500.00			500.00	
Gift Aid Reclaimed (1)	1049.58			1049.58	1050.00
Interest Received			226.61	226.61	7.00
Other Similar Income					
Sub Total	14260.07		226.61	14486.68	19674.00
Fundraising (Gross)					
Fireworks	16396.70			16396.70	17543.00
Uniform Sales	2434.92			2434.92	2280.00
Camping and Hire Donations	644.00	4996.50		5640.50	1645.00
Other Fundraising Activities					3800.00
Group Rental		4500.00		4500.00	
Sub Total	19475.62	9496.50		28972.12	25268.00
Camp and Activity Receipts					
Family and Summer Camps 2022	18072.46			18072.46	2632.00
Summer Camp 2023	875.00			875.00	3340.00
District Camp 2023	2672.50			2672.50	
Other Paid Activities	690.00			690.00	113.00
Sub Total	22309.96			22309.96	6085.00
Total Gross Income	56045.65	9496.50	226.61	65768.76	51027.00
Total Receipts	56045.65	9496.50	226.61	65768.76	51027.00

Combined Accounts 2022 - 2023

Payments						
General Payments						
Youth Programme & Activities	2883.40			2883.40	2410.00	
Adult Support & Training						
Insurance (2)	1238.89			1238.89	1069.00	
Repairs and Renewals (3)	1372.63	1089.51		2462.14		
Materials and Equipment	548.61	125.00		673.61	695.00	
Celebration Day, AGM and Trustee Expenses		7.45		7.45	1278.00	
HQ and Campsite Rental (4)	4500.00			4500.00	60.00	
Administration (5)		50.00		50.00	870.00	
Donations to Charity					13.00	
Capitation Payment (to Scout Association) (6)	11923.00			11923.00		
Rates (7)						
Cleaning		935.38		935.38	474.00	
Utilities (8)		2563.55		2563.55	648.00	
Waste Collection		732.36		732.36	616.00	
Building Improvements		1822.38		1822.38		
Building Maintenance					5641.00	
Ground Maintenance		1980.00		1980.00	1304.00	
Equipment Safety Testing		194.68		194.68	816.00	
Proposed HQ Extension	936.00			936.00		
Sub Total	23402.53	9500.31		32902.84	15894.00	
Fundraising Expenses						
Fireworks	9977.14			9977.14	3106.00	
Uniform Purchases	1899.04			1899.04	2536.00	
Other Fundraising Activities	519.83			519.83	925.00	
Sub Total	12396.01			12396.01	6567.00	
Camp and Activity Expenses						
Family and Summer Camps 2022	28035.64			28035.64	2719.00	
Summer Camp 2023	510.25			510.25	400.00	
District Camp 2023						
Other Paid Activities					1065.00	
Sub Total	28545.89			28545.89	4184.00	
Total Gross Expenditure	64344.43	9500.31		73844.74	26645.00	
Total Payments	64344.43	9500.31		73844.74	26645.00	
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	-8298.78	-3.81	226.61	-8075.98	18734.00	
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward Last Year End	49756.37	2089.77	120008.09	171854.23	148518.00	
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward This Year End	41457.59	2085.96	120234.70	163778.25	167252.00	

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities						
	2022 - 23 Unrestricted Group Funds	2022 - 23 Designated HQ Funds	2022 - 23 Restricted Building Fund	2022 - 23 Total Funds	2021 - 22 Last Year	
Cash Funds						
Bank Current Account	41457.59	2085.96			51846.00	
Less Cheques not yet Debited					-4600.00	
Net Bank Current Account	41457.59	2085.96			47246.00	
Savings Account			120234.70	120234.70	120007.00	
Debtors and Pre-paid Expenses						
Cash and Unbanked Cheques Received						
Monies Received for Future Projects						
Total Cash Funds	41457.59	2085.96	120234.70	163778.25	167253.00	
Other Monetary Assets						
Investment Assets						
Non Monetary Assets for Group's Own Use						
Shop Stock	407.00			407.00	1610.00	
Scouting Equipment, Furniture etc	22750.00			22750.00	21454.00	
Land and Buildings (9)			368500.00	368500.00	335000.00	
Additions and Improvements					10000.00	
Sub Total	23157.00		368500.00	391657.00	368064.00	
Liabilities						
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Expenses Incurred but not Invoiced						
Loans						
Creditors and Accrued Expenses						
Sub Total						
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