



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1/04/2024 Period start date To: 31/03/2025 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:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	While there is no formal grants process in place, the Group has from time to time provided funds to help families with limited resources to send their children to summer camp, which is for many the highlight of their scouting year.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The 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. The leadership team currently stands at 20 plus 8 Young Leaders.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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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 our scouting year 2024/25, the Group ran a full programme of weekly section meetings during school term time. Most were held at the Group's headquarters, with activities taking place both indoors and outdoors as appropriate. Occasionally, meetings were held elsewhere for specific activities.</p> <p>The Group now numbers 120 young people aged 4 – 18, a decrease of 7 compared to the previous year. Although the majority come from the local area, the Group's reputation for providing a varied and exciting programme has attracted youngsters from further afield.</p> <p>In May the Group held its biennial Family Camp for some 180 adults and young people with a full programme of activities and social events. Then in August, 57 youngsters enjoyed an action packed summer camp in the Brecon Beacons earning great reviews from all participants.</p> <p>Closer to home, in July the Group provided hot food at The Big Session – the Sixpenny Handley annual summer music event, which raises money for the Community Fund supporting local organisations, clubs and activities.</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	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, Group celebrations and improvements to the HQ building and campsite.
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	This year the Group enjoyed a welcome surplus (£13,000) of income over expenditure, resulting in a healthy current account balance of some £46,500 at year's end. Additionally, almost £123,000 is held in a deposit/savings account, this sum being earmarked for extending the HQ building in
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		order to provide additional meeting space for section activities.
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

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Subscriptions (approx £10,000 p.a.)</p> <p>Fundraising (approx £15,000)</p> <p>Camping hire/donations (approx. £3,000)</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Group does not have sufficient funds to commit to 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	<p>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:</p> <p>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</p>

		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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All members of the Group's Board of Trustees are required to complete the training laid down by The Scout Association, namely 'Inclusivity', 'Safeguarding', 'Safety & Risk Assessment' and the basics 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 twelve strong Board of Trustees, supported by the 20 strong leadership team.

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	Abi Carlyle-Clarke	Secretary		
3	Beverly Jesse	Treasurer		
4	John Curtis	GSL		
5	Rob Easton	SL		
6	Andy Young	CSL		
7	Annette Toope	BSL		
8	Donna Rendell			
9	Peter Goldstone			
10	Matthew Reeks			
11	Colin Taylor			
12	Naomi Booth	CSL		

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

Director name		

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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 Lead Volunteer

Date

20 November 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1st Woodcuts Scout Management

Unregistered Charity

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025 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'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) 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 these 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 the examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

1. Which gives me reasonable cause 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 requirements of the Charities Act that has 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,

*Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply

Name:

Qualification:

Address:

Date:

JONATHAN WRAGG
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3/9/2025

Receipts and Payments

	2024-25 Unrestricted Group Funds	2024-25 Designated HQ Funds	2024-25 Restricted Building Fund	2024-25 Total Funds	2023-24 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	11,975			11,975	12,756
Donations					49
Council Grants					
Other Grants					
Gift Aid Reclaimed					
Interest Received			1,356	1,356	1,280
Othe Similar Income					
Sub Total	11,975		1,356	13,330	14,086
Fundraising (Gross)					
Fireworks	25,674			25,175	20,445
Uniform Sales	1,707				2,639
Camping and Hire Donations		5,428			3,000
Other Fundraising Activities	11,884			5,385	1,344
Group Rental		4,500			4,500
Sub Total	39,265	9,928		30,560	31,928
Camp and Activity Receipts					
Summer Camps	15,911				8,496
Family Camp	280				950
Brownsea Camp	2,175				920
Other Paid Activities					
Misc					3,713
Sub Total	18,366				14,079
Total Gross Income	69,605	9,928	1,356	80,889	60,093
Payments					
General Payments					
Youth Programme & Activities	1,202				4,298
Adult Support & Training					
Insurance	1,495				2,159
Repairs and Renewals		3,939			3,521
Materials and Equipment	148				2,371
Celebration Day, AGM and Trustee Expenses					61
HQ and Campsite Rental	4,500				4,500
Administration	100	44			1,960
Donations to Charity	28				
Capitation Payment (to Scout Association) (1)					6,678
Rates					
Cleaning		814			725
Utilities		2,455			1,153
Waste Collection		859			838
Building Improvements	3,375				1,707
Ground Maintainance		2,500			1,580
Equipment Safety Testing		470			662
Proposed HQ Extension					2,893
Rental Refunds		50			57
Sub Total	10,848	11,132		21,979	35,164
General Expenses					
Fireworks	10,084				9,380
Uniform Purchases	2,938				2,086
Other Fundraising Activities					642
Sub Total	13,021			13,021	12,108
Camp and Activity Expenses					
Family Camp	10,969				730
Summer Camp	12,345				14,663
District Camp 2023					3,991
Other Paid Activities	3,100				
Sub Total	26,413				19,385

Total Gross Expenditure

	50,282	11,132		61,414	66,656
Receipts/Payments In	69,605	9,928	1,355	80,889	60,093
Total Expenditure	50,282	11,132	-	61,414	66,656
Net Receipts/(Payments)	19,323	1,204	1,355	19,475	6,563
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward Last Year End	33,679	2,021	121,515	157,215	163,778
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward This Year End	53,002	818	122,871	176,690	157,215

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024-25 Unrestricted Group Funds	2024-25 Designated HQ Funds	2024-25 Restricted Building Fund	2024-25 Total Funds	2023-24 Total Funds
Cash Funds					
Bank Current/Savings Account	46,579	818	122,871	170,267	157,205
Less Cheques not yet Debited					
Net Bank Current Account	46,579	818	122,871	170,267	157,205
Debtors and Pre-paid Expenses					
Cash and Unbanked Cheques Received					
Monies Received for Future Projects					
Total Cash Funds	46,579	818	122,871	170,267	157,508
Other Monetary Assets					
Investment Assets					
Non Monetary Assets for Group's Own Use					
Shop Stock	650			650	569
Scouting Equipment, Furniture etc	25,000			25,000	23,160
Land and Buildings			430,000	430,000	405,350
Additions and Improvements					
Sub Total	25,650		430,000	455,650	429,079
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet Paid					
Expenses Incurred but not Invoiced					
Loans					
Creditors and Accrued Expenses					
Sub Total					
Total Net Assets	72,229	818	552,871	625,917	586,284

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