

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 Beer Scouts

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 3 5 7 3 6

HQ registration number

5 0 5 8

Charity's principal address

Scout Hut

Mamora Terrace, Clapps Lane

Beer

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	Nigel Groves	Chairman	
2	Christine Paul	Treasurer	
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4	Fiona Gage	GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every three months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Executive Committee 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:

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.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. 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 Committee 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 6 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.

The 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 a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Weekly meetings and trips/camping away from home.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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Public benefit statement

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Weekly meetings for all Sections and opportunities for all Sections to spend at least one night away from home. Successful fund-raising campaigns to enable the purchase of a replacement minibus during the year.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £12,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £18,500 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by monies set aside for future equipment replacement, maintenance of the Scout Hut and necessary expenditure on the minibus.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional

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information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group 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.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

NIGEL GROVES

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

CHAIR

Date

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Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01 April 2024	To	31 March 2025

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	2,899	4,046
Donations	2,253	19,632
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	2,197
Other similar income	5,916	3,767
Sub total	11,068	29,642
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Sausage Sizzles	839	975
Quizzes	948	272
Quilt Raffle	-	804
Other fundraising activities	841	745
Sub total	2,628	2,796
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	1,063	1,370
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	1,063	1,370
Investment income		
Bank interest	155	171
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	155	171
Total Gross Income	14,914	33,979
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	14,914	33,979

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	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01 April 2024	To	31 March 2025

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	3,075	
Youth programme and activities	664	943
Adult support and training	-	-
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	2,822	1,316
Electricity and Gas	-	-
Insurance	1,699	1,135
Repairs and Renewals	120	-
Materials and equipment	737	686
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	992	1,615
Uniforms	289	437
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Minibus expenses	5,840	1,582
General Admin	86	122
Hall Expenses/Other	405	867
Sub total	16,729	8,703
Fundraising expenses		
General Fundraising costs	-	81
Sausage Sizzle	319	258
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	319	339
Total Gross Expenditure	17,048	9,042
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	22,500
Total payments	17,048	31,542
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,134	2,437
Cash funds last year end	18,251	16,117
Cash funds this year end	16,117	18,554

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Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01 April 2024	To	31 March 2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2024 Unrestricted funds £	31 March 2025 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	1,513	4,129
Bank deposit account	14,604	14,425
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	16,117	18,554
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	22,500
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	22,500
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-73.00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-2,706
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	2,779
Total net assets	16,117	38,275

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 22 October 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature

N. Groves

C. Paul

Print Name

N. Groves GROVES Chair

C. Paul C. PAUL Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Beer Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Beer Scout Group for the year ending 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Beer Scout Group 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 1st Beer Scout Group 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Beer Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:



Name: John R Whitaker BA(Hons) ACMA CGMA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Management Accountant

Address: Wyke Farm, Axminster, Devon, EX13 8TN

Date: 10th July 2025