

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Fressingfield Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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Charity's principal address

The Old Forge

New Street

Fressingfield

Suffolk

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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	Dawn Carman-Jones	Executive Chair	
2	Angie Ellis	Executive Secretary	
3	John Coop	Executive Treasurer	
4	Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne	Group Scout Leader	

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 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.

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 3 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 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	<p>In addition to the weekly evening sessions for each of the sections, a range of additional activities were arranged during the year. We are proud to have set up a new Squirrels section for very young members.</p> <p>1 Explorer, Scout, Cubs, Beaver and Squirrels activities all carried out at the new HQ, in addition to activity days out and group and summer camps.</p>

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

The charity has effectively delivered scouting by building on the activities available due to the new HQ. Through the provision of sufficient funds and resources we have been able to provide a wide range of activities and support to the young people in our community.

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 6 months running costs, circa £6.0k.

The Group held reserves of £10.9k as at the year end. This is slightly above the level required for operating expenses.

• investment policy and objectives;

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.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

Our main priority continues to be raising sufficient funds to operate our new HQ to guarantee scouting in our community for years to come. We have raised funds to enable the building of our new cart lodge in 2022/23 required for vehicle and equipment storage.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

D Carman-Jones

J A Coop

Full name(s)

Dawn Carman-Jones

John Anthony Coop

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Executive Chair

Treasurer

Date

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1st Fressingfield Scout Group
Year Ending 31/3/2023

MAIN ACCOUNT		DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT		EXPLORER ACCOUNT	
Opening Bank Balance	8,592	Opening Bank Balance	2,501	Opening Bank Balance	10,906
Closing Bank Balance	8,519	Closing Bank Balance	2,423	Closing Bank Balance	6,146
SUMMARY					
INCOME	Total	Account Name	Total	Account Name	Total
Subscriptions	12,290	INCOME		INCOME	-
Minibus	552	Loan	20,000	Fund Raising	956
Camps	7,504	Grants	3,508	Trip Payments	6,679
Activities	3,201	Transfer	2,500	Grant	1,349
Brownie Pack	543	One Lottery	495	TOTAL INCOME	8,984
Clothing Recycling	364	TOTAL INCOME	26,503		
Donation	20			EXPENDITURE	
Fund raising	4,303	EXPENDITURE		Kenya Expenses	8,748
Grants	5,113	Scout HQ Expense	575	Fund Raising Expenses	-
Gift Aid	2,467	Transfer	1,555	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,748
Uniform Purchase	9	Loan Repayment	20,000		
Other Income	414	CART LODGE	16,991	TOTAL Income (Expenditure)	237
Santa Run	137	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	39,121		
Utilities Recharge	1,296				
Y&P School Section	4,692	TOTAL Income (Expenditure)	- 12,618		
T/F Development	- 2,500				
Total Income	40,403	Cash funds	45,016		
EXPENDITURE	Total	Bank current account	2,423		
Camps	8,093	Cash/Floats	-		
Uniform Purchase	2,608	Total cash funds	2,423		
Consumables	736	Investment assets			
Activities	3,822	Investment property - HQ	273,853		
Premises	750	Investment - Cart Lodge	16,991		
Loan Interest Payment	3,527	Other investments - detail	-		
Activity Equipment	1,060	Sub total	290,844		
Capital Equipment	5,106	Liabilities			
HQ Equipment	67	Loan - detail	- 160,000		
Fund Raising	84	Grants Recd	- 39,763		
HQ Business Rates	230	Contract Income	- 40,000		
HQ Electricity EDF	2,647	Fundraising Opening Balance	- 37,758		
HQ Insurance	1,912	Fundraising	- 495		
HQ IT	52	Main Account Transfer	- 15,250		
HQ Maintenance Contracts	232	Other liabilities	-		
HQ Welfare	527	Sub total	- 293,267		
HQ Water Charges	467				
HQ Tank Emptying	1,098	Total net assets	0		
Minibus	385				
Capitation	9,741				
Donation	72				
Total Expenditure	43,217				



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

1st Fressingfield Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1181154

Set out on pages

No Additional Sheets

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022

Responsibilities and basis of
report

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.

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.

Signed:

Date:

1st November 2023

Name:

Graham Thornett

Address:

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Suffolk IP21 5AL

Section B

Disclosure

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.