

# 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

1st Fressingfield Scout Group HQ

Priory Road

Fressingfield

Suffolk

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	Dawn Carman-Jones	Executive Chair	April 2024 - September 2024
2	Graham Roberts	Executive Chair	06/02/2025
3	John Coop	Executive Treasurer	
4	Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne	Group Scout Leader	
5	Sarah Mortimer		12/09/2024
6	Michael Knights		12/09/2024
7	Alexander Dinsdale		12/09/2024
8	Sharon Knights		12/09/2024
9	Robin Chew		12/09/2024
10	Emma Petty		12/09/2024

## 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 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 Chair, Treasurer and Trustees. Other volunteers are automatically Trustees because of their roles in Scouts - Group / District / County Lead Volunteer, District / County Youth Lead

All Trustees are equally responsible, but they might decide to split the tasks between them.

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

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

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><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> 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 and camps were arranged during the year providing exciting and challenging programmes. We are proud to be fully subscribed in each of our sections.</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 trustee Board considers that the group should hold sufficient funds as defined in the Financial Policy Document.

• 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 and develop our new HQ to guarantee scouting in our community for years to come.

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Graham Anthony Roberts	J A Coop
Full name(s)	Graham Anthony Roberts	John Anthony Coop
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Executive Chair	Treasurer
Date	131125	

1st Fressingfield Scout Group Summary April 2024 - March 2025					
MAIN ACCOUNT		DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT		EXPLORER ACCOUNT	
Opening Bank Balance	21,213	Opening Bank Balance	11,947	Opening Bank Balance	1,220
Closing Bank Balance	18,295	Closing Bank Balance	2,493	Closing Bank Balance	5,227
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	-	<b>INCOME</b>	-
Subscriptions	17,434	One Lottery	546	Iceland 2024 (T/F from main)	4,187
Minibus	69	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	546	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	4,187
Camps	11,062	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	-	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	-
Activities	3,685	Loan Repayment	10,000	Iceland 2024	180
Brownie Pack	253	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	10,000	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	180
Clothing Recycling	7				
Fund raising	5,079				
Grants	7,325	<b>Cash funds</b>	<b>31/03/2025</b>		
Gift Aid	3,927	Bank current account	2,493		
Other Income	432	<b>Total cash funds</b>	2,493		
CMAT SLA	20,000	Investment property - HQ	273,853		
Iceland Trip	4,700	Investment property - Cart Lodge	17,491		
Y&P School Section	5,782	<b>Sub total</b>	291,344		
<b>Total Income</b>	79,755	Loan - detail	- 110,000		
		Grants Recd	- 48,999		
		Contract Income	- 80,000		
		Fundraising Opening Balance	- 37,758		
		Fundraising	- 1,830		
		Main Account Transfer	- 15,250		
		<b>Sub total</b>	- 293,836		
		<b>Total net assets</b>	0		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Total</b>				
Camps	12,419				
Iceland Trip	10,675				
Uniform Purchase	1,061				
Consumables	2,438				
Activities	3,247				
Loan Interest Payment	22,641				
Capital Equipment	4,140				
Fund Raising	171				
HQ Business Rates	130				
HQ Electricity EDF	3,369				
HQ Insurance	1,784				
HQ IT	1,135				
HQ Maintenance Contracts	3,479				
HQ Professional Charges	180				
HQ Welfare	550				
HQ Water Charges	257				
HQ Tank Emptying	1,433				
Minibus	207				
Census	13,275				
Donation	80				
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	82,671				

Date: 8th September 2025

John Anthony Coop  
Treasurer  
1st Fressingfield Scout Grp



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

1<sup>st</sup> Fressingfield Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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:

9/12/25

Name:

Graham Thornett

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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).