

1ST SIRHOWY VALLEY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1181922

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-02-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIAL; AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: We run a Scout Group for young people between the ages of 4 and 14, currently there are 2 Squirrel Dreys (ages 4-6) 2 Beaver Sections (ages 6-8), 2 cub section (ages 8-10.5) and 1 Scout Section (aged 10-14). We run various activities in keeping with Scout Association

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Caerphilly

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£43,121	£44,679	-	-
2023-12-31	£37,422	£37,785	-	-
2022-12-31	£45,454	£39,398	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,053	£21,937	-	-
2020-12-31	£39,474	£37,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Evie Lilian Grace Haywood		2026-01-01
Ian Haywood		2020-05-20
Lindsey Davies		2023-09-01
Sarah Paul		2023-10-30

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Scout Hut

Tram Road, Pontllanfraith

Blackwood

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	Lindsey Davies	Chairperson	
2	Ian Haywood	Group Lead Volunteer	
3	Sarah Paul	Treasurer	
4	Steve Gunter	Team Leader	
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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:

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 Group is managed by the Group Trustee 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 Trustee Committee is supported by the Group Exec Team.

The Group Executive Team consists of 4 Trustees, Chair, Treasurer, Group Lead Volunteer and Team Leaders from each section, and meets every 2 months.

This Group Executive Team exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer 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 4 to 14. 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. 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	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. 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. 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The group holds 7 sessions per week for the various age groups, in which the young people learn various skills that underpin the Values of Scouting and are delivered by our team of leaders and assistants. As part of our rolling plan we also provided additional activities which include trips, camps and activities that we cannot provide in house.

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.

Our members contribute £15 per month for 12 months of the year. Some activities such as camps or trips are paid in addition to these membership fees.

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

Our main achievement in the past year was our growth of membership which increased. This will obviously increase our income financially and will help towards increased outgoings.

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 Trustee Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

N/A

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

Investment Policy

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; Our main source of income is from members contributions which are paid monthly. We also receive rent from our owned adjacent carpark annually, as well as venue hire from time to time. We have received grants for improvements which have been utilised to their best. We have also developed a fundraising group that has organised funds. Our income from the above has helped us deliver the skills programme by providing materials and additional resources to assist us.
- investment policy and objectives; The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only a mainstream bank.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

One area that we will be addressing is the recruitment of new volunteers and trustees to ensure the growth of the group. Our plan is to help support this with ongoing fundraising to ensure that we can provide this equally to all members of the required age. We will as part of our ongoing maintenance for the building improve the security of the building and look at ways to improve our energy consumption moving towards more sustainable energy. The group will continue to encourage and support leaders and assistants in attaining new skills and instructor qualifications to improve the group's ability to deliver a balanced programme.

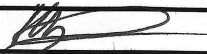
Section G

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)

Ian Haywood LINDSEY DAVIES

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group lead Volunteer CHAIRPERSON

Date

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AGM 2025 Financial Report

We continue to hold a bank account with Barclays and use the OSM accounts management system for payments and to hold receipts. This year we have introduced pre-loaded OSM cards for section leaders to use for their own section. A set budget is charged to the cards for each term for each section to use. We do have a few large items that are required to be purchased this year including new front doors and a new rear shutter. However, our trustee board is always looking for relevant grants to allow us to purchase these items.

We are also still to claim our Gift Aid donations for 2024 which will be completed over the next couple of months. Our accounts have been ratified to be submitted to the Charities Commission by the end of 2025.

Below is a summary of our accounts:

1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group Accounts 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024			
2024		Account balances 31 Dec 2024	
Summary		Expense Account	£ 1,000.19
Account Balance Brought Forward	£ 14,039.52	1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group	£ 816.08
Total Income	£ 43,320.57	Activity Account	£ 626.36
Total Expenditure	£ 44,678.72	Membership	£ 9,015.96
		Spares	£ -
Net Income	£ (1,358.15)	External	£ 924.07
Account Balance Carried Forward	£ 12,481.66		
Bank Account vs Cashbook anomaly	£ (0.29)		
Income		Expense	
Action	£ 8.99	Activity Equipment	£ 2,621.94
Bank Interest	£ 65.46	Action	£ 1,750.65
Bus	£ 70.00	Badges	£ 2,454.82
Donation	£ 2,041.27	Bank Fees	£ -
Events	£ 426.72	Bus	£ 316.20
Events - Beavers	£ 926.50	Camping Equipment	£ 2,360.63
Events - Cubs	£ 1,265.00	Events	£ 3,337.23
Events - Scouts	£ 1,424.00	Events - Beavers	£ 2,355.05
Events - Squares	£ 177.50	Events - Cubs	£ 2,606.63
Fundraising	£ 417.08	Events - Scouts	£ 1,785.85
Gift Aid	£ 4,542.17	Events - Squares	£ 660.68
Grants	£ 3,216.00	Fundraising	£ 66.13
Hall Hire	£ 1,300.75	Hall Hire	£ -
Internal Transfer		Insurance	£ 1,066.20
Membership Fees	£ 22,000.13	Meetings	£ 202.73
Ready for Purchasing		Meetings - Beavers	£ 766.41
Rent	£ 4,070.00	Meetings - Cubs	£ 1,262.72
Uniform	£ 1,367.00	Meetings - Scouts	£ 366.59
Vanage Maintenance		Meetings - Squares	£ 464.68
		Membership Fees	£ 6,961.50
		Ready for Purchasing	£ -
		REFUND	£ (2.62)
		Training	£ 87.86
		Uniform	£ 1,594.20
		Utilities	£ 4,224.23
		Vanage Maintenance	£ 7,336.54
Account balances 3 Jan 2024			
Expense Account	£ 1,435.95		
1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group	£ 3,355.10		
Activity Account	£ 160.78		
Membership	£ 8,526.10		
Spares	£ 1.00		
External	£ 560.59		

1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group Accounts 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024

2024		
Summary		
Account Balance Brought Forward	£	14,039.52
Total Income	£	43,120.57
Total Expenditure	£	44,678.72
Net Income	£	(1,558.15)
Account Balance Carried Forward	£	12,481.66
Bank Account vs Cashbook anomaly	£	(0.29)

Income		
Admin	£	8.99
Bank Interest	£	65.46
Bus	£	70.00
Donation	£	2,041.27
Events	£	426.72
Events - Beavers	£	926.50
Events - Cubs	£	1,265.00
Events - Scouts	£	1,424.00
Events - Squirrels	£	177.50
Fundraising	£	417.08
Gift Aid	£	4,342.17
Grants	£	3,218.00
Hall hire	£	1,300.75
Internal Transfer		
Membership Fees	£	22,000.13
Ready for Purchasing		
Rent	£	4,070.00
Uniform	£	1,367.00
Venue Maintenance		

Account balances 1 Jan 2024		
Expense Account	£	1,435.95
1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group	£	3,355.10
Activity Account	£	160.78
Membership	£	8,526.10
Spare	£	1.00
External	£	560.59

Account balances 31 Dec 2024		
Expense Account	£	1,099.19
1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group	£	816.08
Activity Account	£	626.36
Membership	£	9,015.96
Spare	£	-
External	£	924.07

Expense		
Activity Equipment	£	2,621.94
Admin	£	1,759.65
Badges	£	2,454.82
Bank Fees	£	-
Bus	£	318.20
Camping Equipment	£	2,369.63
Events	£	3,337.23
Events - Beavers	£	2,355.05
Events - Cubs	£	2,606.61
Events - Scouts	£	1,785.85
Events - Squirrels	£	669.68
Fundraising	£	66.93
Hall hire	£	-
Insurance	£	1,066.29
Meetings	£	202.73
Meetings - Beavers	£	768.41
Meetings - Cubs	£	1,262.72
Meetings - Scouts	£	366.59
Meetings - Squirrels	£	464.68
Membership Fees	£	6,961.50
Ready for Purchasing	£	-
REFUND	£	(2.62)
Training	£	87.86
Uniform	£	1,594.21
Utilities	£	4,224.23
Venue Maintenance	£	7,336.53

Completed by S. J. Paul

Print Name SARAH PAUL

Date 09/06/25

Checked by A Jones

Print Name A Jones

Date 09/06/25

1ST SIRHOWY VALLEY SCOUT GROUP

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group

Other names charity is known by

n/a

Registered charity number (if any)

1181922

Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut

Tram Rd

Pontllanfraith, Blackwood

Postcode

NP122JF

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	Ian Haywood	Group Lead Volunteer		
2	Lindsay Davies	Chair	01/09/2023-31/12/2023	
3	Sarah Paul	Treasurer	30/10/2023-31/12/2023	
4	Steve Gunter	Trustee	11/10/2023-31/12/2023	
5	Gareth Haywood		01/01/2023-19/07/2023	
6	Elizabeth O'Malley		01/01/2023-11/10/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. 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
(eg. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods
(eg. 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)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

"The Group is managed by the Group Trustee 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, Group Lead Volunteer and Group Leadership Team Member, and meets every 3 months.

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

This Group Trustee Committee exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer 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." "Risk and Internal Control The Group Trustee 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 4 to 14. 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. 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 policy 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

"The Purpose of Scouting

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The Values of Scouting

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The Scout Method

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- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
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- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise. "

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

"The group holds 7 sessions per week for the various age groups(4-14 years old), in which the young people learn various skills that underpin the Values of Scouting and are delivered by our team of leaders and assistants.

As part of our rolling plan, we also provided additional activities which include trips, camps and activities that we cannot provide in house."

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 details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our main achievement in the past year was our growth of membership which increased. We have also managed to increase the number of adult volunteers in the group which is very welcomed.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Trustee Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information

Our plan is to help support the group with ongoing fundraising to ensure that we can provide this equally to all members of the required age. We will as part of our ongoing maintenance for the building and improve our energy consumption moving towards more sustainable energy. The group will continue to encourage and support leaders and assistants in attaining new skills and instructor qualifications to improve the group's ability to deliver a balanced programme.

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)	Ian Haywood	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Group Lead Volunteer & Trustee	
Date	30/10/2024	

1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group Accounts 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

2023	
Summary	
Account Balance Brought Forward	15,430.07
Total Income	37,422.39
Total Expenditure	37,785.65
Net Income	363.26
Account Balance Carried Forward	15,089.26
Bank Account vs Cashbook anomaly	22.45

Income	
Admin	636.42
Bank Interest	92.31
Bus	80.00
Donation	1,309.00
Events	2,066.50
Events - Beavers	955.66
Events - Cubs	1,408.25
Events - Scouts	895.25
Events - Squirrels	302.50
Fundraising	504.41
Gift Aid	3,533.45
Grants	400.00
Hall hire	1,320.00
Internal Transfer	1,630.62
Membership Fees	19,650.22
Ready for Purchasing	170.26
Rent	791.25
Uniform	1,657.25
Venue Maintenance	19.04

Account balances	
Expense Account	1,435.95
1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group	4,176.59
Activity Account	220.44
Membership	8,545.22
External	711.06

Expense	
Activity Equipment	208.34
Admin	1,736.01
Badges	2,069.62
Bank Fees	-
Bus	3,809.88
Camping Equipment	3,131.74
Events	439.55
Events - Beavers	830.36
Events - Cubs	1,136.38
Events - Scouts	818.38
Events - Squirrels	216.51
Fundraising	-
Hall hire	20.00
Insurance	926.95
Meetings	254.66
Meetings - Beavers	644.73
Meetings - Cubs	415.75
Meetings - Scouts	110.69
Meetings - Squirrels	466.24
Membership Fees	6,670.00
Ready for Purchasing	420.26
REFUND	92.60
Training	60.00
Uniform	1,867.10
Utilities	3,763.37
Venue Maintenance	7,676.53

Completed by



Print Name

Ian Haywood.

Date

17/06/24

Checked by

A Jones

Print Name

ALICE JONES

Date

16/07/24

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

01 01 23

to end date

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Section A

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	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Lindsey Davies	Chairperson	01/09/2023
2	Ian Haywood	Group Scout leader	
3	Steve Gunter	Deputy Group Scout leader	11/10/2023
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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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 4 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and a parent representative, together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and meets every 3 months. Members of the Executive Committee complete '<i>Essential Information for Executive Committee</i>' 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 4 to 14. 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.

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	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. 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.

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The group holds 7 sessions per week for the various age groups, in which the young people learn various skills that underpin the Values of Scouting and are delivered by our team of leaders and assistants.

As part of our rolling plan we also provided additional activities which include trips, camps and activities that we cannot provide in house.

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.

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

Our main achievement in the past year was to maintain our membership numbers but we have actually seen a slight increase in membership of both young people and adults.

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.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

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

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

- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Our main source of income is from members contributions which are paid monthly. We also receive rent from our owned adjacent carpark annually, as well as venue hire from time to time. We have received grants for improvements which have been utilised to their best. We have also developed a fundraising group that has organised funds.

Our income from the above has helped us deliver the skills programme by providing materials and additional resources to assist us.

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only a mainstream bank.

Section F

Other Optional Information

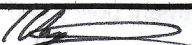
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

We are planning to take eligible members on an international trip, this will help towards the young people learning more about the Values of Scouting and witnessing this on an international level. Our plan is to help support this with ongoing fundraising to ensure that we can provide this equally to all members of the required age. We will as part of our ongoing maintenance for the building improve the security of the building and look at ways to improve our energy consumption moving towards more sustainable energy. The group will continue to encourage and support leaders and assistants in attaining new skills and instructor qualifications to improve the groups ability to deliver a balanced programme.

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LINDSEY DAVIES	IAN HAYWOOD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	GROUP CHAIR	LEAD VOLUNTEER
Date	070124	

2022**Income**

Admin	418.23
Bank Interest	11.00
Bus	0.00
Donation	305.08
Events	2,941.50
Events - Beavers	959.50
Events - Cubs	842.00
Events - Scouts	2,699.00
Events - Squirrels	0.00
Fundraising	4,816.85
Gift Aid	1,633.72
Grants	3,954.09
Hall hire	1,015.76
Internal Transfer	0.00
Membership Fees	16,747.75
Ready for Purchasing	0.00
Rent	3,165.00
Uniform	738.00
Venue Maintenance	5,206.28

Expense

Activity Equipment	118.93
Admin	2,162.54
Badges	1,855.31
Bank Fees	20.76
Bus	0.00
Camping Equipment	3,508.58
Events	3,174.13
Events - Beavers	966.17
Events - Cubs	900.50
Events - Scouts	3,304.46
Events - Squirrels	0.00
Fundraising	646.86
Hall hire	20.00
Insurance	757.37
Meetings	160.00
Meetings - Beavers	248.25
Meetings - Cubs	0.00
Meetings - Scouts	205.11
Meetings - Squirrels	104.42
Membership Fees	4,661.00
Ready for Purchasing	0.00
REFUND	0.00
Training	197.92
Uniform	1,862.93

Utilities	2,216.35
Venue Maintenance	12,306.84

Account balances

Expense Account	194.61
1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group	1,275.68
Activity Account	405.31
Membership	12,078.35
External	1,476.12

Summary

Account balance brought forward	9,334.95
Total income	45,453.76
Total expenditure	39,398.43
Net income	6,055.33
Account balance carried forward	15,430.07

1st Sirhowy Valley Scout Group Accounts 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

Income	
Admin	418.23
Bank Interest	11.00
Donation	305.08
Events	7,442.00
Fundraising	4,816.85
Gift Aid	1,633.72
Grants	3,954.09
Hall hire	1,015.76
Membership Fees	16,747.75
Rent	3,165.00
Uniform	738.00
Venue Maintenance	5,206.28
Expense	
Activity Equipment	118.93
Admin	2,162.54
Badges	1,855.31
Bank Fees	20.76
Bus	0.00
Camping Equipment	3,508.58
Events	8,345.26
Fundraising	646.86
Hall hire	20.00
Insurance	757.37
Meetings	717.78
Membership Fees	4,661.00
Training	197.92
Uniform	1,862.93
Utilities	2,216.35
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Completed By

EGO'MALLEY

Print Name

ELIZABETH O'MALLEY

Dated

12/05/2023

Checked By

SIAN THORNE

Print Name

SIAN THORNE

Dated

12/5/2023

1ST SIRHOWY VALLEY SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1181922

Accounts

AGM 2021

Chairs Report

I took over the chairperson's position in April 2020 just as everyone's world was about to turn upside down. Covid 19 provided us with great challenges and opportunities within Scouting and as a group. As the various lockdowns occurred, we were able to continue meeting with the young people embracing technology and providing online virtual meetings. Throughout this time, we had good attendance and it was important to ensure there was a variety of activities were provided which included a magician and a camp at home as some examples. It was important to keep the young people engaged during these meetings so that they would continue with Scouting when we were to return.

Another plus to come out of the pandemic was our ability to receive the Covid grants, this as well as closing the doors of the scout hall was the ideal opportunity to carry out work on our grounds and the hall itself. The building was built in the early 1970's and was definitely showing its age. There were constant leaks, and the building was deteriorating rapidly. You have probably seen on our Facebook page the video we have shared. The building was totally gutted, and the interior remodelled to include a technology hub and extend the space available.

The grounds were levelled and cleared to improve our outside space and we are continuing to improve the grounds which will soon include a backwoods area and fire pit. We are lucky here to have the outside space we have and making it a safe and varied place to carry out scouting activities is a huge benefit to our group. We have also upgraded our electrics, security systems and are waiting for gas central heating to be installed. All this work has built us a safe and enjoyable scouting home that will continue to provide for years to come. There are still lots of things left to do before it is totally complete, but I would like to acknowledge everyone who has helped so far and a huge thank you to them all.

With the works nearing completion we are looking to make the hall available for hire and we are welcoming a local Judo group who will be using the hall on a regular basis. This will not only bring income but will also vary the use of the hall, making it more of a community base.

Our recruitment of young people is ticking along nicely and as a group we will be looking to recruit more adult leaders. It is important that we can provide enough cover to continue to provide quality sessions for all age groups. We are always looking for people to join our committee as well to help with the day to day running of the group and building. Any time that people can commit to the group would be gratefully welcomed.

As we now move towards some normality in 2021, it is paramount that as a group we continue putting the needs of the young people first, providing them the best experience of scouting and allowing them to develop life skills that will be invaluable to them for years to come.

As a committee will be continuing with fund raising to be able to support the group and the leaders with additional training and skills. These funds are important to ensure that we continue to be an all-inclusive group and provide support to anyone that needs it. It is also particularly important that we remain a strong presence in our district and local community, and we will be looking at ways that we can strengthen these connections and making new ones.

So, it only leaves me in thanking all the adult leaders in the group for they hard work and dedication over the last difficult 12 months and especially to all the young people in all sections who have been so resilient and continued to engage online and in person.

Ian Haywood

1st Sirhowy Scout Group

Income

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Subscriptions	697.00	3078.50	597.00	343.00	397.50	494.00	470.00	395.00	429.00	511.50
Pensord Press	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1196.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1196.82
Camp/activities	836.50	1796.20	619.40		5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund raising		1917.07			5.00		0.00	105.00	5.00	0.00
Other	55.00	1290.13	437.00	349.20	60.00	10520.00	508.00	525.00	2668.97	2739.40
Total	1588.50	8081.90	1653.40	692.20	1664.32	11019.00	978.00	1025.00	3102.97	4447.72

Total income for year = £39474.77
 Total expenditure for year = £37882.13

A profit of £1592.64

Compiled by Gareth Haywood (Group Scout Leader)

Nov	Dec	Total
430.50	433.50	8276.50
0.00	0.00	2393.64
0.00	0.00	3262.10
0.00	0.00	2032.07
4337.76	20.00	23510.46
4768.26	453.50	39474.77

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
Uniform	0.00	23.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment/Fixtures & Fittings	104.92	143.56	0.00	0.00
Utilities/Insurance	38.60	48.64	900.09	109.11
Membership	0.00	2561.50	0.00	0.00
Training	0.00	20.00	70.00	0.00
Maintenance	0.00	502.24	810.24	506.46
Badges	15.45	138.72	0.00	58.50
OSM/Easier Scouting	32.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
Camp/Activities	667.13	942.89	222.25	0.00
Pest control	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership/Insurance Savings	633.05	1060.00	300.00	0.00
Fundraising savings	0.00	33.00	0.00	0.00
Parent savings	90.00	743.00	148.60	18.00
Activities savings	0.00	258.00	368.50	26.50
Other	286.90	260.00	347.35	94.20
Totals	1898.67	6734.55	3167.03	812.77

<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
69.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	2306.03	1372.29	71.96	2828.67	213.47	709.98	241.96
39.72	128.57	19.20	19.20	19.20	26.20	32.16	77.29
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	758.30	5519.08	612.22	30.00	126.00	1198.83	120.93
52.50	21.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	222.19
0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	33.88	0.00	54.00	31.20
0.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	243.96	15.99	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
587.00	357.50	517.50	437.50	0.00	3916.22	770.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	300.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	510.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
62.04	14.28	295.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	14.00	60.00
811.01	4131.02	8023.07	1290.88	2911.75	4552.85	2794.96	753.57

Totals
92.75
7992.84
1457.98
2561.50
90.00
10184.30
535.70
191.70
2127.22
30.00
8578.77
438.00
999.60
1163.00
1438.77
37882.13

1st Sirhowy Scout Group

Annual accounts for year 2020.

Liabilities

Assets

Each account brought forward
from 2019

End of December 2020
with Barclays bank

Community	1492.43	3085.07
Activity	0	50.18
Fund raising	46.30	414.34
Membership	1928.45	5298.24
Savings	736.05	371.18
	<u>4203.23</u>	<u>9219.01</u>

Balance sheet for the year ending December 2020

B/forward from 2019	£4,203.23
Gain of	<u>£5,015.78</u>
Balance end of 2020	<u>£9,219.01</u>

I have audit the 5 accounts for 1st Sirhowy Scouts,
The group was fortunate to have grants and donations
of £15,000, during this pandemic year which saw little
scouting activities.

It allowed the leaders and community to use the money to
work on repairs to the building, provide new fixtures and fittings
plus outside ground work.

Money spent is shown in the accounts.

Signed.

