

# 1ST & 3RD STOWMARKET (PHOENIX) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1200495

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2022-09-28

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** The 1st & 3rd Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group is part of the Scout Association and belongs to the Stowmarket District in the Suffolk County. Providing Scouting activities for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, along with support for a District Explorer Unit as per the Scout Association guidelines. With Scouting activities it also enables and supports residential experiences, events and fundraising.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Suffolk

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£41,228	£31,750	-	-
2023-12-31	£66,235	£56,803	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Robin John Leeks</b>	Chair	2024-05-16
Ainsley Morris Gilbert		2024-05-16
DAVID TREVOR WHITE		2022-05-19
David John Newbery		2009-09-01
James Morgan White		2017-09-01
Martyn Julian Bonner		2009-09-01
Nicola Karkoska		2015-05-13
Richard Ernest Durrant		2015-05-01
Samantha Hayward		2009-09-01
Samuel Thomas Hughes		2024-05-16
Tracey Meads		2020-01-23

# 1ST & 3RD STOWMARKET (PHOENIX) SCOUT GROUP

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 

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 to end date 

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<b>Section A</b>	<b>Reference and administration details</b>
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Charity name	1st & 3rd Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group															
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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	Rick Durrant	Group President	
2	Robin Leeks	Group Chair	
3	James White	Group Lead Volunteer	
4	Martyn Bonner	Treasurer	
5	Sam Hayward	Beaver Team Leader	
6	Tracey Meads	Beaver Team Member	
7	Ainsley Gilbert	Explorer Team Leader	
8	Dave Newbery	Group Team Member	
9	Nicola Karkoska	Trustee	
10	David White	Trustee	
11	Sam Hughes	Trustee	
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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 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 the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee learning' within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.



Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p><b>Risk and Internal Control</b></p> <p>The Group Trustee Board 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:</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. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, fundraising and building hire. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>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.</p>

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.

**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
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<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>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Weekly sectional meetings with a mixture of indoor activities at the Stowmarket Scout Centre, visits and outdoor activities, mainly during Spring and Summer Terms. There are also a number of weekend activity/fun days and camps for each section throughout the year. All sections are offered at least one nights camping/sleepover experience each year, with many more opportunities for the older sections.</p>

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.

Scouting at group level is only possible with the support of leaders, supporters and members of the Trustee Board, all of which are voluntary roles that have an important part in enabling the group to deliver a fun and challenging programme in a safe environment

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 Group has maintained numbers of Young People in each section at a manageable number, as determined and agreed with each section leader. The overall Census number as at 31 Jan 2024 was 121 (81 Young People incl. Explorer Scouts and 40 Adult Members who have some form of role within the group), slightly down compared to the previous year. We have 22 names on our 'under age' Joining List and a limited number 'of age' but with current numbers in each section we have very limited ability to take names from the list other than at Beaver age.

**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 Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £30,000.

Cash in bank of £62,940 at year end.

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 information, where relevant, about:

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

Group funding is achieved through a mixture of membership fees, fundraising activities and income from hall hire. More recently the income from hall hire has reduced the need for additional fund raising activities so we now concentrate on Scout Christmas Post..

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

Expenditure is divided between the ongoing running costs and maintenance of the Stowmarket Scout Centre for scouting use, Capitation costs on a pro-rata basis (payable to The Scout Association, County and District Scouts) and support for section activity resource. Other scout activity/fun days and camping activities are self funding.

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

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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)	JAMES WHITE	MARTIN BANNISTER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER	TREASURER
Date	1 8 0 4 2 5	



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donation	956	-	-	956	5,570
Events - Beavers	732	-	-	732	12,715
Events - Cubs	1,465	-	-	1,465	-
Events - Explorers	1,846	-	-	1,846	-
Events - Scouts	9,819	-	-	9,819	-
Fundraising	832	-	-	832	902
Gift Aid	3,109	-	-	3,109	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	20,000
Misc Income	-	-	-	-	2,202
Membership Fees	7,302	-	-	7,302	8,076
Rent	15,167	-	-	15,167	16,770
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>41,228</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,228</b>	<b>66,235</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,228</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,228</b>	<b>66,235</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Activity Equipment	108	-	-	108	-
Admin	589	-	-	589	-
Badges	486	-	-	486	-
Bank Fees	8	-	-	8	-
Camping Equipment	517	-	-	517	-
Events	17	-	-	17	-
Events - Beavers	665	-	-	665	-
Events - Cubs	1,809	-	-	1,809	-
Events - Explorers	1,756	-	-	1,756	-
Events - Scouts	9,745	-	-	9,745	-
Insurance	2,698	-	-	2,698	-
Meetings	34	-	-	34	-
Meetings - Beavers	248	-	-	248	-
Meetings - Cubs	306	-	-	306	-
Meetings - Explorers	115	-	-	115	-
Meetings - Scouts	342	-	-	342	-
Membership Costs	4,221	-	-	4,221	-
Utilities	1,786	-	-	1,786	-
Venue Maintenance	6,301	-	-	6,301	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31,751</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,751</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>31,751</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,751</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>66,235</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>66,235</b>





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1200495

**Set out on pages**

1-4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

14-4-25

**Name:**

PETER SIMPSON

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL  
ADVISER

**Address:**

STONEMADE HOUSE CHURCH ROAD  
DEYTON, SUFFOLK IP30 9AL

# 1ST & 3RD STOWMARKET (PHOENIX) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1200495

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# Accounts

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# 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 & 3rd Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

1st & 3rd Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group

Milton Road North

Stowmarket

Suffolk

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Rick Durrant	Group President	
2	Daren Rapley	Group Chair	
3	David White	Group Deputy Chair	
4	James White	Group Scout Leader	
5	Martyn Bonner	Treasurer	
6	Sam Hayward	Beaver Scout Leader	
7	Tracey Meads	Beaver Scout Leader	
8	Dave Newbery	Group Section Assistant	
9	Nicola Karkoska		
10	Nicola Broadhurst		
11	Robin Leeks		30/11/2023
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

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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 Executive Committee consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee, and 1 co-opted Trustee) and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*', Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR 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.

**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:

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.

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.

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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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<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>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Weekly sectional meetings with a mixture of indoor activities at the Stowmarket Scout Centre, visits and outdoor activities, mainly during Spring and Summer Terms. There are also a number of weekend activity/fun days and camps for each section throughout the year. All sections are offered at least one nights camping/sleepover experience each year, with many more opportunities for the older sections.</p>
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p>	
<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy on grantmaking;</li> <li>• contribution made by volunteers;</li> <li>• policy on investments.</li> </ul>	<p>Scouting at group level is only possible with the support of leaders, supporters and members of the group executive, all of which are voluntary roles that have an important part in enabling the group to deliver a fun and challenging programme in a safe environment.</p>
<p>Public benefit state</p>	<p>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.</p>

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group has maintained numbers of Young People in each section at a manageable number, as determined and agreed with each section leader. The overall Census number as at 31 Jan 2023 was 118 (84 Young People incl. Explorer Scouts and 34 Adult Members who have some form of role within the group), slightly down compared to the previous year. We have 39 names on our 'under age' Joining List and a limited number 'of age' but with current numbers in each section we have very limited ability to take names from the list other than at Beaver age.

**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 plus unforeseen maintenance costs for the Stowmarket Scout Centre, a sum of £30,000.

Cash in bank of £53,463 at year end.

Quantify and explain any designations

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

## Section E

## Financial Review (continued)

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

Group funding is achieved through a mixture of membership fees, fundraising activities and income from hall hire. More recently the income from hall hire has reduced the need for additional fund raising activities so we now concentrate on Scout Christmas Poot.

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

Expenditure is divided between the ongoing running costs and maintenance of the Stowmarket Scout Centre for scouting use. Capitation costs on a pro-rata basis (payable to The Scout Association, County and District Scouts) and support for section activity resource. Other scout activity/fun days and camping activities are self funding.

- investment policy and objectives

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)

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

David White	Marty Bond
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Full name(s)

DAVID TREVOR WHITE	MARTY BOND
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN	TREASURER
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Date

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Transfer	£ -	£0	£0	£0	£0
Subs / Joining Fees	£ 8,077	£0	£0	£8,077	£6,902
Badges / Books	£ -	£0	£0	£0	£0
Crafts / Activities	£ 50	£0	£0	£50	£0
Trips / Visits	£ 1,510	£0	£0	£1,510	£1,569
Camps	£ 11,155	£0	£0	£11,155	£1,913
Donations	£ 5,570	£0	£0	£5,570	£532
Fundraising Income	£ 902	£0	£0	£902	£46
Group Clothing	£ 217	£0	£0	£217	£2,191
Scout Centre Hire	£ 16,770	£0	£0	£16,770	£8,247
Misc Income	£ 21,985	£0	£0	£21,985	£9,472
	£ -	£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>£ 66,235</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£66,235</b>	<b>£30,871</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	£ -	£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£ 66,235</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£66,235</b>	<b>£30,871</b>

### A3 Payments

Transfer	£ -	£0	£0	£0	£0
Capitation	£ 4,246	£0	£0	£4,246	£3,110
Badges / Books	£ 121	£0	£0	£121	£589
Crafts / Activities	£ 100	£0	£0	£100	£838
Trips / Visits	£ 1,163	£0	£0	£1,163	£792
Camps	£ 6,210	£0	£0	£6,210	£5,369
Group Clothing	£ 207	£0	£0	£207	£374
Training	£ 100	£0	£0	£100	£15
Scout Group Costs	£ 3,599	£0	£0	£3,599	£1,050
Scout Centre Costs	£ 4,956	£0	£0	£4,956	£8,088
Utility Bills / Insurance	£ 5,144	£0	£0	£5,144	£4,660
Equipment, Renewals & Repairs	£ 30,531	£0	£0	£30,531	£710
Fund Raising (Expenses)	£ -	£0	£0	£0	£3
Misc Payments	£ 426	£0	£0	£426	£600
	£ -	£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 56,803</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£56,803</b>	<b>£26,198</b>

### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	£ -	£0	£0	£0	
	£ -	£0	£0	£0	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£ 56,803</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 56,803</b>	<b>£ 26,198</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>£ 9,432</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£9,432</b>	<b>£4,673</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£ 9,432</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£9,432</b>	<b>£4,673</b>

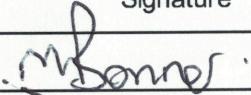

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	YE Cash Balance	£ 9,432	£0	£0
		£0	£0	£0
		£0	£0	£0
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>£9,432</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
	Final gift aid claim	£0	£0	£0
		£0	£0	£0
		£0	£0	£0
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			£0	£0
			£0	£0
			£0	£0
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Building/land, furniture, fixtures and fittings	Endowment	£0	£0
	Equipment	Unrestricted	£0	£0
			£0	£0

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		£0	
		£0	
		£0	
		£0	
		£0	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARTYN BONNER	04/05/24
	JAMES WHITE	04/05/24

# Independent Examiner's Report

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowmarket (Phoenix) Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowmarket (Phoenix) 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowmarket (Phoenix) 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Stowmarket (Phoenix) 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

PETER SIMPSON

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

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