



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Charity name: **1st Thorley (St James) Scout Group**

Charity registration number: **279424**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is 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. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Ongoing support to our 7 sections of Beavers Cubs and Scouts. Management and oversight of the Group Budget
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. All trustees are subject to annual appointment at the Group AGM and, once appointed, serve until the following AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants are made from time to time to leaders within the Scout Group to carry out training towards gaining national body awards so that they can obtain permits to enable members of their groups to take part in permitted activities

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment is carried out through the delivery of Scouting activities via the Scout programme.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	None
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the year the Group has organised and supported a range of activities for our sections, as well as providing financial support towards training and specific activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance	Para 1.41	

against objectives		
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our Group, like most charities, holds some funds in reserve. Our level of reserves is set to ensure that there is sufficient resources to continue the core activities of the Group should income fall short. The Group trustee board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 month annual subscriptions, circa £37,000 in reserve, and £40,000 of this is held on deposit. Should the level of reserves falls below the target level the Group will make efforts to restore the level within next financial years
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£77,823
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of 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 is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Scout Association and the District are Public Benefit Entities
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. All trustees are subject to annual appointment at the Group AGM and, once appointed, serve until the following AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Thorley (St James) Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	279424

Charity's principal address	19 Mazoe Road Bishops Stortford Herts CM23 3JS

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	Colin Nicholls	Chair		
2	Nigel Reed	Group Scout Leader		
3	Samantha Carrington	Deputy Group Scout Leader		
4	Susan Byford			
5	Catherine Hills			
6	Paula Mothersole			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Colin Nicholls	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

22 October 2024

1st Thorley (St. James) Scout Group
(Registered Charity No. 279424)

**CONSOLIDATED GROUP STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
	Total £	Total £
Income		
Membership	24,102.78	24,039.44
Gift Aid	3,757.64	3,480.70
Use of HQ	1,527.00	1,534.00
Donations/Grants	4,711.08	4,593.30
Troop & Pack activities	12,785.86	11,835.64
Camp income	10,664.32	18,742.47
Electricity	-	95.00
Uniforms and badges	1,458.85	1,107.20
Bank interest	636.41	50.35
Other income	2,550.28	1,475.90
Total income	62,194.22	66,954.00
Expenditure		
Membership	9,894.38	10,085.66
Troop & Pack activities	18,813.28	16,231.00
Camp costs	11,909.65	18,858.32
Fund raising expenses	-	314.00
Building fund	1,776.00	-
Cleaning	1,170.28	908.94
Donations	616.81	1,104.01
Utilities	1,693.82	1,612.20
Equipment	2,143.60	562.25
Insurance	563.14	573.62
Rent	707.54	777.70
Repairs & Maintenance	1,799.73	1,761.19
Uniforms and badges	4,813.97	3,637.21
Transport	-	25.00
Miscellaneous	3,341.80	3,617.58
Total Expenditure	59,244.00	60,068.68
Net Income/(Expenditure)	2,950.22	6,885.32
Opening cash & bank balance	74,873.11	67,987.79
Closing cash & bank balance	77,823.33	74,873.11
Represented by:		
Current Accounts	37,874.65	75,358.53
Deposit Account	40,240.03	
Cash in hand	126.37	284.89
Accrued costs	(417.72)	(770.31)
	77,823.33	74,873.11

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Thorley (St. James) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Thorley (St. James) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2023.

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, to prepare accounts, which accord with the accounting records, and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met,

or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached,

or which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.

Name Michael Trippick D.Phil, ACMA
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 Bishop's Stortford
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Signed



Dated

7 March 2024