

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 

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 to end date 

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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	Emma McCrery	Trustee	
2	Paul McCrery	Trustee	
3	Anna Seve	Trustee	
4	Donna Brearley	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
n/a		

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 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.

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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 2 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 data-bbox="609 365 920 398"><b>Risk and Internal Control</b></p> <p data-bbox="609 398 1305 555">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 data-bbox="609 589 1305 813">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 data-bbox="609 846 1305 969">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 data-bbox="609 1003 1305 1227">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 Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p data-bbox="609 1261 1305 1485">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> <p data-bbox="609 1518 1305 1709">Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 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.</p>

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>We undertake scouting activities associated with the Challenge and Activity badges contained on the Scout organisation website. Main activities include, hiking, and camping.</p>
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
Public benefit statement	<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>The group is self-funded and run by leaders and trustees, who are all volunteers.</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

Delivery of a full programme of activities for three sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts), for approx 20 children per section, for a full year.

**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 £17,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £24,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Quantify and explain any designations

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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);

**Investment Policy**

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 mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group maintains a CCLA investment account which generates a small amount of interest per month. This is held as a contingency fund or for larger projects.

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

• investment policy and objectives;

## Section F

## Other Optional Information

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

The Group has invested significantly over the past two years in the fabric of the building. The intention of the Trustee Board is to continue further upgrades of the building and facilities.

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*P McCrery*

*A Seve*

Full name(s)

Paul McCrery

Anna Seve

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Lead Volunteer (Trustee)

Treasurer

Date

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**1ST MILTON SCOUT GROUP**  
**GROUP ACCOUNTS 01/04/24 - 31/03/25**

ALL BANK ACCOUNTS - SECTIONS & HALL HIRE	CCLA CHARITIES ACCOUNT
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<b>OPENING BALANCE 01/04/24</b>	<b>26,000.08</b>	<b>30,129.80</b>
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**INCOME**

TOTAL SUBS	7,594.70	
OTHER INCOME	3,154.60	
SSE REFUND	971.82	
INTEREST		1,492.63
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING		
HALL HIRE	11,802.50	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>23,523.62</b>	<b>1,492.63</b>

**EXPENSES**

GENERAL EXPENSES - HUT	-3,015.81	
GENERAL EXPENSES - SECTIONS	-5,343.03	
CAPITATION	-3,520.00	
CLEANING	-2,487.40	
GARDENING		
WATER	-431.25	
SEWERAGE	-140.14	
ELECTRIC	-264.00	
PLI INS		
BUILDINGS INS	-1,740.91	
FIREGUARD	-170.94	
WIFI	-146.19	
WEBSITE	-190.39	
FLOOR REPLACEMENT	-5,896.80	
REPLACE HEATERS	-1,806.13	
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	-1,155.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-26,307.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>CLOSING BALANCE 31/03/25</b>	<b>23,215.71</b>	<b>31,622.43</b>
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

3RD NEW FOREST SOUTH (1ST MILITARY) SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year  
ended

31ST MARCH 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

302264

Set out on pages

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent 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.

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

Signed:

*Paul East*

Date:

5/1/26

Name:

Paul East

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

FCA



(if any):	INSTITUTE of CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES
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	CHRISTCHURCH
	DORSET BH23 2JS

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.