

1st St Albans Scout Group - 116th AGM – Thursday 27th June 2024.

Chair of Trustees & Group Administrator – Steve Lindsay MBE – Annual Report

Welcome everybody to this years A.G.M. , as we seek to review the 12 months ending the 31st March 2024

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As normal the last 12 months have been packed full of challenges, and enormous credit must go to all our Exec team and section leadership team, for another 12 months of hard work / devotion to Scouting at the 1st.**

Their work has seen our young people enjoy a very stimulating year, leading up to this year's Group Camp at Chalfont Heights over the weekend (7th – 9th June). We will hear more about their section programmes later.

At the time of the Annual Census, at the end of Jan 23, our numbers of young people had was steady at 131. We benefit from their long service / strong commitment of our leadership team many who have been working at the 1st for many years, supported by an increasing number of new leaders, which bodes well for the future, plus our occasional helpers. Long may it continue !

Shortly we will hear from Paul & Gabriella Cordell, who were chosen to represent St Albans / Hertfordshire at the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023, we look forward to earing of the experiences

Our Parents are always welcomed and indeed encouraged to get involved , and one feature our annual group camp, will be the amazing support of a good number of parents.

Your group executive have changing their title to become The Trustee Board, , which will more clearly define their role. As always they remain focussed on maintaining strong finances, ensuring the building / facilities are well maintained / and a safe environment for our young people.

A this point we say a special thanks to Sue, who has guided us thro the restructure, ensuring we adhere to the Scout Association / Charity Commission rule changes.

We will continue our maintenance policy in the summer break with the refurbishment of the external cladding, repair of the foyer roof, and redecoration of the kitchen.

We have always seen the Wadley Hut as a community asset, and the wide range of external users is testament to that, including being used as Polling Station, a training hub for the NHS, home to Ramadam Prayers, a base for a number of small businesses, and home to Chiswell Green Rainbows.

I should also mention our cleaner who continues to show great flexibility / professionalism / being willing to work round all our external users –our sincere thanks to Claudine Minns.

Bob Allam will once again provide us with all the financial details, his sound management continues to ensure the group is perhaps the financially, the strongest in the county.

Finally I want to thank my amazing core Trustee Team, supported by the Scouting team, without whom the 1st would be so much the poorer :-

Sue Campbell – Secretary – (25 years)

Bob Allam – Ex leader / treasurer – (38 years)

**Steve Norris – Ex leader / safety manager (27 years) & John Wallace (40 years)
Ex leader / maintenance.**

Alan Haigh / maintenance / hut admin

Finally we all now know, if we didn't before, just how important Scouting is to the well being of our Young People. Long may the 1st be here to meet that need, and lets have lots of fun on the way!

Thanks

Steve Lindsay

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Charity Commission Annual Return 2024

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1ST ST ALBANS BOY SCOUT GROUP
Charity registration number: 302571

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2024.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/04/2023

Financial period end date

31/03/2024

Income and spending

Income £

£ 38,522

Spending £

£ 19,174

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 0

Charitable activities

£ 0

Other trading activities

£ 0

Investments

£ 2,682

Other

£ 35,840

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside England & Wales

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Charity contact details correct

Is the contact address displayed from the Register of Charities, correct?

Yes

Charity headquarters details correct

Is this the same address that you use as your charity's administrative headquarters?

Yes

Charity contact address

Address Line 1

10 ST. STEPHENS CLOSE

Address Line 2

ST. ALBANS

Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

AL3 4AB

Country

Charity Headquarters address

Address Line 1

10 ST. STEPHENS CLOSE

Address Line 2

ST. ALBANS

Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

AL3 4AB

Country

Property

Were any of your charity’s properties held by holding or custodian trustees on behalf of your charity (excluding the Official Custodian) during the financial period for this return?

No

Membership type

Is your charity part of a wider group structure with a parent body and subsidiary bodies?
no, the charity is not part of a wider group structure

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity
0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity
0

Self-employed people were working for your charity
0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures
Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures
Yes

Complaints policy and procedures
Yes

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures
Yes

Internal risk management policy and procedures
Yes

Trustee expenses policy and procedures
Yes

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures
Yes

Investing charity funds policy and procedures
Yes

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures
Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures
Yes

Social media policy and procedures
Not applicable

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures
Not applicable

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

No

Serious Incidents

Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?

There were no incidents to report

External risk and impact

Donations

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - grants

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on overheads

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of volunteers

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of employees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of trustees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Fundraising activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Capacity to deliver services

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Total service demand

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

20

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- **you have consented to their release; or**
- **we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- **we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- **we can lawfully do so; and**
- **we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

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We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 1st St Albans Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2.
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: P Cowlard

Name: Pierre Cowlard MBA ACIB

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

Address: 1 Akeman Close, St Albans, AL3 4NJ

Date: 28 April 2024