

Trustees Annual Report

For the period: from (Start Date) **01/04/2024** to (end date) **31/03/2025**

SECTION A		REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS
Charity Name	1 st Cheriton Scout Group	
Registered Charity Number	303384	
Charity's principal address	Rear of 24 Hawkins Road Cheriton Folkestone Kent CT19 4JA	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year
1	Mathieu Sibilla	Chair	Appointed 24/07/2024
2	Maria J Doughty	Treasurer	
3	Casey Early	Trustee	Appointed 24/07/2024
4	Sarah Selby	Trustee	Appointed 24/07/2024
5	Many Hazell	Trustee	
6	Tara Andrews	Trustee	Appointed 24/07/2024
7	Mary Knockton	Trustee	Resigned 07/10/2024
8	Paul J White	Trustee	Resigned 07/10/2024
9	Teresa J Taylor	Trustee Secretary	Resigned 07/10/2024
10	Matthew T Dickison	Chair	Resigned 16/12/2024
11	Ian Gadenne	Trustee Group Lead Volunteer	Appointed 02/01/2025
12	Jacqueline S Wood	Trustee Group Lead Volunteer	Resigned 02/01/2025 Co-opted 29/04/2025
13	Luke Dartnall	Trustee	Resigned 24/01/2025

Names and addresses of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address

SECTION B

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

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

The Group is its own Unincorporated Charitable Association established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection method

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, Organisation and rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

The Group is governed by the Group Trustee Board, whose members serve as the Charity Trustees of the Scout Group, which operates as an educational charity. As Charity Trustees, they are responsible for ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation applicable to charities. This includes maintaining appropriate registration, keeping accurate financial records, and submitting returns to the Charity Commission as required.

The Trustee Board is comprised of the Chair, Treasurer, and seven Trustees, including one Co-opted and one Ex Officio Trustee. The Board meets quarterly, or more frequently if necessary, to oversee the governance and strategic direction of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control

Trustee Board members are required to complete their mandatory learning, including Safety and Safeguarding modules, within the first 30 days of their appointment. Additionally, they are encouraged to complete the 'Being a Scouts Trustee' training within the first six months, to ensure they are well-informed of their responsibilities and best practices in governance.

The Group Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the effective management of the charity. This includes assessing and mitigating risks, maintaining buildings and equipment in proper working condition, and ensuring compliance with legal requirements as well as the organisation's policies and regulations. Their guidance plays a crucial role in supporting other volunteers to deliver safe, high-quality programmes that equip young people with essential life skills.

The Group maintains a robust risk register designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. This register is reviewed at every Trustee Board meeting to ensure risks are appropriately identified and managed.

In addition, the Group holds comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that all insurable risks are adequately covered.

SECTION C	OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
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 CORE aims of UK Scouting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal development – physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually • Character building – confidence, resilience, leadership, and respect • Community involvement – learning the value of helping others and giving back • Adventure and fun – trying new things and enjoying the outdoors <p>Scouting is open to everyone and is rooted in values like integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation.</p>

The Scout Method

The Scout Method brings together seven key elements that help individuals grow in confidence, character, and capability, while fostering a strong sense of community and belonging.

1. The Promise and Law

Scouting encourages personal responsibility through a shared set of values expressed in the Scout Promise and Law. These guide members in making positive choices and being active citizens.

2. Learning by Doing

Young people gain practical skills and knowledge through hands-on experiences, helping them to develop resilience, problem-solving abilities, and confidence.

3. Team System

Working in small teams fosters cooperation, communication, and leadership. It also helps build lasting friendships and mutual respect.

4. Symbolic Framework

Traditions, ceremonies, uniforms, and badges provide a sense of identity, belonging, and progression, making Scouting both meaningful and memorable.

5. Personal Progression

Every young person is supported to progress at their own pace through a structured programme of badges and awards, celebrating individual growth and achievement.

6. Nature and the Outdoors

Outdoor experiences are central to Scouting, promoting physical activity, environmental awareness, and a sense of adventure.

7. Adult Support

Trained volunteers provide guidance, encouragement, and mentorship, enabling young people to lead and shape their own Scouting journey.

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Public Benefit Statement	<p>The 1st Cheriton Scout Group operates 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.</p> <p>Our programs, based on Scouting's values of integrity, respect, care, belief, and cooperation, are accessible to all young people in the Groups catchment area, regardless of their background, abilities, or beliefs. Through a variety of engaging activities, outdoor experiences, community service projects, and leadership opportunities, we empower our youth members to make positive contributions to society.</p> <p>By fostering skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience, we help our Scouts build confidence and a sense of self-worth, preparing them to navigate life's challenges and achieve their ambitions. The Group also benefits the wider community by instilling a spirit of volunteerism and community engagement in its members, thus creating a ripple effect of positive social impact.</p> <p>Through our commitment to inclusivity and personal growth, we strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young people and the community we serve.</p>

SECTION D	ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>In the reporting year, Group volunteers have successfully delivered a comprehensive and balanced programme of activities across all sections — Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers. This has included a wide range of indoor and outdoor experiences, as well as camping opportunities that have enriched the Scouting journey for all participants.</p>

The full Investment and Reserves policy statements can be found with the Groups Constitution.

During the reporting year the Trustee has developed an investment policy and a reserves policy in preparation for its annual general meeting.

Investment Policy:

The Group is committed to ensuring the responsible management and investment of its funds to support its mission and long-term sustainability. This policy outlines the principles and guidelines for the investment of the Group's funds.

The primary objectives of the Group's investment policy are to:

- Preserve the capital of the Group's funds.
- Generate a reasonable rate of return to support the Group's activities.
- Ensure liquidity to meet the Group's operational and strategic needs.
- Manage risks associated with investments in accordance with the Group's risk tolerance.

Reserves Policy:

The Group aims to maintain reserves at a level that ensures the Group's sustainability and its ability to respond to unexpected financial challenges. This policy outlines the minimum reserves requirement and a plan for the use of reserves beyond this minimum.

Purpose of Reserves

Reserves are maintained to:

- Ensure the Group can continue to operate during periods of unexpected shortfalls in income or unexpected expenditure.
- Provide financial security against unforeseen risks.
- Fund specific projects or initiatives that align with the Group's strategic objectives.

Minimum Reserves Level

The minimum reserves level is set to cover six months of the Group's operating costs. This level is reviewed annually to ensure it remains appropriate for the Group's needs.

SECTION F

OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION

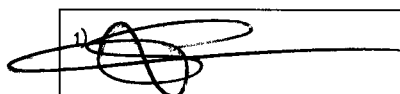
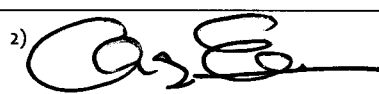
SECTION G

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustee

Signature(s)

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Full Name(s)

1) NATHANIEL SIMIWA.

2) CASEY EARLY

Membership Number(s)

1) 200 000 4638

2) 200 000 5616

Position

1) CHAIR

2) TREASURER

Date

1) 18/AUG/2025

2) 29.08.2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1st CHERITON SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 2025 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent 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 District 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

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

Name: P CHADLER

Qualification:

Address: 20 OLD MEAD FOLKESTONE KENT

Date: 27/6/25

1st Cheriton Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024/2025 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	12,024	15,723
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	4,848	6,268
Net membership subscriptions retained	7,176	9,456
Capitation refund/Growth payment	47	86
Donations	52	827
Gift Aid	2,580	1,761
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	9,854	12,129
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	1,500	-
Sub total	1,500	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Evening Functions	3,574	9,405
Activities	8,003	13,350
Sundries	106	378
Other fundraising activities	2,116	7,050
Sub total	13,799	30,183
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	545	865
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	545	865
Total Gross Income	25,697	43,177
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	25,697	43,177

1st Cheriton Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024/2025 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Rates	-	45
Water and Sewerage	311	290
Electricity and Gas	1,350	1,684
Insurance	1,480	1,527
Repairs and Renewals	5,680	1,303
Telephone/Internet	287	299
Badges	1,240	1,500
Materials, equipment, cleaning & fire inspection/servicing	4,443	3,095
Stationery/postage	217	297
Contribution to camp costs	5,914	10,631
Uniforms	258	238
Sundries	545	699
Minibus deposit and hire. Courses & training	1,200	-
Outings/Activities	4,941	9,955
Donation	-	87
Sub total	27,869	31,650
Fundraising expenses		
Lottery Licence	20	20
Raffle, bingo and other prizes plus Fete expenses and Grand Draw	319	637
Bingo prize money, vouchers, tickets, equip, refreshments etc	2,704	5,890
AGM Refreshments & gifts	305	140
Sub total	3,348	6,687
Total Gross Expenditure	31,216	38,337
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	31,216	38,337
Net of receipts/(payments)	(5,519)	4,840
Cash funds last year end	-	-
Cash funds this year end	(5,519)	4,840

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2025 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	30,470	35,310
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	30,470	35,310
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	557,089	574,359
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	37,126	36,786
Other	-	-
Sub total	594,215	611,145
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12/07/2025 the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

NATHAN SIBBIA
Chair

CASEY ELLY
Treasurer