

1ST HOOK SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303752

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1968-09-18

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

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Activities

Objects: BOY SCOUT GROUP (UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION)

Activities: The purpose of Scouting is to contribute to 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.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HOOK
- Kingston Upon Thames

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£92,309	£81,873	-	-
2024-03-31	£79,845	£52,068	-	-
2023-03-31	£54,714	£71,941	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,672	£45,325	-	-
2021-03-31	£49,749	£30,919	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
COLIN STEVENSON		
DAVID PERRINS		2019-07-13
Don Nunes		2018-07-07
Fiona Lovell		2024-11-04
Julie Claire Findlay		2015-05-20
Paula Thompson		
Stuart Thompson		2022-06-01

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2025

FOUNDED 1923
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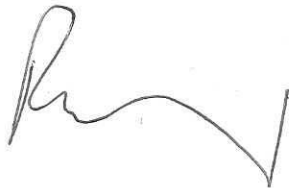
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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report:

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



F LANG
CHAIR- BOARD OF TRUSTEES



S THOMPSON
GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER

A. GROUP DETAILS

Trustees: *Ex-Officio* - Appointment

Group Lead Volunteer
Group Chair
Group Treasurer

Name:

Mr S Thompson
Mr F Lang
Mr C Stevenson

Trustees: *Elected*

Mrs J Findlay
Mrs F Lovell
Mr D Nune
Mr D Perrin
Mrs P Thompson

Trustees: *Co-opted*

None

Bankers:

Barclays Bank PLC,
6 Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1NY

Examiner:

Mr D Sadler

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association:

5981

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B. WELCOME FROM THE GROUP CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Hi everyone,

It's my absolute pleasure to welcome everyone reading this report and all attending the NBF and 2025 Annual General Meeting of 1st Hook Scout Group. As Chair of the Group Board of Trustees, I'm proud to reflect on what has been a truly successful, exciting, and inspiring year for our Group.

A Huge Thank You

Before I share some highlights, I want to start with the most important thing — saying thank you. To our Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Young Leaders, Trustees, parent helpers, fundraisers, and every volunteer who gives their time, energy, and passion — you are the reason this Group is thriving. Your efforts make Scouting happen, and I know our young people appreciate it, even if they don't always say it as often as they should!

Highlights of the Year

We've achieved so much together this year, and I couldn't be prouder of the progress we've made.

✔ Climbing Wall - Project Complete

Thanks to Dave for the work he did on this project. It's installed and being used by all sections.

✔ A Hugely Successful Hook Beer Fest

Thanks to the Beerfest Team and volunteers for another great festival and our major fundraiser of the year – onwards and upwards. There may be the possibility of additional events forthcoming so watch for those.

✔ Investing in New Equipment

We've upgraded our kit with new tents, camping gear, and safety equipment for the climbing wall to ensure our adventures are not only fun but also safe and accessible for all, we are making full use of the 3D printer, and the new archery nets have been welcomed by all those who use the facility. This is an investment in the future of our Group.

✔ Community Spirit on Show

Our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have been out and about in the community — from litter picks and Remembrance Day parades to visits to Surbiton Care Home. We are proud to see 1st Hook Scouts making a positive difference locally.

✓ Growing and Thriving

It's fantastic to see our numbers growing. More young people are joining our Group, eager for adventure and ready to challenge themselves. Of course, with that comes the ongoing need for more adult volunteers — so if you've ever thought about getting involved, now's the time! Even a small commitment can make a huge difference.

Looking to the Year Ahead

The success of this year gives us great momentum, but we won't be standing still. Our plans for the coming year include:

- Continuing to enhance our hall and equipment
- Supporting our brilliant Leaders with training and resources
- Expanding activities and camps, giving our young people even more opportunities to learn and grow
- Our minibuses are getting on and we need to look at replacing one or both
- We are in discussions with the council over the fate of the garages in Kent Way – watch this space...
- HQ could do with a lick of paint
- Encouraging more parents and carers to get involved — because together, we can achieve even more

In Conclusion

1st Hook Scout Group is more than just weekly meetings and camps — it's a community. It's a place where young people learn skills for life, grow in confidence, make friends, and, most importantly, have fun.

Thank you to everyone who plays a part in making that happen. I'm proud of what we've achieved this year, and I can't wait to see what the next twelve months bring.

Here's to another fantastic year of Scouting at 1st Hook!

Thank you.

Fergus Lang

Chair of Trustees

C. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Scout Group is a trust administered under the rules which are common to all Scout Association Groups. Group Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

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- appointing Group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies.

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E. GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER - MAJOR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

It has been another good year for 1st Hook with all sections **Full**, with fluctuations across the sections as the young people move through the Group. At the census in January we declared 177 young people (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) and 33 Explorers, supported by a leadership team of 20.

Transformation and adapting to the new Adult Membership Scheme (AMS) has been a challenge for everyone, requiring additional training to be completed alongside the work-load of running sections and keeping all our young people interested in their scouting challenges and journey. I am pleased to say that as a Group we have stepped up to the challenges and are getting to grips with the new system. All our leaders are fully compliant and up-to-date with their training requirements. **WELL DONE TO ALL AND THANK YOU.**

We have welcomed 2 new adult leaders to our leadership team over the last year, Graeme Thirde (Spitfire Cubs & Troop), one of our parents with a military background and an enthusiasm to work with our young people, and Meredith (Merrie) Carman (Hurricane Cubs), one of our young leaders that has now turned 18 and happy to stay with us and work with our young people. **WELCOME AND THANK YOU.**

We, as a Group, are now looking at the newest section in Scouting Squirrels (4-6 age group); when, where, and what day of the week will be down to the volunteers that take on this challenge. If you are interested in helping us form this new section and coming on a journey with us please talk to myself or any of the leaders in the Group.

We have reviewed our president and vice president positions and welcome Bob Bushell as Group President and Carole Atkinson as a Vice President, joining our 2 existing Vice Presidents, Richard Hackett & Peter Menhennett.

The Group Trustee Board is now fully in place and we have also welcomed Fee Lovell as a new member to the team. A climbing and bouldering wall has been installed on the end wall of the main hall, partly funded by donations in memory of Rachel Butler and from the Mould Family. Also an improved archery stop net has been installed. Thank you to the Trustee Board for implementing these improvements.

Although after the date to which these accounts are drawn up, we had another great Beerfest again in April. **THANK YOU TEAM.** Takings were slightly up on previous years' but expenditure was up with investment into our own chip fryer and boundary fencing.

NBF Camp is on the horizon again with another fun packed weekend for everyone 11th - 13th July at Polyapes Camp Site.

So, all in all, another great year for the Group; it is in good shape and all sections are functioning well with badges and top awards being achieved, camps and adventurous activities undertaken.

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU to all the Leaders and the Group Trustee Board for their time & hard work that they do, so that our Young People can enjoy Scouting at its best and provide "Skills for Life".

Now a request/plea to all parents/carers and anyone reading this report. We can always do with additional help across all our sections and our Trustee Board; no special skills required plus all training given free of charge. All I ask for is your time and enthusiasm to work with our Young People and give them additional "Skills for Life". Come and join our team, it would be great to have you on board.

In an ideal world I would like to see our leadership team grow by 14 leaders: Beaver section 4 adult leaders per Colony, Cub Packs 6 adult leaders per pack, Troop 10 adult leaders. This will give us bigger flexibility through all our leadership teams. It is a tall order I know, but if we cannot grow our teams of leaders, then the present team will burn themselves out and / or decide to call it a day and our Young People will lose out. If being a leader is not for you, join our Trustee Board or sub-teams and help the

Group in a background role, ensuring the infrastructure is in place to support our young people and leaders.

Please give it some thought and talk to either me or our current team of leaders. It does not mean you have to commit to every evening, it could only be once a month. You do not have to go into uniform, it is whatever you feel you can give but it will be for the benefit of our Young People and the generations to come.

Stuart Thompson

Group Lead Volunteer

F. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the Group is contained in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Receipts and Payments account, with accompanying Notes, on the following pages.

The strength and success of the Group is reflected in its finances as well as in the range of activities provided. Once again, it has been another good year. Subscriptions and net fundraising were in line with last year, whilst two years' gift aid was received and donations, largely towards building and equipment, were significantly higher.

Running costs were consistent with prior year but expenditure on building and equipment was up significantly as investment was made in the kitchen and a new climbing wall.

In summary, and as detailed on the next pages, the Group's Unrestricted Cash Funds increased by £12,612 in the year, to £109,625. There is £1,376 in Restricted Cash Funds, as at 31 March 2025, being the amount held on behalf of Horizon Explorer Unit. The available funds enable the Group's Trustees to keep the cost of scouting, to all our members, as low as possible and to allow us to make the most of opportunities to enhance facilities and equipment as necessary.

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 Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a minimum sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs, circa £25,000-£30,000. A review of the financial position of the Group is carried out during the year at Trustee Board meetings. Funds greater than the minimum level are reviewed regularly in conjunction with potential future commitments on property, transport and equipment repairs and improvement.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous years and with the Charity registration requirements. No funds are in deficit.



1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP



Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £ Note 13	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	29,180	4,891	34,071	34,015
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	(11,328)	(2,112)	(13,440)	(12,264)
Net Membership subscriptions retained	17,852	2,779	20,631	21,751
Legacies and Donations	6,410	0	6,410	784
Gift Aid	10,181	0	10,181	4,571
Other income	0	0	0	3,573
Sub total	34,443	2,779	37,222	30,679
Grants				
Petchey Awards	0	1,900	1,900	2,500
Sub total	0	1,900	1,900	2,500
Fundraising (gross)				
Use of hall	15,348	(1,954)	13,394	12,700
Beer festivals	35,498	0	35,498	29,018
Garden Centre collections	2,234	0	2,234	2,342
Jamboree	0	0	0	0
Other fundraising events	241	0	241	1,066
Sub total	53,321	(1,954)	51,367	45,126
Investment income				
Bank interest	279	0	279	28
Building Society interest	1,541	0	1,541	1,512
Sub total	1,820	0	1,820	1,540
Total Gross Income	89,584	2,725	92,309	79,845
Asset and investment sales	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	89,584	2,725	92,309	79,845

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £	
Payments					
Charitable payments					
Programme and activities	6,390	3,901	10,291	7,096	Note 5
Programme and activities - after year end (net)	(2,049)	0	(2,049)	(1,773)	Note 5
Training and administration	792	0	792	963	
Bank charges	165	0	165	217	
Insurance (excluding minibus insurance)	6,527	0	6,527	6,013	
Gas	4,530	0	4,530	5,092	
Electricity (net of solar panel rebate)	1,344	0	1,344	2,987	
Water	596	0	596	816	
General rates	497	0	497	465	
Telephone and internet	1,345	0	1,345	1,068	
Cleaning	1,384	0	1,384	2,532	Note 6
Repairs and renewals	2,453	0	2,453	2,735	Note 7
Materials and consumables	246	0	246	207	
Minibuses	3,651	0	3,651	2,801	Note 8
Sub total	27,871	3,901	31,772	31,219	
Fundraising expenses					
Beer festivals	22,300	0	22,300	15,404	
Jamboree	0	0	0	1,200	
Other fundraising events	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	22,300	0	22,300	16,604	Note 4
Total Gross Expenditure	50,171	3,901	54,072	47,823	
Asset and investment purchases					
Building and equipment	24,983	0	24,983	2,940	Note 9
Camping stores	1,818	1,000	2,818	1,305	
Sub total	26,801	1,000	27,801	4,245	
Total Payments	76,972	4,901	81,873	52,068	
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,612	(2,176)	10,436	27,777	
Cash funds last year end	97,013	3,573	100,586	72,809	
Cash funds this year end	109,625	1,397	111,022	100,586	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	At 31/03/25			At 31/03/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts - Barclays Bank	4,582	3,573	8,155	39,407
Bank deposit account - Barclays Bank	42,702	0	42,702	2,423
Cash boxes	211	0	211	344
Building society account - Monmouthshire BS	59,953	0	59,953	58,412
	107,448	3,573	111,021	100,586

Value	
31/03/2025	31/03/2024

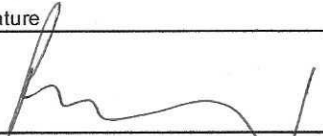

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Land and buildings	2,453,025	2,376,963	Note 10
HQ equipment	86,414	86,414	Note 11
Camping and band equipment	100,391	100,391	Note 11
Vehicles	31,000	31,000	Note 12
	2,670,830	2,594,768	

Liabilities

	31/03/2025	31/03/2024	
Amounts received in advance for camps / other activities	2,568	2,400	Note 5
	2,568	2,400	

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **xxx July 2025** and signed on their behalf by:

Signature		
	Fergus Lang	Chair
	Colin Stevenson	Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 Gift aid

Gift Aid is claimed on membership subscriptions. Receipts in 2024/25 comprised taxclaims for 2022/23 (£4,894) and 2023/24 (£5,287). Gift Aid for tax year 2024/25 is still reclaimable from HMRC.

Note 2 Other income

Due to the closure of the Explorer unit bank account with Barclays, funds were transferred to the Group in 2023/4. Until alternative arrangements are made, money owed to the Explorer Unit is shown in Restricted Funds and any amounts received or paid out on behalf of the Unit are shown as a movement in these retained funds.

Note 3 Grants

Petchey Awards totalling £1,900 were received during the year. Monies received are spent on equipment or activities of the award winner's choosing.

Where grants are awarded for specific use, their receipt and use are shown within Restricted Funds.

Note 4 Fundraising

Due to the timing of fundraising events, particularly those near each year end, receipts and payments in a particular year do not always reflect the financial performance of the individual event as the costs or receipts may be in two different financial years.

'Other' Group fundraising events comprise online shopping donations (£131) and matched funding (£110).

Note 5 Programme and Activities

		2024/25			2023/24		
		Receipts	Payments	Net	Receipts	Payments	Net
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Activities	Sections	1,147	(8,946)	(7,799)	6,944	(11,560)	(4,616)
	Group	0	0	0	2,385	(3,623)	(1,238)
	Band	0	0	0	110	(35)	75
Camps and sleepovers		19,725	(22,217)	(2,492)	12,905	(14,222)	(1,317)
		20,872	(31,163)	(10,291)	22,344	(29,440)	(7,096)
Future events*		2,568	(519)	2,049	2,400	(627)	1,773
		23,440	(31,682)	(8,242)	24,744	(30,067)	(5,323)

* Future events include cub pack camps, troop camps and NBF camp, all held after 31 March, for which monies had been received and paid out in advance.

Total section payments include £900 covered by Petchey Award receipts, and £3,001 on Explorer Unit activities, both of which are shown as deductions from Restricted Funds.

Note 6 Cleaning

Cleaning of the HQ is carried out weekly, when the HQ is in use, by a contracted cleaning company. Deep cleans of specific areas are carried out as and when necessary.

Note 7 Repairs and renewals

2024/25 costs include £580 on gutter clearing, £555 on the fire alarm and £300 for an asbestos survey.

Note 8 Minibuses

	2024/25	2023/24
Net costs:	£	£
Tax and insurance	2,221	2,140
Service and repairs	1,665	686
Fuel	50	0
	3,936	2,826
Less: Contributions for use of minibuses	(285)	(25)
	3,651	2,801

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

Note 9 Assets purchased

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Expenditure on new assets was as follows:		
Climbing wall and equipment	16,388	
Cooker hood	4,100	
Deep fat fryer	3,192	
3D Printer/Cutter		2,700
Archery net	2,606	
First aid equipment		240
Less: Contribution to Archery net	(1,303)	
	<u>24,983</u>	<u>2,940</u>

Note 10 Land and buildings

A "Report on Reinstatement Cost" was carried out for insurance purposes in March 2000. The insurance value has been uplifted by inflation each year.

Note 11 Equipment

The level of insurance for Camping, Band and headquarters equipment is regularly reviewed. Excess of £100.

Note 12 Vehicles

		Cost
		£
Ford Transit Minibus (16 seats + driver)	NJ59 NXB	12,000
Peugot Boxer Minibus (16 seats + driver)	WA62 CHJ	19,000

Comprehensive insurance cover. Drivers must be over 25 years of age. Damage excess of £200

Note 13 Restricted funds

Where there is a restriction on the use of amounts received, these are shown in the Restricted Fund.

	Petchey Awards	Explorer Unit funds
	£	£
At 1st April	-	3,573
Received - Grants	1,900	
Subscriptions received		4,891
Membership fees paid		(2,112)
Use of hall and equipment		(1,954)
Spending - Section activities	(1,900)	(3,001)
At 31st March	<u>-</u>	<u>1,397</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2025 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes, set out on pages 9 to 13.

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 Group 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 requirement
 - 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 Acthave 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:  DAVID SADLER

Qualification: FCA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Address: 43 The Ridgeway, Fetcham, Surrey, KT22 9BE

Date: 26 August 2025

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J FINDLAY, GROUP CHAIR


S THOMPSON, GROUP SCOUT LEADER

A. GROUP DETAILS

Trustees: *Ex-Officio* - Appointment

Group Scout Leader
Assistant Group Scout Leader
Group Chair
Group Secretary
Group Treasurer
Scout Leader
Cub Scout Leader (Spitfire)
Cub Scout Leader (Hurricane)
Beaver Scout Leader (Cheyenne/Navaho)

Name:

Mr S Thompson
Mr I Newbery
Mrs J Findlay
Mrs P Thompson
Mr C Stevenson
Vacant
Mr C Mould
Mr S Crow
Mrs A-M Howells

Trustees: *Nominated / Elected*

Mr D Nune

Mr D Perrins

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None

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D. MAJOR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

It has been another good year for 1st Hook with all sections **Full**, although with a slight fluctuation in the numbers due to the birth rate.

Unfortunately, back in September, 1st Hook Scout & Guide Band closed its doors for the last time after 85 years of success; the Band did not pull through the pandemic as well as all the other sections. Those young people who still wanted to follow their love for music have transferred into Kingston & Malden District Scout & Guide Band along with three of our band instructors. I wish them all the best for the future and for their enjoyment of music.

We have started the initial investigations into starting a Squirrel Dray (4 - 6 age group) but, as with all aspects of Scouting, I will be looking for more adult support to start this section as we cannot be poaching leaders from our existing sections.

In light of the tragic accident on Great Orme in 2018, leader training is being stepped up and tightened up. The yellow card (Safeguarding Code of Conduct for Adults) has been reviewed and enhanced, with a 24 hour 365 days of the year Safeguarding reporting line. The leaders' permit scheme is also being enhanced and all activity permits will be recorded and updated on a regular basis (every 3 years). Mandatory training will now have to be completed within the first 3 months and updated every 3 years and all Basic training to be completed within 3 Years.

The Group Executive has undergone change, to a Group Trustee Board, with more emphasis on governance of the Group. This now means the Group will be setting up small sub-committees to look at different aspects of the group and report into the Trustee Board (HQ Maintenance & improvements, Transport, Camping equipment, Fundraising). Our treasurer is also looking into changing to a different banking provider as we, as a charity, are being penalised by the main high street banks. A big thank you to Julie, as our Group Chair, who is stepping down after 9 years of service, but is not stepping away from Scouting as she has now taken on the role of GLSW County Chair, but I am sure we will still see Julie around in the background helping 1st Hook when required.

Scout Transformation is also jogging along in the background from Scout HQ, Regions, County, Districts, and Groups. This is an overhaul/review of all Scouting policies and provisions. The scouting data base will be migrating from "Compass" to a new digital platform and provider. There will also be title changes for the leadership team with a greater emphasis on teams as opposed to individual titles (e.g. Beaver Team Lead, Scout Team Member) and GSL will become Group Lead Volunteer. All of which will become clearer as we progress through the changes, I hope.

The World Jamboree in South Korea was very testing for all concerned this year. The Jamboree site was not as well set up or ready as it had been made out to be. Our leaders and IST members stepped up and made the best of what had been provided before ALL the British contingents were moved into hotels where their Jamboree journey continued.

Well done to all concerned and a special thanks to our 1st Hook leaders who carried on regardless to make it work for the young people - thank you, Matthew Cheyette, Kieran Voong, Ed Hackett and Orla Newbery.

The Group's 100th Anniversary year ended with an Anniversary/Reunion dinner in November at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Kingston. A great time was had by all with stories from the past, old photos and memories shared.

Our BeerFest committee continue to work their magic with another great event with optional cocktail Masterclass Workshop on the Thursday evening which proved to be a great success and which I am sure will be repeated. The takings again were up on the previous year and this event continues to be a great success not only in raising funds for 1st Hook and another charity but also as a social community event. Once again, I extend my thanks to the team.

NBF Camp is being organised in the background ready for the weekend camp 12th – 14th July and I am sure it will be another great weekend with plenty of activities for both young and old alike.

So, all in all, another great year for the group; it is in good shape and all sections are functioning well with badges and top awards being achieved, camps and adventurous activities undertaken. A **REALY BIG THANK YOU** to all the Leaders and the Group Trustee Board for making all this happen and provide "Skills for Life" for our future generations.

Stuart Thompson
Group Scout Leader (Group Lead Volunteer)

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the Group is contained in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Receipts and Payments account on the next three pages, with accompanying Notes following.

The strength and success of the Group is reflected in its finances as well as in the range of activities provided. It has been another good year with subscriptions up in volume, fundraising up due to the success of the Hook Beer Fest, and monies from use of the hall enhanced by the lease of car parking space to developers of property in Verona Drive.

Regular payments have been consistent with prior year with increased utility costs offset by lower spend on minibus repairs this year. With a lower than usual spend on new equipment and upgrades, the available funds enable the Group Trustees to keep the cost of scouting, to all our members, as low as possible and to allow us to make the most of opportunities to enhance facilities and equipment as necessary.

In summary, and as detailed on the next pages, the Group's Unrestricted Cash Funds increased by £27,777 in the year, to £100,586. There were no Restricted Cash Funds as at 31 March 2024.

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 minimum sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs, circa £25,000-£30,000. A review of the financial position of the Group is carried out during the year at Trustee Board meetings. Funds greater than the minimum level are reviewed regularly in conjunction with potential future commitments on property, transport and equipment repairs and improvement.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous years and with the Charity registration requirements. No funds are in deficit.



1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP



Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2024

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £ Note 13	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	34,015	0	34,015	29,034
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	(12,264)	0	(12,264)	(11,073)
Net Membership subscriptions retained	21,751	0	21,751	17,961
Legacies and Donations	784	0	784	65
Gift Aid	4,571	0	4,571	442 <small>Note 1</small>
Other income	3,573	0	3,573	0 <small>Note 2</small>
Sub total	30,679	0	30,679	18,468
Grants				
Royal Borough of Kingston	0	0	0	0
Petchey Awards	0	2,500	2,500	2,400
Sub total	0	2,500	2,500	2,400 <small>Note 3</small>
Fundraising (gross)				
Use of hall	12,700	0	12,700	6,444
Beer festivals	29,018	0	29,018	22,441
Garden Centre collections	2,342	0	2,342	2,351
Jamboree	0	0	0	1,354
Other fundraising events	1,066	0	1,066	737
Sub total	45,126	0	45,126	33,327 <small>Note 4</small>
Investment income				
Bank interest	28	0	28	5
Building Society interest	1,512	0	1,512	514
Sub total	1,540	0	1,540	519
Total Gross Income	77,345	2,500	79,845	54,714
Asset and investment sales	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	77,345	2,500	79,845	54,714

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £	
Payments					
Charitable payments					
Programme and activities	4,596	2,500	7,096	8,390	Note 5
Programme and activities - after year end (net)	(1,773)	0	(1,773)	(3,132)	Note 5
Training and administration	963	0	963	1,603	
Bank charges	217	0	217	227	
Insurance (excluding minibus insurance)	6,013	0	6,013	6,059	
Gas	5,092	0	5,092	4,849	
Electricity (net of solar panel rebate)	2,987	0	2,987	806	
Water	816	0	816	369	
General rates	465	0	465	883	
Telephone and internet	1,068	0	1,068	934	
Cleaning	2,532	0	2,532	1,897	Note 6
Repairs and renewals	2,735	0	2,735	3,183	Note 7
Materials and consumables	207	0	207	0	
Minibuses	2,801	0	2,801	6,775	Note 8
Sub total	28,719	2,500	31,219	32,843	
Fundraising expenses					
Beer festivals	15,404	0	15,404	25,516	
Jamboree	1,200	0	1,200	1,354	
Other fundraising events	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	16,604	0	16,604	26,870	Note 4
Total Gross Expenditure	45,323	2,500	47,823	59,713	
Asset and investment purchases					
Building and equipment	2,940	0	2,940	10,924	Note 9
Camping stores	1,305	0	1,305	1,304	
Sub total	4,245	0	4,245	12,228	
Total Payments	49,568	2,500	52,068	71,941	
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,777	0	27,777	(17,227)	
Cash funds last year end	72,809	0	72,809	90,036	
Cash funds this year end	100,586	0	100,586	72,809	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	At 31/03/24			At 31/03/23
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts - Barclays Bank	39,407	0	39,407	13,089
Bank deposit account - Barclays Bank	2,423	0	2,423	2,394
Cash boxes	344	0	344	425
Building society account - Monmouthshire BS	58,412	0	58,412	56,901
	100,586	0	100,586	72,809

Assets retained for the charity's own use



	Value		
	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	
Land and buildings	2,376,963	2,321,253	Note 10
HQ equipment	86,414	86,414	Note 11
Camping and band equipment	100,391	100,391	Note 11
Vehicles	31,000	31,000	Note 12
	2,594,768	2,539,058	

Liabilities

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	
Amounts received in advance for camps / other activities	2,400	3,690	Note 5
Monies held on behalf of Explorer Unit	3,573	0	Note 1
	5,973	3,690	

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 19th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature

	Julie Findlay	Chair
	Colin Stevenson	Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 Gift aid

Gift Aid is claimed on membership subscriptions. Receipts of £4,571 in 2023/24 related to tax year 2021/22. Gift Aid for tax year 2022/23 was received after year end; 2023/24 is still reclaimable from HMRC.

Note 2 Other income

Due to the closure of the Explorer unit account with Barclays, funds were transferred to the Group whilst alternative arrangements are made.

Note 3 Grants

Petchey Awards totalling £2,500 were received during the year. Monies received are spent on equipment or activities of the award winner's choosing.

Where grants are awarded for specific use, their receipt and use are shown within Restricted Funds.

Note 4 Fundraising

Due to the timing of fundraising events, particularly those near each year end, receipts and payments in a particular year do not always reflect the financial performance of the individual event as the costs or receipts may be in two different financial years.

'Other' Group fundraising events comprise online shopping donations (£206), 100+ Club (£350), and matched funding (£510).

Note 5 Programme and Activities

		2023/24			2022/23		
		Receipts	Payments	Net	Receipts	Payments	Net
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Activities	Sections	6,944	(11,560)	(4,616)	4,866	(8,719)	(3,853)
	Group	2,385	(3,623)	(1,238)	0	0	0
	Band	110	(35)	75	257	(84)	173
Camps and sleepovers		12,905	(14,222)	(1,317)	5,088	(9,778)	(4,690)
		22,344	(29,440)	(7,096)	10,211	(18,581)	(8,370)
Future events*		2,400	(627)	1,773	3,690	(578)	3,112
		24,744	(30,067)	(5,323)	13,901	(19,159)	(5,258)

* Future events include cub pack camps, troop camps and NBF camp, all held after 31 March, for which monies had been received and paid out in advance.

Total section payments include £2,500 covered by Petchey Award receipts.

Note 6 Cleaning

Cleaning of the HQ is carried out weekly, when the HQ is in use, by a contracted cleaning company. Deep cleans of specific areas are carried out as and when necessary.

Note 7 Repairs and renewals

2023/24 includes £1,440 on floor upkeep, (2022/23 - £870)

Note 8 Minibuses

	2023/24	2022/23
Net costs:	£	£
Tax and insurance	2,140	1,924
Service and repairs	686	4,784
Fuel	0	92
	2,826	6,800
Less: Contributions for use of minibuses	(25)	(25)
	2,801	6,775

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

Note 9 **Assets purchased**

	2023/24	2022/23
Significant expenditure on new assets was as follows:	£	£
Cavity wall insulation		8,124
Boilers and heating		2,767
3D Printer/Cutter	2,700	
First aid equipment	240	
Laminator		33
	<u>2,940</u>	<u>10,924</u>

Note 10 **Land and buildings**

A "Report on Reinstatement Cost" was carried out for insurance purposes in March 2000. The insurance value has been uplifted by inflation each year.

Note 11 **Equipment**

The level of insurance for Camping, Band and headquarters equipment is regularly reviewed. Excess of £100.

Note 12 **Vehicles**

		Cost £
Ford Transit Minibus (16 seats + driver)	NJ59 NXB	12,000
Peugot Boxer Minibus (16 seats + driver)	WA62 CHJ	19,000

Comprehensive insurance cover. Drivers must be over 25 years of age. Damage excess of £200

Note 13 **Restricted funds**

Where there is a restriction on the use of amounts received, these are shown in the Restricted Fund.

	Petchey Awards £
At 1st April	-
Received - Grants	2,500
Spending - Section activities	<u>(2,500)</u>
At 31st March	<u>-</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes, set out on pages 8 to 12.

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 Group 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 requirement
 - 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 Acthave 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:  DAVID SADLER

Qualification: ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Address: 43 The Ridgeway, Fetcham, Surrey, KT22 9BE

Date: 28 July 2024

1ST HOOK SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303752

Accounts

1st HOOK SCOUT
GROUP

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2023

FOUNDED 1923
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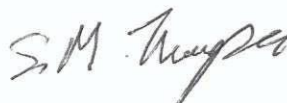
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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report:

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



J FINDLAY, GROUP CHAIR



S THOMPSON, GROUP SCOUT LEADER

A. GROUP DETAILS

Life President: Mr A Edwards

Trustees: *Ex-Officio* - Appointment

Name:

Group Scout Leader	Mr S Thompson
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Mr I Newbery
Group Chair	Mrs J Findlay
Group Secretary	Mrs P Thompson
Group Treasurer	Mr C Stevenson
Scout Leader	Vacant
Cub Scout Leader (Spitfire)	Mr C Mould
Cub Scout Leader (Hurricane)	Mrs C Atkinson
Beaver Scout Leader (Cheyenne/Navaho)	Mrs A-M Howells
Band Leader	Vacant

Trustees: *Nominated / Elected*

Mr D Nune	Mr D Perrins
Mr D Wright	

Trustees: *Co-opted*

Mr R Hackett

Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC,
6 Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1NY

Examiner: Mr D Sadler

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 5981

Charity Registration Number: 303752

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Scout Group is a trust administered under the rules which are common to all Scout Association Groups. Group Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee. The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parents' representation and meets once a month.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- the maintenance of Group property.
- the raising of funds and 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 subcommittees that may be required.
- appointing Group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies.

C. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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 national and international communities. The method of achieving this is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

D. MAJOR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

It has been an interesting year from stepping in as Acting GSL in May 2022 to taking on the role full time in October 2022. The Group has continued to flourish and we can now put the pandemic behind us. We have no problems in attracting Young People into Scouting across all sections and I am pleased to say we are **FULL**. The only thing that is holding us back from developing further as a Group is attracting more adult leaders into all sections within the Group; if I can resolve this problem then the Group will continue to grow and flourish, providing “skills for life” for all our young people.

Our Nights Away and Camping programme is up and running across all sections again since the pandemic but it is taking time for both the young people and our parents to gain the confidence that being away from home, in a different environment, is a great fun experience and another life skill.

At the start of this year the Group Leaders and Executive Team held a Group Development Day to talk openly about the good and the bad in 1st Hook; looking at what we do well and what we could improve on. It was a very good day and well attended and got all the leaders talking across all sections. We have now taken all the information gathered from the day and formalised it into a plan for the Group to move forward with. One of the areas it did highlight is, as I mentioned at the start of my report, that we as a Group are short on leaders across all our sections and that our Group Executive needs to have parent representation from all sections in the Group. Therefore please look out for any recruitment requests and or job lists that the Group are looking to get done within the HQ.

It is the Group’s 100th Anniversary year and we are in the process of rolling out several large Group events to celebrate the year, the first of which is a change to the Groups famous plain Green Scarf which now has the Group logo embroidered on the tip of the scarf. There is also a Group Anniversary badge that can be worn on uniforms for a year. Both our Beavers and Cubs have had a joint 100th birthday party with lots of fun and games along with a celebration cake as requested by our young people. The next big event will be the Group Anniversary Camp or NBF (Nothing But Fun camp) as it has become known. This is to be held at Walton Firs and is where the Group celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The team are working hard to put on a great weekend (30th June, 1st and 2nd July)

The Jamboree in South Korea is becoming real for all those that are attending as either Young People, Jamboree unit leaders or as leaders in the IST Unit (International Service Team). I, and the Group, wish them all the best on an interesting journey, a fantastic experience and a chance of a lifetime. Our Jamboree Contingent Young people are Adrian Dolata, James Finch, Abigail Stapley, and Aidan Bennett; also a big thank you to our leaders that are giving up their time to support them out there, Matthew Cheyette (Jamboree contingent leader), Kieran Voong (Jamboree contingent assistant leader), Ed Hackett and Orla Newbery (IST members).

Fundraising has stepped up again now that all the restrictions have been lifted. We held our first Beerfest after the pandemic in 2022 using all the stock we had purchased prior to lock down and once again it proved itself to be a great success. The trolley collecting at Chessington Garden Centre was the next event but was down on previous years. There appeared to be less people passing through the shop, but I think that was more to do with the cost-of-living demands on people. that had a dramatic effect on Christmas overall.

Turning to this year's fund raising and it was the turn of the Beerfest first, in April 2023. This time it was going to be bigger and better than all its predecessors, more beers, ciders, and gins. What an event it was over 400 people through the door on the Friday night, extra food having to be bought for both Saturday afternoon and evening sessions. What a great event. Although the receipts of this event will show in next year's accounts, with takings over the weekend of £28,000 before expenditure, WOW!! Well done team.

The Group Executive continue to work hard in the background keeping the HQ and the Group assets to a high standard for the benefit of our Young People. The heating system is in its final year of upgrading with the final minor bits outstanding to be completed. The HQ has had cavity wall insulation installed, which we have seen the benefits of during the winter months. Cycle racks have been installed so that there is a facility for all bicycles to be secure during the meetings. Our transport has obtained a reprieve from the ULEZ until 2025 due to our charity status but will need to be updated for the future; whether this is to replace our transport facilities or we hire in as and when required. This is a bigger discussion to be had around the spiralling costs of owning our own transport (tax, insurance, running costs, maintenance and how often it is used). The climbing wall that has been talked about has not been forgotten and we are still looking at all the different options available to us. **THANK YOU** to our Group Executive Team for keeping the Group and all its assets in order so that the young people can carry on enjoying their Scouting.

So all in all the Group is in good shape and all sections are functioning well with badges and top awards being achieved. A **REALLY BIG THANK YOU** to all the Leaders and the Group Executive for making all this happen and provide "Skills for Life" for our future generations.

Stuart Thompson
Group Scout Leader

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Another successful year with subscriptions consistent with previous year, although timing of the census and a 14% increase in the rate of Membership Fees resulted in net receipts from subscriptions being down £2,211 from last year. Fundraising was at expected levels although, with beer festival suppliers being less keen to give credit in the current economic climate, these accounts have a high level of cost related to the April 2023 beer festival.

We, like everyone, have seen significant increases in our energy prices with gas, the main source of our heating, going up significantly and remaining high after the year end. We continue to monitor energy prices and are pleased that our electricity cost benefits from the investment a few years ago in solar panels. Our capital investment this year has been primarily on completing work on our boilers and heating, and on providing cavity wall insulation to the main hall both of which will help keep our energy usage down.

In summary, the Group's Unrestricted Cash Funds decreased by £17,227 in the year, to £72,809. There were no Restricted Cash Funds at 31 March 2022.

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1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP



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Note 13				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	29,034	0	29,034	29,082
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	(11,073)	0	(11,073)	(8,910)
Net Membership subscriptions retained	17,961	0	17,961	20,172
Legacies and Donations	65	0	65	2,346
Gift Aid	442	0	442	0
Sub total	18,468	0	18,468	22,518
Note 1				
Grants				
Royal Borough of Kingston	0	0	0	16,000
Petchey awards	0	2,400	2,400	1,500
Sub total	0	2,400	2,400	17,500
Note 2				
Fundraising (gross)				
Use of hall	6,444	0	6,444	2,887
Beer festivals	22,441	0	22,441	2,943
Garden Centre collections	2,351	0	2,351	2,613
Jamboree	1,354	0	1,354	0
Other fundraising events	737	0	737	1,187
Sub total	33,327	0	33,327	9,630
Note 3				
Investment income				
Bank interest	5	0	5	0
Building Society interest	514	0	514	24
Sub total	519	0	519	24
Total Gross Income	52,314	2,400	54,714	49,672
Asset and investment sales	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	52,314	2,400	54,714	49,672

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
Payments					
Charitable payments					
Programme and activities	5,990	2,400	8,390	1,845	Note 4
Programme and activities - after year end (net)	(3,132)	0	(3,132)	(3,774)	Note 4
Training and administration	1,603	0	1,603	475	Note 5
Bank charges	227	0	227	120	
Insurance (excluding minibus insurance)	6,059	0	6,059	5,563	
Gas	4,849	0	4,849	1,216	
Electricity (net of solar panel rebate)	806	0	806	(33)	
Water	369	0	369	0	
General rates	883	0	883	451	
Telephone and internet	934	0	934	854	
Cleaning	1,897	0	1,897	1,275	Note 6
Repairs and renewals	3,183	0	3,183	5,592	Note 7
Materials and consumables	0	0	0	109	
Minibuses	6,775	0	6,775	3,084	Note 8
Sub total	30,443	2,400	32,843	16,777	
Fundraising expenses					
Beer festivals	25,516	0	25,516	2,590	
Jamboree	1,354	0	1,354	0	
Other fundraising events	0	0	0	16	
Sub total	26,870	0	26,870	2,606	Note 3
Total Gross Expenditure	57,313	2,400	59,713	19,383	
Asset and investment purchases					
Building and equipment	10,924	0	10,924	24,434	Note 9
Camping stores	1,304	0	1,304	1,508	
Sub total	12,228	0	12,228	25,942	
Total Payments	69,541	2,400	71,941	45,325	
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	
Net of receipts/(payments)	(17,227)	0	(17,227)	4,347	
Cash funds last year end	90,036	0	90,036	85,689	
Cash funds this year end	72,809	0	72,809	90,036	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	At 31/03/23			At 31/03/22
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts - Barclays Bank	13,089	0	13,089	84,251
Bank deposit account - Barclays Bank	2,394	0	2,394	3
Cash boxes	425	0	425	395
Building society account - Monmouthshire BS	56,901	0	56,901	5,387
	72,809	0	72,809	90,036

Assets retained for the charity's own

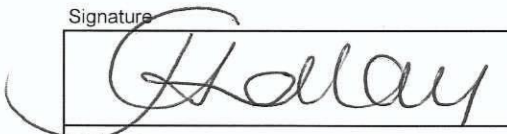

	Value		
	31/03/2023	31/03/2022	
Land and buildings	2,321,253	2,091,219	Note 10
HQ equipment	86,414	72,495	Note 11
Camping and band equipment	100,391	84,221	Note 11
Vehicles	31,000	31,000	Note 12
	2,539,058	2,278,935	

Liabilities

	31/03/2023	31/03/2022	
Amounts received in advance for camps / other activities	3,690	4,075	Note 4
	3,690	4,075	

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature

	Julie Findlay	Chair
	Colin Stevenson	Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 Gift aid

Gift Aid is claimed on membership subscriptions. Receipts of £442 in 2022/23 related to tax year 2020/21 when subs were dramatically reduced during the Covid pandemic.

Gift Aid for tax years 2021/22 and 2022/23 is still reclaimable from HMRC.

Note 2 Grants

Petchey Awards totalling £2,400 were received during the year. Monies received are spent on equipment or activities of the award winner's choosing.

Where grants are awarded for specific use, their receipt and use are shown within Restricted Funds.

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Due to the timing of fundraising events, particularly those near each year end, receipts and payments in a particular year do not always reflect the financial performance of the individual event as the costs or receipts may be in two different financial years.

'Other' Group fundraising events comprise online shopping donations (£172), 100+ Club (£378), matched funding (£167), and Beaver fundraising (£20).

Note 4 Programme and Activities

		2022/23			2021/22		
		Receipts	Payments	Net	Receipts	Payments	Net
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Activities	Sections	4,866	(8,719)	(3,853)	2,142	(4,188)	(2,046)
	Band	257	(84)	173	88	(65)	23
Camps and sleepovers		5,088	(9,778)	(4,690)	2,690	(2,512)	178
		10,211	(18,581)	(8,370)	4,920	(6,765)	(1,845)
Future events*		3,690	(578)	3,112	4,075	(301)	3,774
		13,901	(19,159)	(5,258)	8,995	(7,066)	1,929

* Future events include cub pack camps, troop camps and NBF camp, all held after 31 March, for which monies had been received and paid out in advance.

Total section payments include £2,400 covered by Petchey Award receipts.

Note 5 Training and Administration

2022/23 includes £484 re Oakey Awards and £693 related to a development day.

Note 6 Cleaning

Cleaning of the HQ is carried out weekly, when the HQ is in use, by a contracted cleaning company. Deep cleans of specific areas are carried out as and when necessary.

Note 7 Repairs and renewals

2021/22 expenditure included £1,326 on floor upkeep, £1,080 on foliage control, £810 on drainage and £1,700 on exterior building maintenance.

2022/23 includes £870 on floor upkeep, £396 on foliage control, £588 on chipboard and £296 on skip hire.

Note 8 Minibuses

	2022/23	2021/22
Net costs:	£	£
Tax and insurance	1,924	1,576
Service and repairs	4,784	1,508
Fuel	92	0
	6,800	3,084
Less: Contributions for use of minibuses	(25)	0
	6,775	3,084

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

Note 9 **Assets purchased**

	2022/23	2021/22
Significant expenditure on new assets was as follows:	£	£
External doors	-	11,882
Cavity wall insulation	8,124	-
Boilers and heating	2,767	8,120
Defibrillator	-	2,940
Lighting	-	1,000
Tables	-	365
HQ signage	-	127
Laminator	33	-
	<u>10,924</u>	<u>24,434</u>

Note 10 **Land and buildings**

A "Report on Reinstatement Cost" was carried out for insurance purposes in March 2000. The insurance value has been uplifted by inflation each year.

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The level of insurance for Camping, Band and headquarters equipment is regularly reviewed. Excess of £100.

Note 12 **Vehicles**

		Cost
		£
Ford Transit Minibus (16 seats + driver)	NJ59 NXB	12,000
Peugot Boxer Minibus (16 seats + driver)	WA62 CHJ	19,000

Comprehensive insurance cover. Drivers must be over 25 years of age. Damage excess of £200

Note 13 **Restricted funds**

Where there is a restriction on the use of amounts received, these are shown in the Restricted Fund.

	Petchey Awards
	£
At 1st April	-
Received - Grants	2,400
Spending - Section activities	(2,400)
At 31st March	<u>-</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2023 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes, set out on pages 8 to 12.

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 Group 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 requirement
 - 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 Acthave 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:  DAVID SADLER

Qualification: FCA (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Address: 43 The Ridgeway, Fetcham, Surrey, KT22 9BE

Date: 10 July 2023

1ST HOOK SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303752

Accounts

1st HOOK SCOUT
GROUP

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2022

FOUNDED 1923
REG. No. 5981
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 303752

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report:

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



J FINDLAY, GROUP CHAIR



S THOMPSON, ACTING GROUP SCOUT LEADER

A. GROUP DETAILS

Life President:	Mr A Edwards
Trustees: <i>Ex-Officio</i> - Appointment	Name:
Group Scout Leader	Mr F Lang (to May 2022)
Group Chair	Mrs J Findlay
Group Secretary	Mrs P Thompson
Group Treasurer	Mr C Stevenson
Scout Leader	Vacant
Cub Scout Leader (Spitfire)	Mr C Mould
Cub Scout Leader (Hurricane)	Mrs C Atkinson
Beaver Scout Leader (Cheyenne/Navaho)	Mrs A-M Howells
Band Leader	Vacant

Trustees: *Nominated / Elected*

Mr A Edwards	Mr D Nune
Mr D Perrins	Mr D Wright

Trustees: *Co-opted*

Mr R Hackett	Mr S Thompson
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Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC,
6 Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1NY

Examiner: Mr D Sadler

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 5981

Charity Registration Number: 303752

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Scout Group is a trust administered under the rules which are common to all Scout Association Groups. Group Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee. The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parents' representation and meets once a month.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- the maintenance of Group property;
- the raising of funds and 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 subcommittees that may be required;
- appointing Group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies.

C. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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 national and international communities. The method of achieving this is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

D. MAJOR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

First I would like to thank Fergus on behalf of the leaders and the Group Executive for his role as GSL over the last 8 years; especially through the last 2 years guiding the Group through the health pandemic and all the restrictions that were brought in to protect both the leaders and the young people.

Since last year's AGM Covid 19 restrictions have still been having an effect on how the sections operated and ran events. During August 2021 restrictions were temporarily lifted and camping was permitted but with guidance on social distancing. The Troop managed to get away for a short summer camp at Bentley Copse, the Explorer unit joined up with other units across the District and attended the District Explorer Camp at Gilwell Park and the Beavers also managed a sleepover at the HQ in September where the theme for the weekend was "Circus Skills".

In September we were able to restart in the new normal with face-to-face meetings again and all our sections restarted. Unfortunately Covid 19 hit again at Christmas and all end of year parties and celebrations had to be cancelled. By mid-January we were given the Green light, restrictions were lifted and Scouting returned to the new normal, which meant that all the usual evening activities and planning for camps could now go ahead.

Unfortunately during these unusual times of restrictions our leadership team has faced changes and some leaders have changed sections and some have had to put Scouting on the back burner for the time being and step away from their leadership role. Our Apache Beaver Colony has had to close due to lack of numbers and the Band has been hit hard due to a combination of restrictions, the lack of visibility across the Group and some of our young people moving onto university. The Band is slowly re-building again and we have a team of 9 leaders who are recruiting and rebuilding the Band. If you have a musical talent and would like to help these young people and can spare some time on a Monday evening it would be very much appreciated.

Numbers are now building and all sections are thriving again with camps and sleepovers being scheduled in again. In February the Beavers were at Walton Firs for a sleepover, this time the theme was "Great Adventure", Spitfire have attended the Evolution camp at Cirencester Park and Hurricane are planning their camp for September. The Troop have managed 4 camps already this year Tenderfoot, Easter, Bethesda, Strategy and plans are in place for this year's summer camp. The Explorer Unit will again be joining up with the other units across the District for their District Explorer Summer Camp. However to keep this momentum going we need the help from you as parents to come and help at our section meetings, you never know you may enjoy it and go into uniform, it is a great thing to have on your CV. You can help at the section your son or daughter attends or if you prefer another section within the group; please talk to the leaders in the Group and offer your help where you can, section meetings, working & maintenance mornings or by becoming a member of our Group Executive.

During all of this disruption there have also been selection events for the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023 for both adults and young people. Congratulations go to Matthew Cheyette, Jamboree Contingent Leader, Benjamin Brown, Adrian Dolata, Amber Hicks from Troop and James Finch and Abigail Stapley from Explorers. Ed Hackett and Orla Newbery have been selected for the International Support Team (IST). I, and the Group, wish you all the best on an interesting journey and a fantastic experience.

Our Group Executive have been working hard in the background ensuring that the HQ is kept to a good standard. The heating has continued to be up dated as part of the 3 year plan and new radiators have now been purchased to be installed in the main hall over the summer.

We are in the process of arranging cavity wall insulation to be installed over the summer break. The next step will be to look at the roof area and have a thermal barrier also installed. All of this will result in the new heating working more efficiently and reduce our fuel bills. Another project that is being looked at is the installation of a climbing wall on the end wall of the HQ; this is in its early stages at present gathering information and quotations. Our Transport is under review again as the white minibus is getting old and costing us money to keep it on the road. **THANK YOU** to our Group Executive for keeping the groups assets all in order so that the young people can carry on enjoying their Scouting.

So all in all the Group is in good shape and all sections are getting back to the new normal with badges and awards being achieved again. A **REALY BIG THANK YOU** to all the leaders and the Group Executive for riding the storm, for keeping in touch with all our young people through Zoom and keeping a fun programme running.

Finally the Group will be celebrating its 100th Birthday in 2023 and we will be planning some additional events to celebrate this mile stone. I will be looking for additional parent support to help co-ordinate and run these events.

Stuart Thompson
Acting Group Scout Leader

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the Group, is contained in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Receipts and Payments account on the next three pages, with accompanying Notes following.

Face to face Scouting activities resumed in spring 2021 with restrictions gradually lifted over the following 12 months. Fundraising resumed in late 2021 with trolley collections at Chessington Garden Centre and the Group benefited from £16,000 of Covid support grants.

With membership subscriptions resuming, fundraising returning, the grants received and business rates payments continuing at a reduced rate, the Group has been able to maintain investment in the building, both on repairs and maintenance and in new equipment.

In summary, the Group's Unrestricted Cash Funds increased by £4,347 in the year, to £90,036. There were no Restricted Cash Funds at 31 March 2022.

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 minimum sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs, circa £15,000-£20,000. A review of the financial position of the Group is carried out during the year at committee meetings. Funds greater than the minimum level are reviewed regularly in conjunction with potential future commitments on property, transport and equipment repairs and improvement.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous years and with the Charity registration requirements. No funds are in deficit.



1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP



Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £ Note 13	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	29,082	0	29,082	4,473
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	(8,910)	0	(8,910)	(5,904)
Net Membership subscriptions retained	20,172	0	20,172	(1,431)
Legacies and Donations	2,346	0	2,346	1,027
Gift Aid	0	0	0	4,981
Sub total	22,518	0	22,518	4,577
Grants				
Royal Borough of Kingston	16,000	0	16,000	42,136
Petchey awards	0	1,500	1,500	250
Sub total	16,000	1,500	17,500	42,386
Fundraising (gross)				
Use of hall	2,887	0	2,887	331
Beer festivals	2,943	0	2,943	1,407
Garden Centre collections	2,613	0	2,613	0
Other fundraising events	1,187	0	1,187	1,023
Sub total	9,630	0	9,630	2,761
Investment income				
Bank interest	0	0	0	1
Building Society interest	24	0	24	24
Sub total	24	0	24	25
Total Gross Income	48,172	1,500	49,672	49,749
Asset and investment sales	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts	48,172	1,500	49,672	49,749

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £	
Payments					
Charitable payments					
Programme and activities	1,345	500	1,845	5,129	Note 5
Programme and activities - after 31/3/22 (net)	(3,774)	0	(3,774)	0	Note 5
Training and administration	475	0	475	242	
Bank charges	120	0	120	59	
Insurance (excluding minibus insurance)	5,563	0	5,563	5,989	
Gas	1,216	0	1,216	1,142	
Electricity (net of solar panel rebate)	(33)	0	(33)	(1,019)	
Water	0	0	0	153	
General rates	451	0	451	0	
Telephone and internet	854	0	854	816	
Cleaning	1,275	0	1,275	690	Note 6
Repairs and renewals	5,592	0	5,592	473	Note 7
Materials and consumables	109	0	109	144	
Minibuses	3,084	0	3,084	1,550	Note 8
Repayment of loan from District (minibus)	0	0	0	5,000	Note 4
Sub total	16,277	500	16,777	20,368	
Fundraising expenses					
Beer festivals	2,590	0	2,590	0	
Other fundraising events	16	0	16	0	
Sub total	2,606	0	2,606	0	Note 3
Total Gross Expenditure	18,883	500	19,383	20,368	
Asset and investment purchases					
Building and equipment	23,434	1,000	24,434	10,050	Note 9
Camping stores	1,508	0	1,508	501	
Sub total	24,942	1,000	25,942	10,551	
Total Payments	43,825	1,500	45,325	30,919	
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,347	0	4,347	18,830	
Cash funds last year end	85,689	0	85,689	66,859	
Cash funds this year end	90,036	0	90,036	85,689	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	At 31/03/22			At 31/03/21
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts - Barclays Bank	84,251	0	84,251	80,122
Bank deposit account - Barclays Bank	3	0	3	3
Cash boxes	395	0	395	813
Building society account - Monmouthshire BS	5,387	0	5,387	5,363
	90,036	0	90,036	86,301

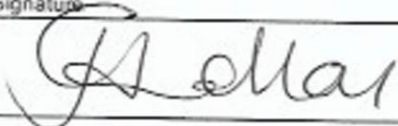
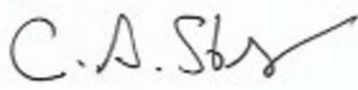
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	31/03/2022	31/03/2021	
Land and buildings	2,091,219	1,894,220	Note 10
HQ equipment	72,495	66,448	Note 11
Camping and band equipment	84,221	77,196	Note 11
Vehicles	31,000	31,000	Note 12
	2,278,935	2,068,864	

Liabilities

	31/03/2022	31/03/2021	
Amounts received in advance for camps / other activities	4,075	0	Note 5
	4,075	0	

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Name	Role
	Julie Findlay	Chair
	Colin Stevenson	Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 Gift aid

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Due to the timing of fundraising events, particularly those near each year end, receipts and payments in a particular year do not always reflect the financial performance of the individual event as the costs or receipts may be in two different financial years.

Fundraising activities were remained curtailed in 2020/21 due to the restrictions applied as a result of the pandemic.

'Other' Group fundraising events comprise online shopping donations (£158), 100+ Club (£355), matched funding (£158), clothes donations (£476) and Beaver fundraising (£25).

Note 4 Loans

Loan for purchase of minibus

Balance at 1 April
Repayments in year
Balance owed at 31 March

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
	-	5,000
	-	(5,000)
	-	-

Note 5 Programme and Activities

		2021/22			2020/21		
		Receipts £	Payments £	Net £	Receipts £	Payments £	Net £
Activities	Sections	2,142	(4,188)	(2,046)	480	(2,479)	(1,990)
	Band	88	(85)	23	0	0	0
Camps and sleepovers		2,690	(2,512)	178	150	(939)	(789)
		4,920	(6,765)	(1,845)	630	(3,418)	(2,778)
Future events*		4,075	(301)	3,774	0	0	0
Explorer belt refunds		0	0	0	0	(2,350)	(2,350)
		8,995	(7,066)	1,929	630	(5,768)	(5,128)

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2021/22 expenditure included £1,325 on floor upkeep, £1,000 on foliage control, £810 on drainage and £1,700 on exterior building maintenance.

Note 8 Minibuses

Net costs:

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Tax and insurance	1,578	1,550
Service and repairs	1,508	0
Fuel	0	0
	3,084	1,550
Less: Contributions for use of minibuses	0	0
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		Cost £
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Note 13 Restricted funds

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	Petchey Awards £
At 1st April	-
Received - Grants	1,500
Spending - Section activities	<u>(1,500)</u>
At 31st March	<u>-</u>

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1ST HOOK SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 303752

Accounts

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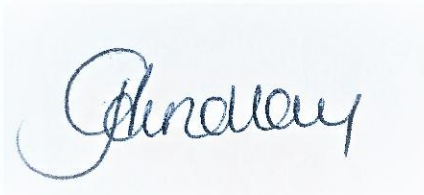
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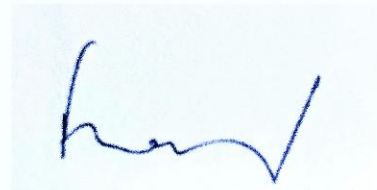
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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report:

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



J FINDLAY, GROUP CHAIR



F LANG, GROUP SCOUT LEADER

A. GROUP DETAILS

Life President: Mr A Edwards

Trustees: *Ex-Officio* - Appointment

	Name:
Group Scout Leader	Mr F Lang
Group Chair	Mrs J Findlay
Group Secretary	Mrs P Thompson
Group Treasurer	Mr C Stevenson
Scout Leader	Vacant
Cub Scout Leader (Spitfire)	Mr C Mould
Cub Scout Leader (Hurricane)	Mrs C Atkinson
Beaver Scout Leader (Apache)	Vacant
Beaver Scout Leader (Cheyenne)	Mrs A-M Howells
Beaver Scout Leader (Navaho)	Mrs A-M Howells
Band Leader	Vacant

Trustees: *Nominated / Elected*

Mr A Edwards	Mr D Nune
Mr D Perrins	Mr D Wright

Trustees: *Co-opted*

Mr R Hackett	Mr S Thompson
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Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC,
6 Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1NY

Examiner: Mr D Sadler

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 5981

Charity Registration Number: 303752

Contact Name & Address: Mr F Lang
55 Elm Road, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1AF

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Scout Group is a trust administered under the rules which are common to all Scout Association Groups. Group Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee. The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parents' representation and meets once a month.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- the maintenance of Group property;
- the raising of funds and 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 subcommittees that may be required;
- appointing Group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies.

C. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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 national and international communities. The method of achieving this is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

D. MAJOR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

It has been another disrupted year for all sections of the Group as we were again bound by the Covid-19 restrictions and lockdown measures.

Sadly, we could not undertake any nights away in any section and were very restricted on how we could deliver our programmes. It is to their great credit that all our leaders continued to deliver engaging, entertaining and structured programmes throughout, mainly virtually via Zoom. Thanks to all for their commitment and imagination.

Our numbers dropped by about 10% over the year, but the majority of this was due to our young people aging out of the Group and moving on to Explorers (which is classed as a District section). Rest assured we are still the largest (and best) Group in the District.

As we come out of lockdown and restrictions are lifted, we will resume our programmes and begin to meet again, all in line with the strict guidelines and procedures laid down by The Scouts. Watch this space for a bumper 2021/22 at 1st Hook!

Fergus Lang
Group Scout Leader

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the Group, is contained in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Receipts and Payments account on the next three pages, with accompanying Notes following.

Following the outbreak of Covid 19, face to face Scouting activities ceased in late March 2020. In addition, almost all fundraising activities were postponed and subscriptions, other than voluntary donations were suspended.

The Trustees took advantage of the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant and Restart Grant which entitled the Group to receive £42,136 from the local council.

In addition, business rates payments were suspended for 2020/21 and all discretionary spend was minimised. However, closure of the hall enabled work to be carried out on the pre-planned installation of new boilers.

In summary, the Group's Unrestricted Cash Funds increased by £18,830 in the year, to £85,689. There were no Restricted Cash Funds at 31 March 2021. The last of three equal annual repayments of £5,000 was made against the £15,000 loan taken out in 2018 with Royal Kingston District to fund a minibus.

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 minimum sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs, circa £15,000-£20,000. A review of the financial position of the Group is carried out during the year at committee meetings. Funds greater than the minimum level are reviewed regularly in conjunction with potential future commitments on property, transport and equipment repairs and improvement.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous years and with the Charity registration requirements. No funds are in deficit.

F. POST YEAR END EVENTS

Whilst face to face Scouting resumed in late spring 2021 the timing and scale of fundraising activities is uncertain and opportunities for income by utilising the hall are limited. As such income is uncertain.

However, due to the grants received, the Trustees consider the existing funds sufficient to enable the Group to meet its fixed costs (eg insurance, security, minimal utilities etc) until such time as fundraising activities can resume in full.



1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP



Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Note 13				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	4,473	0	4,473	28,610
Less Membership subscriptions paid on	(5,904)	0	(5,904)	(9,435)
Net Membership subscriptions retained	(1,431)	0	-1,431	19,175
Legacies and Donations	1,027	0	1,027	50
Gift Aid	4,981	0	4,981	4,966
Sub total	4,577	0	4,577	24,191
Note 1				
Grants				
Royal Borough of Kingston	42,136	0	42,136	0
Petchey awards	0	250	250	1,500
Sub total	42,136	250	42,386	1,500
Note 2				
Fundraising (gross)				
Band concerts and performances	0	0	0	652
Use of hall	331	0	331	6,503
Beer festivals	1,407	0	1,407	22,457
Summer fayre and Grand Draw	0	0	0	700
Gordon Centre collections	0	0	0	3,481
Other fundraising events	1,023	0	1,023	1,845
Sub total	2,761	0	2,761	35,638
Note 3				
Investment income				
Bank interest	1	0	1	22
Building Society interest	24	0	24	24
Sub total	25	0	25	46
Total Gross Income	49,499	250	49,749	61,375
Asset and investment sales	0	0	0	0
Note 10				
Total Receipts	49,499	250	49,749	61,375

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £	
Payments					
Charitable payments					
Programme and activities	2,529	2,000	5,129	5,318	Note 5
Training and administration	242	0	242	597	
Bank charges	59	0	59	372	
Insurance (excluding minibus insurance)	5,989	0	5,989	6,071	
Gas	1,142	0	1,142	2,586	
Electricity (net of solar panel rebate)	(1,019)	0	-1,019	1,397	
Water	153	0	153	255	
General rates	0	0	0	1,739	
Telephone and internet	816	0	816	638	
Cleaning	890	0	890	2,256	Note 6
Repairs and renewals	473	0	473	2,075	Note 7
Materials and consumables	144	0	144	298	
Minibuses	1,550	0	1,550	2,506	Note 8
Repayment of loan from District (minibus)	5,000	0	5,000	5000	Note 4
Sub total	17,768	2,600	20,368	31,108	
Fundraising expenses					
Band concerts and performances	0	0	0	0	
Beer festival	0	0	0	13,331	
Summer fayre and Grand Draw	0	0	0	364	
Other fundraising events	0	0	0	200	
Sub total	0	0	0	13,895	Note 3
Total Gross Expenditure	17,768	2,600	20,368	45,003	
Asset and investment purchases					
Building and equipment	10,050	0	10,050	973	Note 9
Camping stores	501	0	501	510	
Sub total	10,551	0	10,551	1,483	
Total Payments	28,319	2,600	30,919	46,486	
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,180	(2,350)	18,830	14,889	
Cash funds last year end	64,509	2,350	66,859	51,970	
Cash funds this year end	85,689	0	85,689	66,859	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	At 31/03/21			At 31/03/20
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
Cash funds				
Bank current accounts - Barclays Bank	80,122	0	80,122	57,955
Bank deposit account - Barclays Bank	3	0	3	2,353
Cash boxes	813	0	813	1,213
Building society account - Monmouthshire BS	5,363	0	5,363	5,338
	86,301	0	86,301	66,859

	Value		
	31/03/2021	31/03/2020	
Assets retained for the charity's own			
Land and buildings	1,894,220	1,890,439	Note 10
HO equipment	66,448	66,448	Note 11
Camping equipment	28,842	28,842	Note 11
Band equipment	48,354	48,354	Note 11
Vehicles	31,000	31,000	Note 12
	2,068,864	2,065,083	

	31/03/2021	31/03/2020	
Liabilities			
Amounts received in advance for camps / other activities	0	1,755	
Explorer belt - refunds due	0	2,350	Note 13
Loan repayable	0	5,000	Note 4
	0	9,105	

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 21st July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Sign		
	Julie Findlay	Chair
	Colin Stevenson	Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1 Gift aid

Gift Aid receipts of £4,081 in 2020/21 relate to tax years 2019/20
Gift Aid for tax year 2020/21 is still reclaimable in future years

Note 2 Grants

Pathway Awards totalling £250 were received during the year. Monies received are spent on projects or activities of the award winner's choosing.
Where grants are awarded for specific use their receipt and use are shown within Restricted Funds.

Note 3 Fundraising

Due to the timing of fundraising events, particularly those near each year end, receipts and payments in a particular year do not always reflect the financial performance of the individual event as the costs or receipts may be in two different financial years.
Fundraising activities were significantly curtailed in 2020/21 due to the restrictions applied as a result of the pandemic.
'Other' Group fundraising events comprise Easyfundraising (£186) and 100+ Club (£824).

Note 4 Loans

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
<u>Loan for purchase of minibus</u>		
Balance at 1 April	5,000	10,000
Repayments in year	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
Balance owed at 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>

Note 5 Programme and Activities

		2020/21			2019/20		
		Receipts	Payments	Net	Receipts	Payments	Net
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Activities	Sections	489	(2,479)	(1,990)	2,518	(7,383)	(4,865)
	Band	0	0	0	1,005	(428)	577
	Camps and sleepovers*	150	(939)	(789)	9,312	(11,212)	(1,900)
	Restricted funds movement (note 14)	0	(2,350)	(2,350)	5,500	(4,650)	850
		<u>639</u>	<u>(5,768)</u>	<u>(5,129)</u>	<u>18,335</u>	<u>(23,653)</u>	<u>(5,318)</u>

See note 15 regarding advance receipts and costs of 2020/21 activities

Note 6 Cleaning

Cleaning of the HQ is carried out weekly when the HQ is in use, by a contracted cleaning company. Deep cleans of specific areas are carried out as and when necessary.

Note 7 Repairs and renewals

2019/20 expenditure included £329 on fire safety, £300 on skip hire and £764 to treat the HQ floor.
2020/21 expenditure of £473 related predominantly to maintenance of fire protection equipment.

Note 8 Minibuses

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
<u>Net costs:</u>		
Tax and insurance	1,550	1,935
Service and repairs	0	855
Fuel	0	26
	<u>1,550</u>	<u>2,816</u>
Less: Contributions for use of minibuses	<u>0</u>	<u>(410)</u>
	<u>1,550</u>	<u>2,506</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

Note 9 Assets purchased

	2020/21	2019/20
Significant expenditure on new assets was as follows	£	£
Buxes and tooling	8,335	-
Awards board	715	-
HO signage	-	487
Key box	-	200
Hoover	-	140
IT suite	-	130
Other	-	-
	<u>10,050</u>	<u>977</u>

Note 10 Land and buildings

A "Report on Reinstatement Cost" was carried out for insurance purposes in March 2000. The insurance value has been updated by inflation each year.

Note 11 Equipment

The level of insurance for Camping, Band and headquarters equipment is regularly reviewed (excess of £100).

Note 12 Vehicles

		Cost
		£
Ford Transit Minibus (16 seats + driver)	NJ59 NXB	12,000
Peugeot Boxer Minibus (16 seats + driver)	WA82 CHJ	19,000

Comprehensive insurance cover. Drivers must be over 25 years of age. Damage excess of £200.

Note 13 Restricted funds

Where there is a restriction on the use of amounts received, these are shown in the Restricted Fund.

	Patchery Awards	Explorer Belt	TOTAL
	£	£	£
At 1st April	-	2,300	2,300
Received - Grants	250	-	250
Refund for cancelled trip	-	(2,350)	(2,350)
Spending - Section activity	(250)	-	(250)
At 31st March	-	-	-

Included in Restricted Funds are receipts and payments related to an Explorer Belt activity which was to have been held in August 2020. The balance was paid back to participants following the cancellation of the event due to restrictions associated with the pandemic.

Note 14 Post year end activities cancelled or postponed

The following receipts and payments are included in these accounts related to activities cancelled or postponed as a result of the pandemic:

	2020/21		2019/20	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising Beer festival	1,407	-	540	(2,998)
Camps and sleepovers	-	(420)	1,215	(488)
	<u>1,407</u>	<u>(420)</u>	<u>1,755</u>	<u>(3,486)</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP

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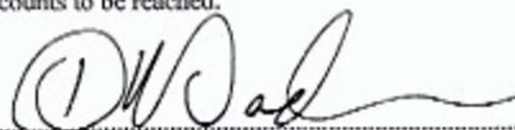
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