

1ST CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305839

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1971-04-02

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

Contact

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East Sussex
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

Activities: Beavers, cubs and scouts groups

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CROWBOROUGH
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,741	£48,701	-	-
2024-03-31	£37,883	£42,133	-	-
2023-03-31	£39,660	£43,508	-	-
2022-03-31	£38,395	£31,878	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,131	£27,561	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gareth Hockin		2017-09-23
Jeremy Davison		2022-09-20
Lauren Carmichael		2021-09-18
MICHAEL BEESLEY		
Martyn Douglas Everitt		2020-11-21
Matthew Charles Kerr Pettitt		2025-09-06
OLIVER ROBISON		2012-03-08
Steven Buckingham		2020-11-21
Terry Moon		
VALERIE HEMSLEY		2012-03-08

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Burroughs, Brian
Carter, Charles
Cammie, Robert
Davies, Jeremy

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Hunter, George
Hunt, Brian
Hunt, Peter

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Charity Information

Trustees	Beesley, Michael John Buckingham, Steven Carmichael, Lauren Carmichael, Robin Davison, Jeremy Everitt, Martyn Douglas Hemsley, Valerie Hockin, Gareth Moon, Terry George Ringe, Henry James George Ringe, Sheila Ann Robison, Oliver
Charity Number	305839
Charity Address	Scout Headquarters Whitehill Road CROWBOROUGH East Sussex TN6 1JA
Independent Examiner	T S B Lee ACIB
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Victoria Branch

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Chairman's Report

Following a number of years of disruption, we have been able to run a full program of activities and events for our Group this year, with the highlight being the Group Scout Camp last summer. The Group camp was the first time we've been able to run such a large gathering since 2019 and it took a huge effort from our volunteers to make it the success that it was. This along with many Section camps, 'Wake Overs', Wide Games and other activities has been a pleasure to witness becoming normal again.

Financially we are on an even keel, though we are dependent on charitable donations to make that so. In the future we will move back towards charging subscriptions at a level that will cover the running costs of the group, so that any donations go directly to enhancing the experience of our group. I believe that this is an important step to ensuring that we have a solid financial foundation and will make it easier to focus future fund raising initiatives.

The purpose of our Board of Trustees is to ensure that the Group is run to the standards asked of us by the Charity Commission and Scout Association. We believe that we are meeting and exceeding the requirements set out for us, which should ensure the safety of everyone involved in 1st Crowborough, as well as our long term stability.

Thank you to all our volunteers. Every person who works directly for 1st Crowborough does so as a volunteer, without that support and help from our community; made up of parents, grandparents and ex scouts; from our Young Leaders who may still be studying, to people who have selflessly given their time for many decades. That our volunteers are able and willing to give their time, week in and week out, is the only reason that we can continue to support the young people in our Group in the way that we do.

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Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserve is to maintain sufficient funds to continue the charitable activities of the Group for a minimum period of 3 months should income and fundraising activities cease and also sufficient to meet any major unforeseen cost generated as a result of necessary maintenance to the Group's freehold property. The Trustees consider that the Group should hold circa £15,000 in this respect. The Group held reserves sufficient to meet this target at the year-end wholly in line with the policy.

The Sections hold sufficient funds to meet their immediate needs.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Public Benefit

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial View

Funds available are sufficient to permit the charity to continue in operation in the medium term.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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The Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment, and is responsible for the maintenance of the property, the raising and administration of the Group's funds, the insurance of people, property and equipment, assisting with recruitment and appointment of necessary sub committees, administrators and advisors other than those elected.

The Trustees are responsible for the identification of major risks and for safeguarding the resources of the charity and to this end the Group has in place insurances and internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. Damage to the building may require use of the premises of neighbouring organisations, reduced income could demand increased subscriptions, a material reduction in Leaders or members could result in a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

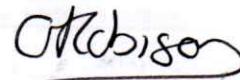
Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on the 5th August 2025 and signed on their behalf



5th August 2025

Trustee



Trustee

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839
Year ending 31st March 2025

Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
INCOME		
Subscriptions	£ 25,783.00	£ 22,998.00
Less Capitation Paid	£ 11,330.00	£ 12,155.00
Net Subscription income	<u>£ 14,453.00</u>	<u>£ 10,843.00</u>
Less Expenditure		
Headquarters		
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 1,828.00	£ 3,099.00
Caretaking -		
Cleaners' wages	£ 6,643.00	£ 6,132.00
materials	£ 319.00	£ 353.00
Insurances	£ 2,229.00	£ 2,183.00
Equipment purchases	£ 1,792.00	£ 559.00
Telephone	£ 308.00	£ 256.00
Web site	£ 243.00	£ 256.00
Utilities -		
Gas	£ 1,759.00	£ 1,570.00
Electricity	£ 1,459.00	£ 1,038.00
Rates -		
Water	£ 616.00	£ 1,077.00
Council	£ 127.00	£ 129.00
Refuse disposal	£ 699.00	£ 536.00
Fire security	£ 250.00	£ 240.00
Other Costs	<u>£ 18,272.00</u>	<u>£ 17,428.00</u>
Stationery & postage	£ 93.00	£ 102.00
Gifts & Trophies	£ 50.00	£ 596.00
Online Scout Manager	£ 398.00	£ 240.00
Net Cost of T Shirts, Scarves & Badges	£ 2,021.00	£ 2,147.00
	<u>£ 2,562.00</u>	<u>£ 3,085.00</u>
Depreciation	£ 1,096.00	£ 1,096.00
Camp		
Income	£ 6,509.00	£ 6,625.00
less costs	<u>£ 8,364.00</u> -£ 1,855.00	<u>£ 3,644.00</u> £ 2,981.00
Other Activities		
Section Activities and Events - income	£ 2,656.00	£ 1,099.00
Section Activities and Events - costs	<u>£ 7,077.00</u> -£ 4,421.00	<u>£ 4,725.00</u> -£ 3,626.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income before Fundraising	-£ 13,753.00	-£ 11,411.00
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid	£ 9,834.00	
Fund Raising Activities		
Donations	£ 5,026.00	£ 611.00
Grants rec'd		
Secondhand Uniforms	£ 105.00	£ 90.00
BBQ's	£ 1,520.00	£ 418.00
Xmas Wreath Making	£ 400.00	£ 300.00
Hire of Hall	£ 5,475.00	£ 5,475.00
Interest rec'd	<u>£ 433.00</u> £ 12,959.00	<u>£ 267.00</u> £ 7,161.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>£ 9,040.00</u>	<u>-£ 4,250.00</u>

Balance Sheet as at

31st March 2025

31st March 2024

Fixed Assets			
Land & Buildings		£ 52,160.00	£ 52,160.00
Building Improvements	£ 30,093.00		£ 30,093.00
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 28,997.00</u>	£ 1,096.00	<u>-£ 27,901.00</u> £ 2,192.00
Equipment at Cost	£ 18,507.00		£ 18,507.00
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u>	£ -	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u> £ -
Total Fixed Assets		£ 53,256.00	£ 54,352.00

Current Assets			
Balance at Bank-	Group	£ 31,564.00	£ 20,737.00
	unrestricted reserve	£ 15,000.00	note 5 £ 15,000.00
	Sections etc.	£ 6,899.00	£ 7,655.00
Cash in Hand- Group			
	Sections etc	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
		<u>£ 53,468.00</u>	<u>£ 43,397.00</u>
Total Assets		£ 106,724.00	£ 97,749.00

LESS Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors			£ 65.00

Net Assets		<u>£ 106,724.00</u>	<u>£ 97,684.00</u>
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REPRESENTED BY:-			
General Fund balance as at	1st April 2024	£ 97,684.00	£ 101,934.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure		£ 9,040.00	-£ 4,250.00
General Fund balance as at	31st March 2025	<u>£ 106,724.00</u>	<u>£ 97,684.00</u>

Notes to accounts:	Note 1	Equipment Purchases replacement of all 1st aid kits and miscellaneous camping needs
	Note 2	Water current year annual waste water charge applied 19th March 2024
	Note 3	Fixed Assets depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life Building Improvements 20% on cost Equipment at Cost 25% on cost
	Note 4	Gift Aid return completed biennially
	Note 5	Reserves Funds held in case of unforeseen circumstances

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

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 Commission (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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


TS B LEE ACIB (Retired)
4 July 2025.

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Richardson, Colin
Carrichael, Lauren
Carrichael, Robin
Gault, Tony (resigned 18.9.23)

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Hemley,
Mason, Tony George
Rings, Henry James Dennis
Rings, Steve Ann
Robison, Owen
Sheppard, Heather (resigned 18.9.23)
Whitby, Natalie Helen (resigned 18.9.23)

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Company Address:
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Wilton Hill Road
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Company Director: S B Lee AC18

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Trustees

Beesley, Michael John
Buckingham, Steven
Carmichael, Lauren
Carmichael, Robin
Dalton, Tom (resigned 16.9.23)
Davison, Jeremy
Everitt, Martyn Douglas
Hemsley, Valerie
Hockin, Gareth
Lomax, Stewart (resigned 16.9.23)
Moon, Terry George
Ringe, Henry James George
Ringe, Sheila Ann
Robison, Oliver
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Chairman's Report

There have been several changes in the Trustee team this year, including my very recent appointment as Chairman. However, I've had the privilege to serve on the board for a number of years and I hope that I can bring some stability to the roll and the broader Trustee team, in support of our Leadership team, both now and in the future.

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has supported our group through the year, in every capacity, whether as a leader running the sections and providing unique opportunities for the young people in our Group, or someone who gives a few hours here or there to help, maybe as part of a working party, or on the Trustee Board. I feel that it's never been more important to offer young people the opportunity to socialise and take part in the types of activities provided through Scouting, every one of our volunteers is helping provide those opportunities to them. That said we are always looking for more people to help and one of our aims in the coming year is to find new ways to help encourage more of our community to volunteer and get involved.

It's been a tough year for fundraising, we're heavily reliant on income from our participation in town events and due to the weather, some of the bigger events in 2023 were cancelled or moved last minute. As a result, and although we remain in a strong position, our finances have taken a bit of a hit this year. To remedy this, we will be looking to find new ways to raise funds in the year ahead and any ideas or suggestions to do this would be welcome.

I'd like to finish as I started, by saying a big thank you to everyone involved in supporting 1st Crowborough, without the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers, the group simply wouldn't exist.

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Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on the *27th August* 2024 and signed on their behalf

Trustee



STEVEN DUCKINGHAM

Trustee



OLIVER ROBISON

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839
Year ending 31st March 2024

Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended

	<u>31st March 2024</u>	<u>31st March 2023</u>
INCOME		
Subscriptions	£ 22,998.00	£ 22,622.00
Less Capitation Paid	<u>£ 12,155.00</u>	<u>£ 11,715.00</u>
Net Subscription income	£ 10,843.00	£ 10,907.00
Less Expenditure		
Headquarters		
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 3,099.00	£ 7,632.00
Caretaking -		
Cleaners' wages	£ 6,132.00	£ 5,275.00
materials	£ 353.00	£ 353.00
Insurances	£ 2,183.00	£ 2,130.00
Equipment purchases	£ 559.00	£ 1,205.00
Telephone	£ 256.00	£ 220.00
Web site	£ 256.00	£ 288.00
Utilities -		
Gas	£ 1,570.00	note 1a £ 1,160.00
Electricity	£ 1,038.00	note 1b £ 798.00
Rates -		
Water	£ 1,077.00	note 2 £ 602.00
Council	£ 129.00	£ 246.00
Refuse disposal	£ 536.00	£ 564.00
Fire security	<u>£ 240.00</u>	<u>£ 17,428.00</u> note 3
Other Costs		<u>£ 20,473.00</u>
Stationery & Postage	£ 102.00	£ 128.00
Gifts & Trophies	£ 596.00	£ 143.00
Online Scout Manager	£ 240.00	£ 201.00
Net Cost of T Shirts, Scarves & Badges	£ 2,147.00	£ 2,030.00
	<u>£ 3,085.00</u>	<u>£ 2,502.00</u>
Depreciation	£ 1,096.00	note 4 £ 1,096.00
Camp		
Income	£ 6,625.00	£ 3,660.00
less costs	<u>£ 3,644.00</u>	<u>£ 3,177.00</u>
	£ 2,981.00	£ 483.00
Other Activities		
Section Activities and Events - income	£ 1,099.00	£ 410.00
Section Activities and Events - costs	<u>£ 4,725.00</u>	<u>£ 4,545.00</u>
	-£ 3,626.00	-£ 4,135.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income before Fundraising	-£ 11,411.00	-£ 16,816.00
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid	note 5	£ 3,144.00
Fund Raising Activities		
Donations	£ 611.00	£ 1,225.00
Secondhand Uniforms	£ 90.00	£ 115.00
BBQ's	£ 418.00	£ 1,801.00
Xmas Wreath Making	£ 300.00	£ 724.00
Hire of Hall	£ 5,475.00	£ 5,920.00
Interest rec'd	<u>£ 267.00</u>	<u>£ 39.00</u>
	£ 7,161.00	£ 9,824.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>-£ 4,250.00</u>	<u>-£ 3,848.00</u>

Balance Sheet as at

31st March 2024

31st March 2023

Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings		£	52,160.00		£	52,160.00
Building Improvements		£	30,093.00		£	30,093.00
LESS Depreciation		-£	27,901.00	£	2,192.00	-£ 26,805.00
						£ 3,288.00
Equipment at Cost		£	18,507.00		£	18,507.00
LESS Depreciation		-£	18,507.00	£	-	-£ 18,507.00
Total Fixed Assets		£	54,352.00		£	55,448.00

Current Assets

Balance at Bank- Group		£	20,737.00		£	24,677.00
unrestricted reserve		£	15,000.00	note 6	£	15,000.00
Sections etc.		£	7,655.00		£	7,052.00
Cash in Hand- Group						
Sections etc		£	5.00		£	26.00
		£	43,397.00		£	46,755.00
Total Assets		£	97,749.00		£	102,203.00
LESS Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors		£	85.00		£	269.00
Net Assets		£	97,664.00		£	101,934.00

REPRESENTED BY-

General Fund balance as at	1st April 2023	£	101,934.00		£	105,782.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-£	4,250.00		-£	3,848.00
General Fund balance as at	31st March 2024	£	97,684.00		£	101,934.00

Notes to accounts:

Note 1 a and b	Utilities
	Gas, whilst the increase cost seen represents additional consumption the current 3 year fixed tariff expires on 21.11.24, which will undoubtedly result in a further considerable increase in cost
	Electricity, the 2 year fixed tariff expired on 30.9.23
Note 2	Water
	the direct debit for the 2024 annual waste water charge of £365 was applied on 19th March
Note 3	Fire Security
	the annual fire extinguisher service was completed after the end of the accounting period
Note 4	Fixed Assets
	Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life
	Building Improvements 20% on cost
	Equipment at Cost 25% on cost
Note 5	Gift Aid
	the annual return was not completed before the end of the accounting period
Note 6	Reserves
	Funds held in case of unforeseen circumstances

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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



TOM. S. B. LEE ACIB (retired)

7 August 2024

1ST CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305839

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1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

Charity Information

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Charity No: 305839

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

Charity Information

Trustees

Beesley, Michael John
Buckingham, Steven
Carmichael, Lauren
Carmichael, Robin
Dalton, Tom
Davison, Jeremy (elected 20.9.22)
Everitt, Martyn Douglas
Hemsley, Valerie
Hockin, Gareth
Lomax, Stewart
Moon, Terry George
Ringe, Henry James George
Ringe, Sheila Ann
Robison, Oliver
Sheppard, Heather
Whittle, Natalie Helen

Charity Number

305839

Charity Address

Scout Headquarters
Whitehill Road
CROWBOROUGH
East Sussex
TN6 1JA

Independent Examiner T S B Lee ACIB

Bankers

Lloyds Bank plc
Victoria Branch

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Chairman's Report

Last year we looked back on a challenging period of 24 months during which our activities had been constrained and our membership numbers had suffered as a result.

I am pleased to report that 2022 brought considerable relief and we entered 2023 back to our full programme of activities and events, once again able to take an active part in our community; our membership numbers have climbed and even exceeded those immediately prior to the pandemic.

Fortunately, our finances had been strong and with generous support through grants we weathered the loss of income and our financial position remains secure.

The particular challenge we face, exacerbated by our growing membership is, like many charitable organizations, finding people who are willing to volunteer and bring their time and skills to support all we do on behalf of our local youngsters. Our programmes are intended to both educate and challenge with the intention of assisting and enabling everyone to grow as responsible and understanding members of the community with an empathy for the beliefs and customs of all. We are fortunate to have a number of experienced volunteers but as the years pass it is imperative that new people step forward or ultimately, we will not be able to continue to meet the growing demand to support our present and increasing membership.

We are indebted to all our volunteers whether they are directly involved with our membership or providing all that is necessary to maintain our premises, finances, equipment; everything that is necessary but not always immediately visible. To all we extend our thanks.

Trustees

The trustees named on Page 1 have served during the year. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, which allows Warranted Leaders to opt-in as Trustees and for the Group Scout Council to elect others as is felt appropriate.

Investment Policy

The Group's Trustees are authorised to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity. However, the Group does not hold sufficient funds to invest and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy with all funds being held in cash using only banks or building societies that are included in the Financial Services Compensation Scheme

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

Constitution, Objects and Policies

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The Objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of which is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The reserves policy of the Group is to maintain sufficient funds to continue the charitable activities of the Group for a minimum period of 3 months should income and fundraising activities cease and also sufficient to meet any major unforeseen cost generated as a result of necessary maintenance to the Group's freehold property. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold circa £15,000 in this respect. The Group held reserves sufficient to meet this target at the year-end wholly in line with the policy.

The Sections hold sufficient funds to meet their immediate needs.

Public Benefit

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial View

Funds available are sufficient to permit the charity to continue in operation in the medium term.

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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The trustees are responsible for the identification of major risks and for safeguarding the resources of the charity and to this end the Group has in place insurances and internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. Damage to the building may require use of the premises of neighbouring organisations, reduced income could demand increased subscriptions, a material reduction in Leaders or members could result in a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on the 13th September 2023 and signed on their behalf


CHAIR

Trustee


SECRETARY

Trustee

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839
Year ending 31st March 2023

Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended

	<u>31st March 2023</u>		<u>31st March 2022</u>
INCOME			
Subscriptions	£ 22,622.00	note 1	£ 15,293.00
Less Capitation Paid	<u>£ 11,715.00</u>		<u>£ 11,542.00</u>
Net Subscription income	£ 10,907.00		£ 3,751.00
Less Expenditure			
Headquarters			
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 7,632.00	note 2	£ 1,699.00
Caretaking -			
Cleaners' wages	£ 5,275.00		£ 5,178.00
materials	£ 353.00		£ 275.00
Insurances	£ 2,130.00		£ 1,996.00
Equipment purchases	£ 1,205.00		£ 407.00
Telephone	£ 220.00		£ 199.00
Web site	£ 288.00		£ 285.00
Utilities -			
Gas	£ 1,160.00		£ 850.00
Electricity	£ 798.00		£ 404.00
Rates -			
Water	£ 602.00		£ 738.00
Council	£ 246.00		£ 126.00
Refuse disposal	£ 564.00		£ 436.00
	<u>£ 20,473.00</u>		<u>£ 12,593.00</u>
Other Costs			
Stationery & Postage	£ 128.00		£ 196.00
Gifts & Trophies	£ 143.00		£ 152.00
Online Scout Manager	£ 201.00		£ 233.00
Net Cost of T Shirts, Scarves & Badges	£ 2,030.00		£ 1,082.00
	<u>£ 2,502.00</u>		<u>£ 1,663.00</u>
Depreciation	£ 1,096.00	note 3	£ 2,515.00
Camp			
Income	£ 3,660.00		£ 1,555.00
less costs	<u>£ 3,177.00</u>	£ 483.00	<u>£ 936.00</u>
			£ 619.00
Other Activities			
Section Activities and Events - income	£ 410.00		£ 159.00
Section Activities and Events - costs	<u>£ 4,545.00</u>	-£ 4,135.00	<u>£ 2,629.00</u>
			-£ 2,470.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income before Fundraising	-£ 16,816.00		-£ 14,871.00
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid	£ 3,144.00	note 4	£ 1,008.00
Fund Raising Activities			
Donations	£ 1,225.00		£ 632.00
Grants rec'd		note 5	£ 15,063.00
Secondhand Uniforms	£ 115.00		
BBQ's	£ 1,801.00		£ 599.00
General			£ 50.00
Chocolate Tombola			£ 258.00
Xmas Wreath Making	£ 724.00		£ 476.00
Hire of Hall	£ 5,920.00		£ 3,298.00
Interest rec'd	<u>£ 39.00</u>	£ 9,824.00	<u>£ 4.00</u>
			£ 20,380.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>-£ 3,848.00</u>		<u>£ 6,517.00</u>

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839

Balance Sheet as at

31st March 2023

31st March 2022

Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings		£ 52,160.00		£ 52,160.00
Building Improvements	£ 30,093.00		£ 30,093.00	
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 26,805.00</u>	£ 3,288.00	<u>-£ 25,709.00</u>	£ 4,384.00
Equipment at Cost	£ 18,507.00		£ 18,507.00	
LESS Depreciation	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u>	£ -	<u>-£ 18,507.00</u>	£ -
Total Fixed Assets		<u>£ 55,448.00</u>		<u>£ 56,544.00</u>

Current Assets

Balance at Bank- Group	£ 24,677.00		£ 25,529.00
unrestricted reserve	£ 15,000.00	note 6	£ 15,000.00
Sections etc.	£ 7,052.00		£ 11,704.00
Cash in Hand- Group			
Sections etc	£ 26.00		£ 43.00
		£ 46,755.00	£ 52,276.00
Total Assets		<u>£ 102,203.00</u>	<u>£ 108,820.00</u>

LESS Current Liabilities

Sundry Creditors	£ 269.00		£ 3,038.00
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Net Assets		<u>£ 101,934.00</u>	<u>£ 105,782.00</u>
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REPRESENTED BY-

General Fund balance as at	1st April 2022	£ 105,782.00	£ 99,265.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-£ 3,848.00	£ 6,517.00
General Fund balance as at	31st March 2023	<u>£ 101,934.00</u>	<u>£ 105,782.00</u>

Notes to accounts:

- 1 Covid 19
Post Pandemic membership and attendance returned to previous numbers
- 2 Repairs & Maintenance

Replacement of front porch it having deteriorated to a dangerous condition	3,454
Replacement of rotten window frames	1815
galvanising of safety railings	612
	<u>5881</u>
- 3 Fixed Assets
Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Building Improvements	20% on cost
Equipment at Cost	25% on cost
- 4 Gift Aid
The increased amount reflects the increasing subscription income as the Pandemic subsided
- 5 Grants Received
Previous year reflects the continuing Covid 19 Pandemic financial support from HM Government
- 6 Reserves
funds held in case of unforeseen circumstances 15000

James Hillberry
Chair

J. Justice

SECRETARY

13th September 2023

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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

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TSB LEE ACIB (Ret'd)
15 August 2023

1ST CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305839

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1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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Charity Number

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Independent Examiner T S B Lee ACIB

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National Westminster Bank plc
Tunbridge Wells, Kent

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Chairman's Report

2021 was another challenging year for everyone especially for youth groups and especially scouting. But thanks to the enthusiasm of all our leaders 1st Crowborough scout group, as a whole, is in fine shape. This must also be extended to those invisible members of 1st Crowborough executive and buildings committees, whose endless toil ensures the smooth running and administration of the group and headquarters.

With the easing of lockdowns and continuation of vaccinations, the opening up of outdoor and then indoor activities was enabled. Although gradually at first and with careful planning and execution, the scout programme has been brought back up to speed. The easing of restrictions has also made all those remedial jobs, that were put on hold, to be tackled and dealt with by the building committee either by the members or contractors where necessary. Thankfully nothing too detrimental occurred to the building or external structures during lockdown that could not be put right reasonably quickly.

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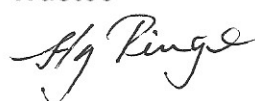
Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on the *26th July* 2022 and signed on their behalf

Trustee



Trustee



1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839
Year ended 31st March 2022

Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended

	<u>31st March 2022</u>	<u>31st March 2021</u>
INCOME		
Subscriptions	15,293.00	4,185.00
Less Capitation Paid	<u>11,542.00</u>	<u>7,830.00</u>
Net Subscription income	3,751.00 note 1	- 3,645.00
Less Expenditure		
Headquarters		
Repairs and Maintenance	1,699.00	2,502.00
Caretaking - Cleaners' wages	5,178.00	4,709.00
materials	275.00	36.00
Insurances	1,996.00	1,901.00
Equipment purchases	407.00	1,503.00
Telephone	199.00	190.00
Web site	285.00	303.00
Utilities - Gas	850.00	350.00
Electricity	404.00	478.00
Rates - Water	738.00	470.00
Council	126.00	-
Refuse disposal	436.00	361.00
Fire security	<u>12,593.00</u>	<u>96.00</u> 12,899.00
Other Costs		
Stationery & Postage	196.00	80.00
Gifts & Trophies	152.00	50.00
Online Scout Manager	233.00	246.00
Net cost of T shirts, scarves & badges	1,082.00	1,123.00
	<u>1,663.00</u>	<u>1,499.00</u>
Depreciation	2,515.00 note 2	2,647.00
Camp		
income	1,555.00	175.00
less costs	<u>936.00</u> 619.00	<u>1,515.00</u> - 1,340.00
Other Activities		
Section Activities and Events - income	159.00	194.00
Section Activities and Events - costs	<u>2,629.00</u> - 2,470.00	<u>1,171.00</u> - 977.00
Excess of Expenditure over income before Fundraising	- 14,871.00	- 23,007.00
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid	1,008.00 note 3	10,166.00
Fund Raising Activities		
Donations	632.00	571.00
Grants rec'd	15,063.00 note 4	13,729.00
Secondhand Uniforms		95.00
BBC's	599.00	
General	50.00	
Xmas Craft Fair		
Chocolate Tombola	258.00	
Xmas Wreath Making	476.00	
Equipment Hire		
Hire of Hall	3,298.00	
interest rec'd	<u>4.00</u> 20,380.00	<u>16.00</u> 14,411.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>6,517.00</u>	<u>1,570.00</u>

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839

Balance Sheet as at	<u>31st March 2022</u>	<u>31st March 2021</u>
Fixed Assets		
Land & Buildings	52,160.00	52,160.00
Building Improvements	30,093.00	24,613.00
LESS Depreciation	<u>- 25,709.00</u> 4,384.00	<u>- 23,194.00</u> 1,419.00
Equipment at Cost	18,507.00	18,507.00
LESS Depreciation	<u>- 18,507.00</u> -	<u>- 18,507.00</u> -
Total Fixed Assets	<u>56,544.00</u>	<u>53,579.00</u>
Current Assets		
Balance at Bank- Group	25,529.00	22,916.00
unrestricted reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00
Sections etc.	11,704.00	7,891.00
Cash in Hand- Group		
Sections etc	43.00	54.00
	<u>52,276.00</u>	<u>45,861.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>108,820.00</u>	<u>99,440.00</u>
LESS Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	3,038.00	175.00
Net Assets	<u>105,782.00</u>	<u>99,265.00</u>
REPRESENTED BY-		
General Fund balance as at	1st April 2021	99,265.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	6,517.00	1,570.00
General Fund balance as at	31st March 2022	<u>105,782.00</u>
		<u>99,265.00</u>

Notes to accounts:

- 1 Covid 19
Challenges continued and the Group was unable to return to more normal meetings until the autumn, reduced subscriptions were sought. Fund raising activities re-commenced later in the year. By the end of the year membership and attendance had returned to pre-pandemic numbers.
- 2 Fixed Assets
Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life
Building Improvements 20% on cost
Equipment at Cost 25% on cost
- 3 Gift Aid
the reduced amount recognises the considerably reduced subscription income in the previous year
- 4 Grants Received
Restart Grant 8,000.00
Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant 2,667.00
Omicron TOP-UP for Hospitality & Leisure Grant 4,000.00
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant 396.00
15,063.00
- 5 Reserves
10,000.00 funds held in case of unforeseen circumstances
5,000.00 unused grant monies

Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf

26TH July 2022

Trustee


Trustee


1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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

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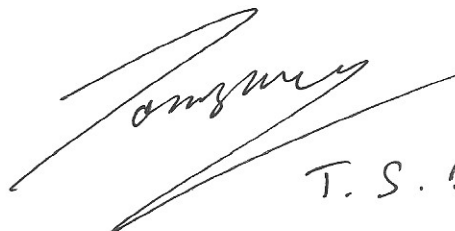
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T. S. B. LEE (RET'D)

12 JULY 2022

1ST CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305839

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1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Charity No: 305839

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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National Westminster Bank plc
Tunbridge Wells, Kent

1st CROWBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Chairman's Report

It's been another challenging year for 1st Crowborough and all scout groups, working within government and the scout association guidelines with regards to the Covid pandemic.

However, our long-standing group is blessed with a fantastic team of leaders, assisted by enthusiastic parents, guided by this committee of hard-working members especially the treasurer and secretary. As a result, the finances are healthy and the committee has been kept in line and actively working to keep the wheels turning and in the right direction.

Thankfully all sections are now back up and running, albeit with slightly reduced numbers. I'm sure once the word gets out the youngsters will come flooding back to join in with the excellent program of activities planned for them.

It wasn't easy getting certain building work done during lockdown or even getting together to do the simpler tasks undertaken by adult volunteers from within the group. The maintenance of the hall and surroundings is now being undertaken for the benefit of everyone.

Trustees

The trustees named on Page 1 have served during the year. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, which allows Warranted Leaders to opt-in as Trustees and for the Group Scout Council to elect others as is felt appropriate.

Investment Policy

The Group's Trustees are authorised to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity. However, the Group does not hold sufficient funds to invest and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy with all funds being held in cash using only banks or building societies that are included in the Financial Services Compensation Scheme

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Constitution, Objects and Policies

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts. Its governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The aim of which is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The reserves policy of the Group is to maintain sufficient funds to continue the charitable activities of the Group for a minimum period of 3 months should income and fundraising activities cease and also sufficient to meet any major unforeseen cost generated as a result of necessary maintenance to the Group's freehold property. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold circa £10,000 in this respect. The Group held reserves sufficient to meet this target at the year-end wholly in line with the policy.

The Sections hold sufficient funds to meet their immediate needs.

Public Benefit

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Financial View

Funds available are sufficient to permit the charity to continue in operation in the medium term.

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the charity trustees of the Group, which is an educational charity.

As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities including the registration, keeping of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

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 the property, the raising and administration of the Group's funds, the insurance of people, property and equipment, assisting with recruitment and appointment of necessary sub committees, administrators and advisors other than those elected.

The trustees are responsible for the identification of major risks and for safeguarding the resources of the charity and to this end the Group has in place insurances and internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. Damage to the building may require use of the premises of neighbouring organisations, reduced income could demand increased subscriptions, a material reduction in Leaders or members could result in a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.


Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on the 26th August 2021 and signed on their behalf

Trustee


Secretary

Trustee


President

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839
Year ending 31 March 2021

Income & Expenditure Account
for the period year ended

	<u>31st March 2021</u>		<u>31st March 2020</u>	
INCOME				
Subscriptions	4,185.00		23,108.00	
Less Capitation Paid	<u>7,830.00</u>		<u>11,826.00</u>	
Net Subscription income	-	3,645.00		11,282.00
		note 1		
Less Expenditure				
Headquarters				
Repairs and Maintenance	2,502.00		1,557.00	
Caretaking -				
Cleaners' wages	4,709.00	note 2	4,576.00	
materials	36.00		267.00	
Insurances	1,901.00		1,979.00	
Equipment purchases	1,503.00		5,319.00	
Telephone	190.00		193.00	
Web site	303.00		285.00	
Utilities -		note 1		
Gas	350.00		1,157.00	
Electricity	478.00		735.00	
Rates -				
Water	470.00		625.00	
Council	-		484.00	
Refuse disposal	361.00		450.00	
Fire security	<u>96.00</u>	12,899.00	<u>96.00</u>	17,723.00
Other Costs				
Printing & Stationery	80.00		153.00	
Gifts & Trophies	50.00		307.00	
Online Scout Manager	246.00		134.00	
Leaders' Uniforms	-		53.00	
Net cost of T shirts	365.00		84.00	
Cost of badges	758.00		1,468.00	
Net cost of Scarves	<u>-</u>	1,499.00	<u>152.00</u>	2,351.00
Depreciation		2,647.00		2,647.00
		note 3		
Camp				
Income	175.00		9,056.00	
less costs	<u>1,515.00</u>	1,340.00	<u>8,253.00</u>	803.00
		note 4		
Other Activities				
Section Activities and Events - income	194.00		4,788.00	
Section Activities and Events - costs	<u>1,171.00</u>	977.00	<u>3,277.00</u>	1,511.00
		note 4		
Excess of Expenditure over Income before Fundraising	-	23,007.00	-	9,125.00
Tax Recovered - Gift Aid		10,166.00		
		note 5		
Fund Raising Activities				
Donations	571.00		4,030.00	
Grants Received	13,729.00	note 6	6,000.00	
Secondhand Uniforms	95.00		40.00	
BBQ's	-		1,335.00	
Christmas Card Delivery	-		1,439.00	
Xmas Craft Fair	-		287.00	
Chocolate Tombola	-		307.00	
Xmas Wreath Making	-		403.00	
Hire of Hall	-		4,470.00	
Interest rec'd	<u>16.00</u>	14,411.00	<u>55.00</u>	18,366.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>1,570.00</u>		<u>9,241.00</u>

1st Crowborough Scout Group
Registered Charity no 305839

Balance Sheet as at

31st March 2021

31st March 2020

Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings		52,160.00		52,160.00
Building Improvements		24,613.00		24,613.00
LESS Depreciation	-	23,194.00	1,419.00	- 20,547.00
				4,066.00
Equipment at Cost		18,507.00		18,507.00
LESS Depreciation	-	18,507.00	-	- 18,507.00
Total Fixed Assets			53,579.00	56,226.00

Current Assets

Balance at Bank- Group		22,916.00		17,335.00
unrestricted reserve		15,000.00	note 7	10,000.00
Sections etc.		7,891.00		14,144.00
Cash in Hand- Group		-		281.00
Sections etc		54.00		113.00
			45,861.00	41,873.00
Total Assets			99,440.00	98,099.00

LESS Current Liabilities

Sundry Creditors			175.00	404.00
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Net Assets			<u>99,265.00</u>	<u>97,695.00</u>
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REPRESENTED BY-

General Fund balance as at	1st April 2020		97,695.00	88,454.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure			1,570.00	9,241.00
General Fund balance as at	31st March 2021		<u>99,265.00</u>	<u>97,695.00</u>

Notes to accounts:

- 1 Covid 19
Face to Face Scouting was not allowed during the term from Easter through to the summer. Returning in the autumn Face to Face meetings were allowed on a restricted basis outdoors. Whilst meetings continued online these met a mixed reception. Subscriptions were considerably reduced to reflect the loss of service provision. Loss of use of Headquarters resulted in reduced costs.
- 2 Cleaner's Wages
see note 6
- 3 Fixed Assets
Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life
Building Improvements 20% on cost
Equipment at Cost 25% on cost
- 4 Camp and Other Activities
Refunds of prepayments in previous year.
- 5 Gift Aid
The return was submitted bi-annually with the sum received relating to the years to 5 April 2019 & 2020
- 6 Grants Received
Covid 19 Business Support Grant 10000.00
Covid 19 Local Restrictions Support Grant 1334.00
HMRC Job Retention Scheme Grant 2395.00
13729.00
- 7 Reserves
£10,000 funds held in case of unforeseen circumstances
£5,000 unused grant monies

Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf

26th August

2021

Trustee

J. Shuttle
Secretary.

Trustee

7 *H. J. Ringe*
President

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

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees 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 Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

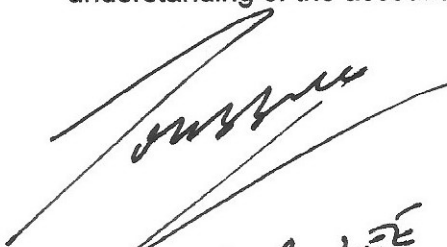
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


TOM. S. B. LEE
ACIB (Retired)

17 AUG 2021