



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024
Period end date

Period start date To

31st March 2025

Charity name: 1st Robertsbridge Scout Group

Charity registration number: 305901

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Our purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Scouts follow a planned programme to earn badges and activities include hiking, camping, cooking, bushcraft, archery, swimming, navigating, learning about others' faiths and beliefs and team building games.
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>It has been another successful year in 1st Robertsbridge Scout Group. We currently have 90 children attending across Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, providing them a welcoming and inclusive place to develop friendships, have fun, take part in adventures, and develop their skills for life. We have had 2 whole group events this year: Firstly, contributing to the village's 800 anniversary celebrations in June, which included building and parading soapboxes and running a stall with soft drinks and strawberries and cream. Secondly, in August we had a whole Group Camp at a Scouting Activity Centre in West Sussex, with 65 people on site under canvas taking part in a range of activities including climbing, archery, shooting and team-building challenges. Our oldest section, the Explorers, have had a busy year, completing Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and competing in events including the Overland Competition, the London Monopoly Challenge, and Dragon</p>

		<p>Boat racing (to name just a few), as well as regular camps and more local scouting activities. Along with a full programme of 'badge-earning' activities, Scouts were also able to visit the Bowles Activity Centre for a full day of abseiling, raft building and rock climbing. The younger sections (Cubs and Beavers) have had an equally busy year with activities ranging from fire lighting skills, hiking, pioneering, backwoods cooking, bell ringing, cricket, and visits to the fire station to learn about fire safety. All Sections within the Group have had young people achieving their top awards, including another Explorer being presented with his King's Scout Award (the highest youth award that can be achieved). We are very proud of each and every one of our members!</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves Policy The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 5 months running costs, circa £5000. The Group held reserves of approximately £26000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, the Group has issued an Invitation to Tender for some extensive works and this work will cost in the area of £15000 to £18000 so reducing the reserves substantially.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investment Policy The Group's Income and Expenditure is normally quite low although the Group has previously received Government Grants as a result of Covid. As a consequence it does not generally have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service. The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Robertsbridge Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	305901
Charity's principal address	Scout Headquarters Bennett's Yard Station Road Robertsbridge TN32 5DE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Giles Stokoe			
2	David Ashby	Treasurer		
3	Simon Longhurst	Chairman	11 th October 2024	
4	Alice Calvert		11 th October 2024	
5	Toby Walsh		11 th October 2024	
6	Neil Gofton		11 th October 2024	
7	Julie Dewis		11 th October 2024	
8	Hayley Chabilan		1 st April 2024 – 11 th October 2024	
9	Richard Hazell		1 st April 2024 – 11 th October 2024	
10	Harriett Thompson		1 st April 2024 – 11 th October 2024	
11	Amanda McIntyre		1 st April 2024 – 11 th October 2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

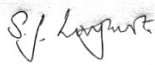
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Simon J Longhurst

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

15/01/2026

1st Robertsbridge Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donation	2,125	2,907
Donations towards Gibraltar Trip	3,450	-
Membership subscriptions (net of refunds)	8,481	9,018
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	-4,329
<i>Net membership subscriptions retained</i>	<u>14,056</u>	<u>7,596</u>
Youth programme and activities (net of refunds)	4,978	4,028
Gibraltar Trip contributions	5,050	-
Gift Aid	-	-
Uniform/equipment Sales	301	373
<i>Sub total</i>	<u>10,329</u>	<u>4,401</u>
<i>Grants</i>		
Other grants	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fundraising (gross)</i>		
Detail 1 Amazon Smile	-	38
Easy Fund-raising	31	51
Giveasyoulive	73	20
St Georges Day	390	-
Bingo	856	1,000
AGM	204	-
Xmas Capers	180	-
Book Fair/BBQ	579	-
Other fundraising events	126	-
<i>Sub total</i>	<u>2,439</u>	<u>1,109</u>
Total receipts	<u><u>26,824</u></u>	<u><u>13,106</u></u>
Payments		
Youth programme and activities (excluding refunds)	8,218	3,893
Gibraltar Trip costs	11,353	1,961
Rates	494	245
Utility	694	712
Insurance	786	1,164
Subscriptions	-	30
Materials and equipment	157	429
Uniforms	1,406	1,916
Building Repairs/Improvements	14,698	-

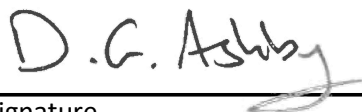
Bank Charges	696	509
Donations	-	25
Fundraising	80	120
Admin	354	203
Hire Costs	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	<u>38,936</u>	<u>11,207</u>
Total payments	<u><u>38,936</u></u>	<u><u>11,207</u></u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	(12,112)	1,899
Purchase of assets	(100)	(2,092)
Cash funds last year end	<u>25,784</u>	<u>25,977</u>
Cash funds this year end	<u><u>13,572</u></u>	<u><u>25,784</u></u>

1st Robertsbridge Scout Group
Statement of assets and liabilities
Year ended 31 March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	12,829	25,322
Expense cards	503	222
Cash Floats	240	240
Total cash funds	<u>13,572</u>	<u>25,784</u>
Other monetary assets		
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Sub total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Land and buildings	178,000	178,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	10,826	10,726
Sub total	<u>188,826</u>	<u>188,726</u>
Contingent liabilities and future obligations	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

Signature



Signature

Date

Simon Longhurst (Chair)

02/09/2025

Date

David Ashby (Treasurer)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

1st Robertsbridge Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

305901

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's
statement

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

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

N.A.W.

Date:

01/09/25

Name:

Neil Whines

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA

Address:

Springfield
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Mountfield
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Section B

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