

1ST STRATTON ST MARGARET SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 305940

Details

Other names 1ST STRATTON ST MARGARET BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-10-09

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

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Activities

Objects: 1ST STRATTON ST. MARGARET BOY SCOUT GROUP

Activities: To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. By providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, and guided by adult leadership.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** STRATTON ST. MARGARET AND DISTRICT
- Swindon
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£63,242	£66,647	-	-
2024-03-31	£43,873	£40,511	-	-
2023-03-31	£49,134	£66,365	-	-
2022-03-31	£53,155	£38,191	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,370	£11,799	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Jones	Chair	2017-07-01
Christabel Banks-Coffey		2024-06-01
Claire Young		2024-06-01
Richard Stockdale		2024-06-01
Robert Woods		2015-06-19
Rosalind Gould		2017-07-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Scout HQ, Taylor Crescent, Kingsdown Park

Stratton St Margaret

Swindon

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

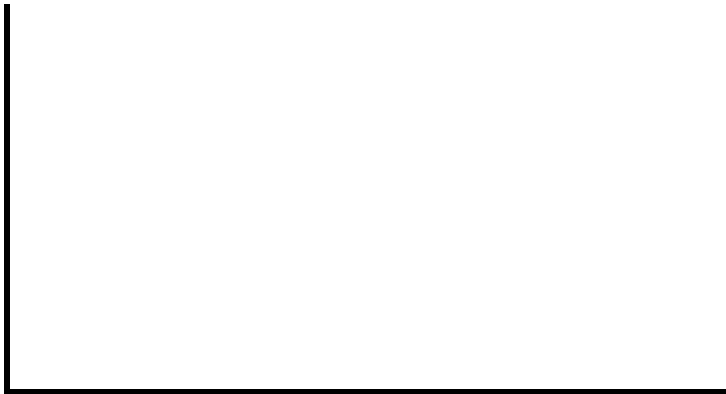
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	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Alan Jones	Chair	
2	Richard Stockdale	Secretary	
3	Claire Young	Treasurer	
4	Rob Woods	Group Lead Volunteer	
5	Christabel Banks	Trustee	
6	Rosalind Gould	Trustee	till 01/02/2025
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		



Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>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 a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Purpose of Scouting</p> <p>Scouting exists 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</p> <p>As Scouts we are guided by these values:</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method</p> <p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. As a Group the main activities during the last twelve months have been to recover stabilise and grow our youth and volunteer numbers.

All sections have been reaffirming scout skills and engaging the young people with a continued varied programme.

Scouts have had a busy year working towards many badges including Chief Scout Awards.

Cubs have had a fun year with lots of varied activities.

Beavers have had a good and balanced programme while embedding a new leadership team. They have worked on many badges and challenges.

Squirrels is steady on numbers learning lots and having great fun.

The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.

The group also has a partnered **Explorer** Scout Unit (Pegasus).

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Maintaining numbers and settling in new volunteers with the group feeling more settled and bonded across all sections.



Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

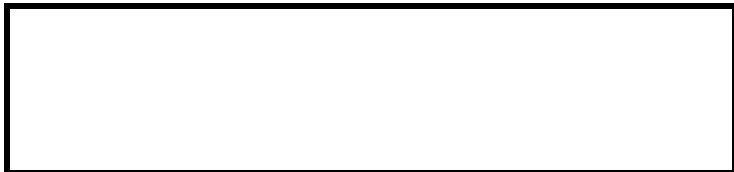
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Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)



Further financial review details (optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Investment Policy

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Section F Other Optional Information

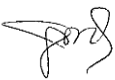
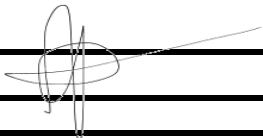
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The plans for the future are to continue to strengthen the Leadership teams and Trustee Board in order to continue to provide a full and varied programme for young people. There are also plans to build on the excellent facilities we currently have and ongoing improvements within the building.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rob Woods	Alan Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Lead Volunteer	Group Chair of Trustees
Date	2 1 0 8 2 5	

	2024-2025	2023-2024
Income		
3rd Party Hall Hires (Camping)	1,425.00	730.00
Bank Interest	15.00	0.00
Donation	8,937.68	1,081.52
Events	3,349.24	3,438.50
Events - Beavers	405.00	0.00
Events - Cubs	870.00	1,559.00
Events - Explorers	11,145.94	13,549.03
Events - Scouts	4,576.00	130.00
Fundraising	0.00	1,122.91
Gift Aid	10,159.87	0.00
Identity - Hoodies, TShirts	1,268.40	531.77
Meeting - Squirrels	0.00	9.49
Membership Fees	17,166.10	16,335.13
Personal Expense	0.00	30.98
Rent	3,924.00	5,320.00
Venue Maintenance	0.00	35.00
Expense		
Activity Equipment	1,675.01	214.10
Admin	702.52	364.19
Badges	645.87	588.98
Bank Fees	0.00	10.00
Camping Equipment	1,472.02	941.97
Events	499.98	991.27
Events - Beavers	320.52	0.00
Events - Cubs	980.50	1,861.58
Events - Explorers	10,126.09	12,585.37
Events - Scouts	4,506.12	928.95
Events - Squirrels	147.05	0.00
Identity - Hoodies, Tshirts	1,500.56	965.83
Insurance	1,896.60	1,584.28
Meetings	133.50	90.00
Meetings - Beavers	123.75	358.31
Meetings - Cubs	237.09	658.25
Meetings - Explorers	689.43	377.99
Meetings - Scouts	600.77	228.93
Meetings - Squirrels	83.57	347.85
Membership Costs	6,362.50	5,195.48
Personal Expense	0.00	30.98
Rent	0.00	1,500.00
Training	56.00	100.00
Utilities	2,925.37	4,345.41
Venue Maintenance	30,961.73	6,303.97

Account balances		
Pegasus ESU	3,165.07	3,048.55
Expense Account	1,067.74	1,191.26
1st Stratton Lloyds	35,474.81	36,561.72
Cubs Lloyds Account	0.00	2,432.01
Petty Cash Float/Tin for Event	121.60	0.00
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	43,233.54	39,933.90
Total income	63,242.23	43,873.33
Total expenditure	66,646.55	40,573.69
Net income	-3,404.32	3,299.64
Account balance carried forward	39,829.22	43,233.54

England & Wales

Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

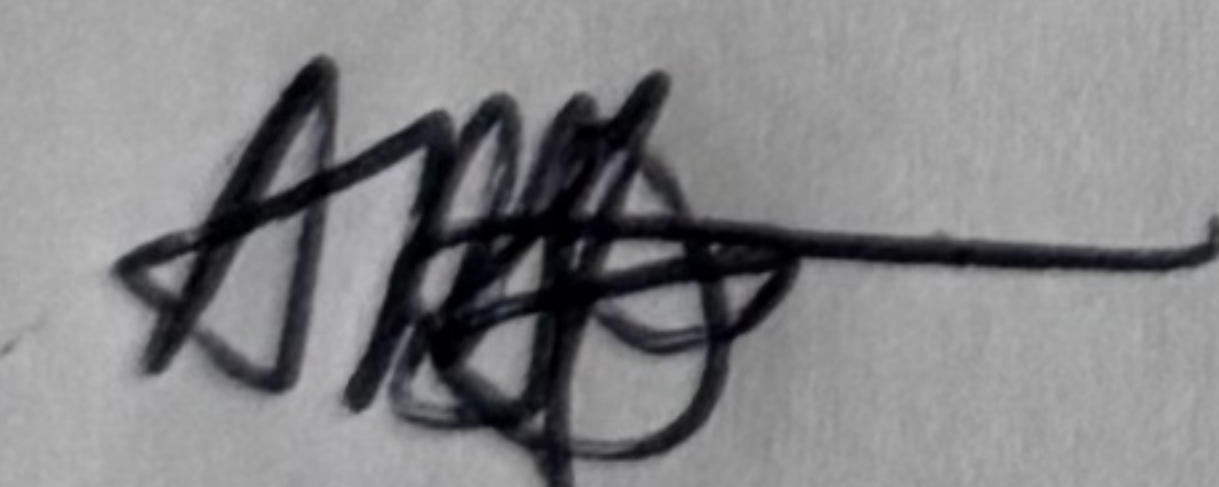
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name:

ANDREW MAESTON

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

ACCA

Address:

26 Fairfields, Leiswick, Leicester LE16 7BQ

Date:

15/07/2025

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For the period

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
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	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Alan Jones	Chair	
2	Steve Bindon	Secretary	31/03/2024
3	VACANT	Treasurer	
4	Robert Woods	Group Scout Leader	
5	Joanne Davies	Beaver Scout Leader	
6	Jason Woodfield	Cub Scout Leader	
7	Don Best	Parent Representative	
8	Roz Gould	Parent Representative	
9	Colum O'Connor	Squirrel Leader	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and 11 times per year.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the 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 sub committees that may be required;
 Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

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Beavers - Beavers have had a good and balanced programme while embedding a new leadership team. They have worked on many badges and challenges. The colony is around 20 Beavers

Squirrels section is steady with between 10-12 squirrels learning lots and having great fun.

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Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Successful opening of Squirrels increasing our support for Young People

Section E	Financial Review
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Rob Woods	Alan Jones
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader	Group Chair
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Date

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2023-2024

Income		Comments	
3rd Party Hall Hires (Camping)	£	730.00	
Donation	£	1,081.52	
Events	£	3,438.50	Joint section events
Events - Cubs	£	1,559.00	
Events - Explorers	£	13,549.03	
Events - Scouts	£	130.00	
Fundraising	£	1,122.91	Scout post
Identity - Hoodies, TShirts	£	531.77	Hoodies
Meeting - Squirrels	£	9.49	refunds from purchases
Membership Fees	£	16,335.13	
Personal Expense	£	30.98	
Rent	£	5,320.00	Long Term Hire - Includes Explorers in 23/24
Venue Maintenance	£	35.00	negative from venue maintenance
Expense			
Activity Equipment	£	214.10	
Admin	£	364.19	
Badges	£	588.98	
Bank Fees	£	10.00	Closure of Equals Cards
Camping Equipment	£	941.97	
Events	£	991.27	Camps/Events
Events - Cubs	£	1,861.58	
Events - Explorers	£	12,026.37	
Events - Scouts	£	928.95	
Identity - Hoodies, Tshirts	£	965.83	
Insurance	£	1,584.28	
Meetings	£	90.00	Youth Programme and activities
Meetings - Beavers	£	358.31	
Meetings - Cubs	£	658.25	
Meetings - Explorers	£	873.99	
Meetings - Scouts	£	228.93	
Meetings - Squirrels	£	347.85	
Membership Costs	£	5,195.48	Includes fees for OSM and Capatation
Personal Expense	£	30.98	zeroed out with above
Rent	£	1,500.00	Internal Costs Explorers to Group
Training	£	100.00	
Utilities	£	4,345.41	
Venue Maintenance	£	6,303.97	Including Cleaning costs.
Account balances			
Pegasus ESU	£	3,048.55	
Expense Account	£	1,191.26	+ £63 missing receipt accrual
1st Stratton Lloyds	£	36,561.72	
Cubs Lloyds Account	£	2,432.01	
Summary			
Account balance brought forward	£	39,933.90	
Total income	£	43,873.33	42,792.00
Total expenditure	£	40,510.69	
Net income	£	3,362.64	43,296.54
Account balance carried forward	£	43,233.54	

2023-2024

3rd Party Hall Hires (Camping)	£ 730.00
Donation	£ 1,081.52
Events across all Sections	£ 18,676.53
Fundraising	£ 1,122.91 Scout post
Identity - Hoodies, TShirts	£ 531.77 Hoodies
Membership Fees (Subs) across all sections	£ 16,335.13
Rent	£ 5,320.00 Long Term Hire - Includes Explorers in 23/24

Expense

Activity & Camping Equipment	£ 1,156.07
Admin & Bank Fees	£ 374.19
Badges	£ 588.98
Event Costs across all sections	£ 15,808.17 Camps/Events
Identity - Hoodies, Tshirts	£ 965.83
Insurance	£ 1,584.28

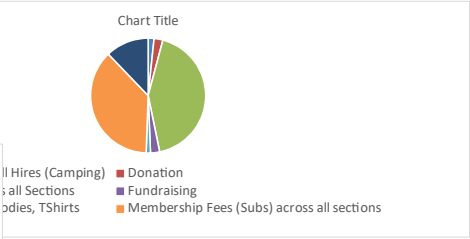
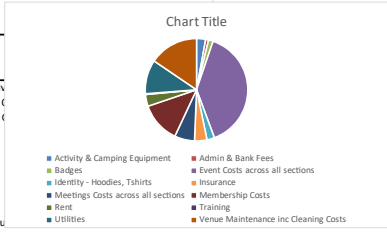
Meetings Costs across all sections	£ 2,547.84 Youth Programme and activ
Membership Costs	£ 5,195.48 Includes fees for OSM and C
Rent	£ 1,500.00 Internal Costs Explorers to C
Training	£ 100.00
Utilities	£ 4,345.41
Venue Maintenance inc Cleaning Costs	£ 6,268.97 Including Cleaning costs.

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Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 02/04/2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name:Claire Young
Address:73 Godwin Road.....
.....Stratton St Margaret.....
.....Swindon.....
.....SN3 4XF.....
Date:02/06/2024.....

1ST STRATTON ST MARGARET SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305940

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

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Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Scout HQ, Taylor Crescent, Kingsdown Park																																							
Stratton St Margaret																																							
Swindon																																							
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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5	Joanne Davies	Beaver Scout Leader	
6	Jason Woodfield	Cub Scout Leader	
7	Don Best	Parent Representative	
8	Roz Gould	Parent Representative	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and 11 times per year.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the 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 sub committees that may be required;
 Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>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 a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</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 these objects	<p>The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. As a Group the main activities during the last twelve months have</p>
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been to recover stabilise and grow our youth and volunteer numbers.

All sections have been reaffirming scout skills and engaging the young people with a continued varied programme.

Scouts have had a busy year with getting back camping and working towards many badges including Chief Scout Awards.

The Unit has been steady at around 30 in number.

Cubs have had a fun year with lots of varied activities.

They have a strong and large pack of 25

Beavers - Beavers have had a good and balanced programme while embedding a new leadership team.

They have worked on many badges and challenges. The colony is around 20 Beavers

Our new Squirrels section has growing well with between 10-12 squirrels learning lots and having great fun.

The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Successful opening of Squirrels increasing our support for Young People

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £6,500 but this is increasing to £7,500 based on current bill increases.

The Group held reserves of approximately £37,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the increased grant income due to Covid 19. This will allow the Group to complete a number of projects that have been planned for some time, for which the finances have not been available previously. These are in the planning / implementation phases.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

The plans for the future are to continue to strengthen the Leadership teams and Executive committee in order to continue to provide a full and varied programme for young people.

There are also plans to build on the excellent facilities we currently have, including the renewal of a large part of the fencing and improvements within the building.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Rob Woods	Alan Jones
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader	Group Chair
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Date

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1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01 April 2022	To	31 March 2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	£ 11,768.27	£ 7,743.21
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-£ 3,432.00	-£ 2,480.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	£ 8,336.27	£ 5,263.21
Donations	£ 150.00	£ 20.00
Legacies	£ -	£ -
Gift Aid	£ 1,954.12	£ 1,585.43
Other similar income	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 10,440.39	£ 6,868.64
Grants		
Maintenence grant	£ -	£ -
Other grants	£ 22,619.00	£ 40,712.00
Sub total	£ 22,619.00	£ 40,712.00
Fundraising (gross)		
Scout post (net of deductions)	£ 1,220.44	£ 768.40
Short term hall hire	£ 700.00	£ 406.00
Long term hall hire	£ 3,730.00	£ 1,797.00
Activities/Events	£ 1,536.18	£ 1,139.75
Camps	£ 2,027.37	£ 879.16
Other fundraising activities	£ 2,871.50	£ 584.33
Sub total	£ 12,085.49	£ 5,574.64
Investment income		
Bank interest	£ -	£ -
Building Society interest	£ -	£ -
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ -	£ -
Property Rent income	£ -	£ -
Other investment income	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Total Gross Income	£ 45,144.88	£ 53,155.28
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 45,144.88	£ 53,155.28

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01 April 2022	To	31 March 2023
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Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	£ 2,620.31	£ 1,891.70
Camps	£ 3,541.56	£ 954.24
Adult support and training	£ 84.28	-£ 170.00
Rent	£ -	£ -
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage	£ 1,807.10	£ 552.14
Insurance	£ 1,519.42	£ 1,408.78
Repairs and Renewals	£ 43,543.89	£ 19,141.00
Materials and equipment	£ 2,828.24	£ 12,516.45
Uniforms	£ 2,878.12	£ 1,638.00
AGM and trustee expenses	£ -	£ -
Training	£ 293.91	£ 258.23
Admin	£ 5.99	£ -
Other costs detail 3		£ -
Sub total	£ 59,122.82	£ 38,190.54
Fundraising expenses		
Activities	£ -	£ -
Detail 2		
Detail 3		
Other fundraising costs	£ 1,674.50	£ -
Sub total	£ 1,674.50	£ -
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 60,797.32	£ 38,190.54
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£ -	£ -
Total payments	£ 60,797.32	£ 38,190.54
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£ 15,652.44	£ 14,964.74
Cash funds last year end	£ 53,472.34	£ 38,507.60
Cash funds this year end	£ 37,819.90	£ 53,472.34

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	£ 36,990.03	£ 52,103.04
Bank deposit account	£ -	£ -
Building society account	£ -	£ -
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ -	£ -
Cash/Floats (inc pre-paid cards)	£ 814.87	£ 1,369.30
Total cash funds	£ 37,804.90	£ 53,472.34
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	£ -	£ -
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	£ -	£ -
Insurance claim	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	£ -	£ -
Quoted investments	£ -	£ -
Other investments - detail	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	£ -	£ -
Shop stock	£ -	£ -
Other stock	£ -	£ -
Land and buildings	£ 220,000.00	£ 220,000.00
Motor vehicles	£ -	£ -
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 8,000.00	£ 8,000.00
Other	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 228,000.00	£ 228,000.00
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	£ 360.00	£ -
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£ -	£ -
Subscriptions not yet paid	£ 125.00	£ -
Loan - detail	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 485.00	£ -

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **Xth** **XXXXX** 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

Chair
Treasurer

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended31st March 2023.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group’s constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages ...1..... to ...3.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name:Claire Young.....

Address:73 Godwin Road.....

.....Swindon.....

.....SN3 4XF.....

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Date:

1ST STRATTON ST MARGARET SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305940

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

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Registered charity number (if any)

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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. As a Group the main activities during the last twelve months have been to recover from COVID slow down and drop in numbers. All sections have been reaffirming scout skills and engaging the young people with a continued varied programme. Scouts have had a busy year with getting back camping and working towards many badges including Chief Scout Awards. The Unit has been steady at around 30 in number. Cubs have had a fun year with lots of varied activities. They have a strong and large pack of 25 Beavers - Beavers have had a good and balanced programme while embedding a new leadership team. They have worked on many badges and challenges. The colony is around 20 Beavers. The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteer with growth plans going into 2022 for new Squirrels section and potential new units in other sections.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

It has been a challenging year for the Group, as for many people / organisations. Coming out of COVID meant resetting expectations on the young people and how to 'scout' through each section. But all have taken up the challenge with the sections growing coming into the new year and expected high numbers of Chief Scout awards.

The group has partnered up with a new Explorer Section provision that is using the hall to provide better access for 14-18yr olds. Also during the year the plans to open Squirrels have been working through with a plan to open in May 2022.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £6,500 but this is increasing to £7,500 based on current bill increases.

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Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

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Further financial review details (optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Investment Policy The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

The plans for the future are to continue to strengthen the Leadership teams and Executive committee in order to continue to provide a full and varied programme for young people. There are also plans to build on the excellent facilities we currently have, including the renewal of a large part of the fencing and improvements within the building.
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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rob Woods	Alan Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Scout Leader	Group Chair
Date	1 6 0 5 2 2	

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01 April 2021	To	31 March 2022
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Receipts and payments

	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	7,743	6,641
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 2,480	- 1,936
Net membership subscriptions retained	5,263	4,705
Donations	20	105
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	1,585	3,610
Other similar income	-	111
Sub total	6,869	8,531
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	40,712	27,717
Sub total	40,712	27,717
Fundraising (gross)		
Scout post (net of deductions)	768	-
Short term hall hire	406	-
Long term hall hire	1,797	440
Activities/Events	1,140	-
Camps	879	-
Other fundraising activities	584	681
Sub total	5,575	1,121
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Income	53,155	37,370
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	53,155	37,370

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01 April 2021	To	31 March 2022
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Receipts and payments

	2021/22	2020/21
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	1,892	236
Camps	954	20
Adult support and training	- 170	9
Rent	-	-
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage	552	600
Insurance	1,409	1,254
Repairs and Renewals	19,141	8,405
Materials and equipment	12,516	833
Uniforms	1,638	372
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Training	258	-
Admin	-	108
Other costs detail 3	-	-
Sub total	38,191	11,799
Fundraising expenses		
Activities	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	38,191	11,799
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	38,191	11,799
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,965	25,571
Cash funds last year end	38,508	12,937
Cash funds this year end	53,472	38,508


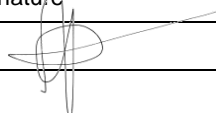
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2022 Unrestricted funds £	31 March 2021 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	52,103	37,795
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats (inc pre-paid cards)	1,369	713
Total cash funds	53,472	38,508
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	220,000	220,000
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	8,000	8,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	228,000	228,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	10,824
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	450
Sub total	-	11,274

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16th May 2022 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

	
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Print Name

A Jones	Chair
J Wright	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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Signed:



Name: Kalpesh Patel

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

Address: 12 Bevisland, Swindon, SN3 6AL

Date: 13 May 2022

1ST STRATTON ST MARGARET SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 305940

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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 to end date

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Scout HQ, Taylor Crescent, Kingsdown Park							
Stratton St Margaret							
Swindon							
Postcode	S	N	3		4	U	X

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Alan Jones	Chair	
2	Steve Bindon	Secretary	
3	Joe Wright	Treasurer	
4	Robert Woods	Group Scout Leader	
5	Joanne Davies	Beaver Scout Leader	
6	Jason Woodfield	Cub Scout Leader	
7	Matt Lee	Scout Leader	
8	Don Best	Parent Representative	
9	Roz Gould	Parent Representative	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
None		

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and 11 times per year.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the 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 sub committees that may be required;
Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
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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 a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting
 Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The 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.

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation

The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. As a Group the main activities during the last twelve months have been to support sections in providing a programme to their young people and continue with hall repairs.

All sections have been attempting to run some sort of remote programme when they haven't been able to meet face to face.

Scouts have run a consistent programme via zoom or face to face when allowed. The troop has been at around 15 online and 20-25 when back face to face.

Cubs have struggled with online but managed to run badges from home via OSM but didn't have much uptake. Between lockdowns they did return back face to face. The pack is being rebuilt numbers wise with approx 15 on returning to face to face

Beavers have spent the last year online only but have had good numbers and run a good and balanced programme with good support from parents.

They have worked on many badges and challenges. The colony is around 15 Beavers

The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

It has been a challenging year for the Group, as for many people / organisations. For most of the year, the Sections have not been able to meet face to face. When they could, it has been remembering basic scout skills and being outside to support their mental health.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £6,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £13,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the increased grant income due to Covid 19. This will allow the Group to complete a number of projects that have been planned for some time, for which the finances have not been available previously. These are in the planning / implementation phases.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

The plans for the future are to continue to strengthen the Leadership teams and Executive committee in order to continue to provide a full and varied programme for young people. The Group is also planning to set up a partnership with the District to establish an Explorers group and are investigating the possibility of starting a pre-Beaver age group, when the Scout Association proceeds with these plans.


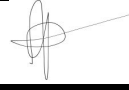
There are also plans to build on the excellent facilities we currently have, including the renewal of a large part of the fencing and improvements within the building.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

R Woods	A Jones
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader	Chair
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Date

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1st Stratton St Margaret Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01 April 2020	To	31 March 2021
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Receipts and payments

	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	6,641	7,145
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 1,936	- 2,394
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,705	4,751
Donations	105	25
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	3,610	-
Other similar income	111	-
Sub total	8,531	4,776
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	27,717	2,084
Sub total	27,717	2,084
Fundraising (gross)		
Scout post (net of deductions)	-	1,015
Short term hall hire	-	578
Long term hall hire	440	1,600
Activities/Events	-	849
Camps	-	2,194
Other fundraising activities	681	211
Sub total	1,121	6,446
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Income	37,370	13,307
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	37,370	13,307

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	236	2,124
Camps	-	1,890
Adult support and training	9	1,023
Rent	-	-
Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage	600	2,235
Insurance	1,254	1,124
Repairs and Renewals	8,405	949
Materials and equipment	833	1,366
Uniforms	372	340
AGM and trustee expenses	-	46
Training	-	-
Admin	108	172
Other costs detail 3		-
Sub total	11,799	11,270
Fundraising expenses		
Activities	-	-
Detail 2	-	-
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	11,799	11,270
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	11,799	11,270
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,571	2,037
Cash funds last year end	12,937	10,900
Cash funds this year end	38,508	12,937

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31 March 2021 Unrestricted funds £	31 March 2020 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	37,795	12,860
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats (inc pre-paid cards)	713	77
Total cash funds	38,508	12,937
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	220,000	220,000
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	8,000	8,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	228,000	228,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	10,824	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities - Fees received for postponed Tomahawk course	450	450
Sub total	11,274	450

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 13th May 2021 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

A. Jones	Chair
J. Wright	Treasurer

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

Address: **12 BEVISLAND SWINDON SN3 6AL**

Date: **10/5/2021**