

**1ST WOOTTON BASSETT SCOUT GROUP
C/O 1 RADCOT CLOSE
SWINDON
WILTSHIRE**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

IST WOOTTON BASSETT SCOUT GROUP

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
305950

Principal address
c/o 1 Radcot Close
Nine Elms
Swindon
SN5 5UY

Trustees

R Wilson	Chairperson
S King	Treasurer
S Milner	Group Scout Leader
D Robbins	Section Leader
A McKee	Section Leader
C Green	Quartermaster (Resigned 29th September 2023)
O Renals	Trustee
D. Scott	Secretary

Independent Examiner

Chris Vaughan
Accountants
195 Ermin Street
Swindon
Wiltshire
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. (e.g. trust, association, company).

Organisational structure

The Group is managed by the Trustee Board, 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.

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets 4 times per year

Members of the Trustee Board complete the assigned training as directed by the Scout Association national team within the first 5 months of joining..

This Group Trustee Board 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.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

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

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.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our achievement has been ensuring the young members have continued their learning experience of both life skills and community worth whilst having fun.

Our performance can be seen with our numbers, going up and down with the demographic, which highlights the desire for scouting to continue.

FINANCIAL REVIEW


Investment policy and objectives

The Group has acquired funds over time that could be used for investment. The Group is investigating acquiring new land to develop a new HQ on. As such, 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. This is to ensure the Group's ability to respond promptly if an opportunity arises for new land acquisition.

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 12 months' running costs, circa £10,000. The Group held reserves of approximately £22,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by a decrease in income and a increase in expenditure

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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R Wilson - Chairperson

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

You consider that the audit requirement of Section 144 Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145 (5) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and the seeking of 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 financial statements 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 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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 financial statements to be reached.

C. Vaughan
Chris Vaughan
195 Ermin Street
Stratton St Margaret
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Date 18th September 2024

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance Brought Forward	98922	95154
<u>Receipts</u>		
Donations	3289	2779
Fundraising	2519	3126
Subscriptions	13879	13365
Subscriptions held as Agent	(5265)	(5676)
	8614	7689
Section Income	13935	13500
Rents Received	320	400
Bank Interest	816	169
Other Income	<u>128</u>	<u>488</u>
	128543	123305
<u>Payments</u>		
Badges	1141	1288
Insurance	2111	2235
Light and Heat	2242	2760
Office Costs	74	30
Repairs and Renewals	3239	1206
Cleaning	825	799
Section Expenditure	2417	3180
Youth Programmes and Activities	15605	12090
Legal and Professional Fees	2565	26
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>2209</u>	<u>769</u>
	32428	24383
Balance Carried Forward	96115	98922
	<u>£128543</u>	<u>£123305</u>
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