



1st Disley Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 01 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

Charity Name

1st Disley Scout Group

Charity Number

503379

Scout HQ Reg No.

10035777

Charity Address

Station Approach, Disley, Stockport SK12 2AE

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
Matthew Fox	Chair	
James Taylor	Secretary	From 17/09/23
Natasha Fox	Treasurer	
Carl Mitchell	Acting Group Scout Leader	
Lisa Ashwood	Explorer Leader	
Louise Dandy	Cubs Leader	From 01/09/23
Grant Mitchell	Scout Leader	
Faye Ferri	Beaver Leader	From 17/09/23
Lucy Mitchell	Beaver Leader	
Rhiannon Adams	Beaver Leader	
Pete Lofthouse	Trustee Board Member	
Chris Adams	Trustee Board Member	
Tony Dean	Trustee Board Member	From 17/09/23
Gareth Roberts	Trustee Board Member	From 17/09/23
Gavin Owen	Secretary	Until 17/09/23
Pete Binns	Explorer Leader	Until 17/09/23
Andy MacGilvery	Trustee Board Member	Until 17/09/23

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
Legal	Rhodri McDonald	
Accounts (sign-off)	Nick Christodoulou	

Section B Structure, governance and management

(Description of the charity's trusts)

Type of governing document

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

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

Trustee selection methods

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

Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group 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 Trustee Group 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 meets every 6 weeks.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential Information for Trustee Board' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

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.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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

Summary of the objects of the charity's trusts

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 to these objects

Weekly Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer meetings where members enjoy various indoor and outdoor activities. All activities are designed to be inclusive to ensure individuals are not left out.

Badge activities encourage members to work hard and work together to achieve goals and earn rewards.

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

Fund raising event at the Disley Amalgamated (Bingo and Quiz)
Secured funding from charitable sources
Multiple camps including Drum Hill

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to hold sufficient funds in the Group's business current account and in the accounts allocated to each section of the Group to run regular activities and make regular payments without recourse to other funds. In addition, the trustees aim to maintain a long-term fund, with the intention of being able to pay for legal and professional fees associated with the purchase of a new building or a new site should this become necessary on the expiry of the Group's current lease.

The Group held reserves of approximately £44k against this at year end. This is maintained in case the scout hut requires replacing.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods

Renovation of hut exterior to provide a safer and larger area for outdoor activities

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	<i>Matthew Fox</i>
Full Name	Matthew Fox
Position	Chair
Date	10/09/2024

Comments for Treasurers Report

Highlights:

Bank balance has increased by £4770. This includes Gift Aid of £3345 which can be claimed back from the subs paid. The Group has raised £690 through various events and received £3012 through grants. £1550 has been earned from donations from the Guides and Brownies for use of the hut. £512 has been donated to the Group. £690 has been raised with fundraising events such as bingo and BBQs. £2824 has been spent on new equipment, including tables for the hut, tents and groundsheets .

There was significantly more sections income and expenditure than last year, which reflects the amount of activities being engaged in.

Subs were down £477 from last year. This is due to an issue with collecting the Subs from Explorers. This has since been rectified.

In August 2023, the Scout Association closed all their Long Term Savings accounts provisions. The money was transferred into the current account and was subsequently moved to a new, high interest long term saver. Interest of £997 was earned in the short period remaining to the financial year end. This account is designed to ensure long term financial viability.

	2024		2023		2022		2021			2017	
Opening Cash Balances	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense		Income	Expense
Subs	4643		5120		5480		4136.82			7294	
Fund Raising	690	386	62	208	713	476	200	0		1612	401
Donations	5074		1800		9529		10865.51			17	
Equipment		2824		1224		2372		1668.76			475
Other	4342	55	2234	766	45	0	2087.34	579.15		2418	60
HQ Expenses		4894		6495		9268		2434.75			1411
Sections money	12811	14632	7838	9503	6457	7670	388	1,904		10,812	15,709
Total	27,561	22,792	17,053	18,196	22,225	19,787	17,677	6,587		22,153	18,056
Closing Cash Balances		66,346		61,577		62,720		60,282			42,268

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Executive Accounts for Year Ending 31.03.2024

Account Balances at 31.3.23			Account Balances at 31.3.24		
Balance in Current Account 31.03.23	£13,567.23		Balance in Current Account 31.3.24	£16,201.65	
Balance in Long Term Account 31.03.23	£43,723.93		Balance in Long Term Account 31.3.24	£44,730.11	
Balance in Section Account 31.03.23	£4,285.65	£61,576.81	Balance in Section Account 31.03.24	£5,414.67	£66,346.43
Transfers to Current Account	£0.56		Transfers from Current Account	£2,960.00	
Transfers to Long Term Account	£10.00		Transfers from Long Term Account	£0.56	
Transfers to Section Account	£2,950.00		Transfers from Section Account	£0.00	
		£64,537.37			£69,306.99
Income			Expenditure		
Interest	£996.74		H.Q.Running	£4,894.02	
Net Subscriptions (after capitation payment)	£4,643.12		Fund Raising	£386.18	
Fund Raising	£690.22		Sundries	£55.00	
Grants & Donations	£5,074.32		Badges & Uniform	£599.99	
Inland Revenue Grant Aid	£3,345.42		Sections Expenditure (minus transfers)	£14,632.31	
Sundries	£0.00		Training	£0.00	
Sections Income (minus transfers)	£12,811.33		Equipment	2,224.03	
Gross Income		£27,561.15	Gross Expenditure		£22,791.53
Total		£92,098.52	Total		£92,098.52
Note			£0.00		

Note

Subscriptions are shown net of capitation payment of	6045.5
and GoCardless fees of	373.38
Section income net of GoCardless fees of	591.42
GoCardless fees 0.75% plus 15p per transaction	

Independently Verified by:

Date:

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Date:

2/8/24