



1st Disley Scout Group Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 01 Apr 2024 – 31 Mar 2025

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 | |
| Natasha Fox | Treasurer | Until 31/12/2024 |
| Paul Smith | Treasurer | From 01/01/2025 |
| Carl Mitchell | Acting Group Scout Leader | |
| Lisa Ashwood | Explorer Leader | |
| Louise Dandy | Cubs Leader | |
| Grant Mitchell | Scout Leader | |
| Rhiannon Adams | Beaver Leader | |
| Pete Lofthouse | Trustee Board Member | |
| Chris Adams | Trustee Board Member | |
| Tony Dean | Trustee Board Member | |
| Gareth Roberts | Trustee Board Member | |
| Lucy Mitchell | Trustee Board Member | Until 21/09/2024 |
| Faye Ferri | Trustee Board Member | Until 21/09/2024 |

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 (Disco run by Explorers)

Secured funding from charitable sources

Multiple camps including Drum Hill

Preliminary work to improve usability of hut including soundproofing and breakout room

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

Explore options for redevelopment of the hut to provide better facilities for indoor and outdoor activities over the longer term

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature *Matthew Fox*

Full Name Matthew Fox

Position Chair

Date 18/08/2025

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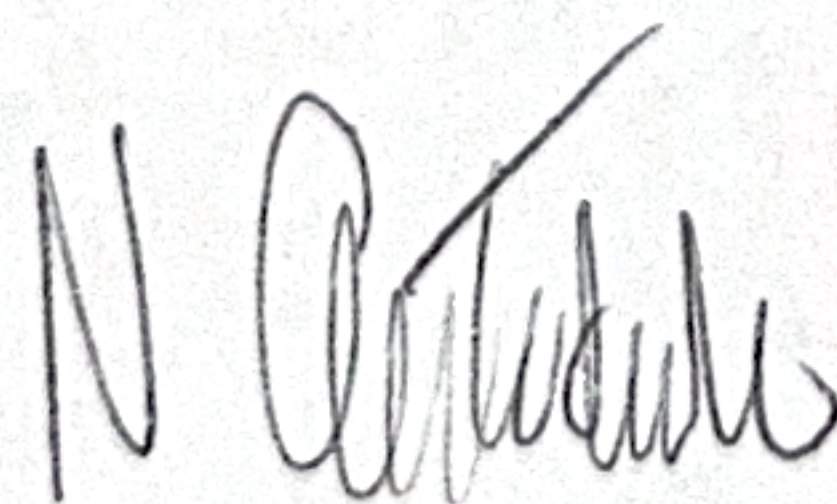
Executive Accounts for Year Ending 31.03.2025

| Account Balances at 31.3.4 | | | Account Balances at 31.3.25 | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--|------------|-------------|
| Balance in Current Account 31.03.24 | £16,201.65 | | Balance in Current Account 31.3.25 | £25,973.09 | |
| Balance in Long Term Account 31.03.24 | £44,740.11 | | Balance in Long Term Account 31.3.25 | £45,927.03 | |
| Balance in Section Account 31.03.24 | £5,414.67 | £66,356.43 | Balance in Section Account 31.03.25 | £3,779.05 | £75,679.17 |
| Transfers to Current Account | £20.00 | | Transfers from Current Account | £4,060.00 | |
| Transfers to Long Term Account | £0.00 | | Transfers from Long Term Account | £0.00 | |
| Transfers to Section Account | £4,295.00 | | Transfers from Section Account | £255.00 | |
| | | £70,671.43 | | | £79,994.17 |
| Income | | | Expenditure | | |
| Interest | £1,186.92 | | H.Q. Running | £6,406.81 | |
| Subscriptions | £14,351.51 | | Fund Raising | £0.00 | |
| | | | Capitation payment | £6,727.50 | |
| Fund Raising | £205.31 | | Sundries | £2,857.50 | |
| Grants & Donations | £12,420.49 | | Badges & Uniform | £502.59 | |
| Inland Revenue Grant Aid | £2,178.79 | | Sections Expenditure (minus transfers) | £18,785.29 | |
| Sundries | £1,288.72 | | Training | £0.00 | |
| Sections Income (minus transfers) | £13,532.76 | | Equipment | 562.07 | |
| Gross Income | | £45,164.50 | Gross Expenditure | | £35,841.76 |
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| Total | | £115,835.93 | Total | | £115,835.93 |

Note

Subscriptions are shown net of capitation payment of 6,727.50
 and GoCardless fees of 355.99
 Section income net of GoCardless fees of 280.89
GoCardless fees 0.75% plus 15p per transaction

Independently Verified by:



Nick Christodoulou

Date:

10/12/25

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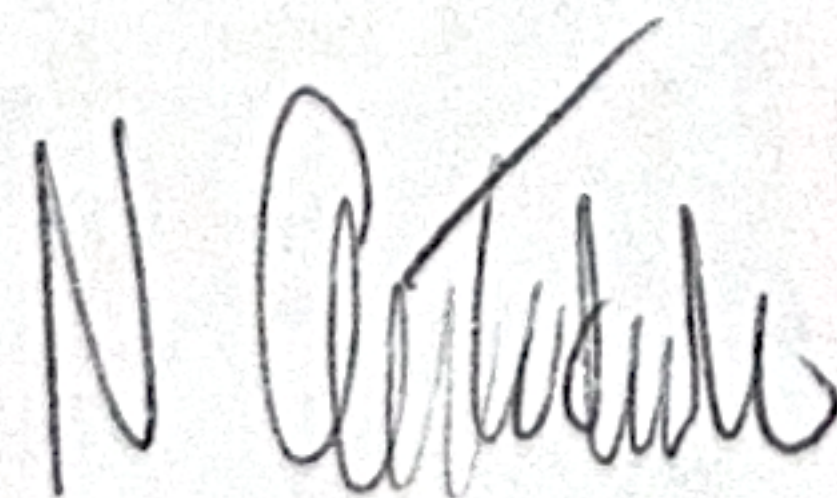
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