

# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 520163

## Details

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Other names	24TH SOUTH WEST CHESHIRE BOY SCOUT GROUP, 24TH SOUTH WEST CHESHIRE SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-03-25
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

**Activities:** Scout Group affiliated to The Scout Association

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** BICKERTON AND DISTRICT
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£93,136	£89,340	-	-
2024-08-31	£115,399	£105,655	-	-
2023-03-31	£44,313	£36,995	-	-
2022-03-31	£14,067	£13,061	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,946	£29,669	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>KEITH SIDDORN</b>	Chair	2013-02-17
Alison Methven Lessels		2025-09-26
Andrew David Woolley		2025-02-13
Ben Gibson Whale		2025-02-13
Brent Kim Heyes		2022-05-22
Charles Milner		2023-07-19
<b>DAVID LITHGOW SMITH</b>		2013-02-17
Frances Lithgow Smith		2014-07-12
Hannah Danielle Adamson		2025-09-26
James Weddell		2023-07-19
Judith Clare Davies		2014-07-12
Katherine Kerr		2023-09-14
Malcolm Leslie Benson		2023-07-19
Mark Colin Batterbury		2025-09-01
Petrina Elizabeth Weddell		2022-05-22
Rebekah Winonah Garner		2025-09-01
Timothy Clarke		2023-07-10

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# Accounts

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**1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025**

**Registered No. 520163**

# **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

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#### OFFICERS

		Occupation	Address
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Treasurer:	D Lithgow Smith	Retired Company Director	The Old Scypen, Bickley Town Malpas, SY14 8EQ

#### TRUSTEES

Keith Siddorn	Chair
David Lithgow Smith	Group Treasurer
Kate Kerr	Group Secretary
Brent Heyes	Group Lead Volunteer
Petrina Weddell	Group Lead Volunteer
Hannah Adamson	Affiliated Explorer Scout Unit
Alison Lessels	Larkton Scout Troop
Charles Milner	Bickerton Scout Troop
Ben Whale	Badger Cub Pack
James Weddell	Fox Cub Pack
Simon Gerrard	Woodland Beaver Colony
Tim Clarke	Hillside Beaver Colony
Clare Davies	Bickerton & Egerton PC
Malcolm Benson	Site Trustees
Fran Lithgow Smith	Woodland Trustees
Mark Batterbury	Equipment Manager
Andrew Wooley	Woodland Manager
Rebekah Garner	Parent member

#### ADVISERS

**Bankers:** National Westminster Bank Plc, 33 Eastgate Street, Chester CH1 1XA

**Principal Office:** The Old Scypen, Bickley Town, Malpas, SY14 8EQ

**Telephone:** 01948 820800

## **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

### **2: TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025

#### **Aims and Organisations of the Charity**

The governing document of the Charity is the 'Constitution of the 1st Sandstone Scout Group' approved by the Annual General Meeting of the Scout Group Council held on 19 July 2023

The aims of the Scout Group are those of the Scout Association.

The Group consists of three Sections: Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board (formerly known as the 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.

#### **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. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- Injury to leaders and members. The Group, through the capitation fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before and during all activities.
- Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, hiring of facilities and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustee Board 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 this would include 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 a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario this would involve the complete closure of the Group.

## **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

- Financial loss on major events. Major events such as long camps lasting more than 3 days, especially those held overseas, incur significant potential liabilities prior to receipt of funds from participants. The Group will mitigate this risk by entering into commitments at the latest possible date, by taking appropriate insurance where possible, by imposing a contractual liability for full payment from attendees at the initial planning stage, and by substituting alternative attendees where payment appears to be in doubt

### **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

### **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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a £5000 contingency reserve

### **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.

### **Trustees Responsibility for the Accounts**

Charity law requires the trustees of the group to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and of liabilities for each financial year. In addition, the trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the group's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Financial Activities and Affairs**

The financial activities and affairs during the year can be seen in the accounts as set out on pages 4 and 5.

Approved by the Trustees on 27 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Signed

David Lithgow Smith

Trustee

## **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

### **3: INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS UNQUALIFIED REPORT**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone Scout Group for the year ended 31 August 2025

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone 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: Paul Kerr BEM

Address: Hilbre, Covert Rise, Tattenhall, Cheshire, CH3 9HA

Date: 3 October 2025

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## 4: RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 25

	2025	2024
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	16,200	33,400
<b>INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS</b>	613	517
<b>DONATIONS</b>	2790	958
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Kandertsteg camps	27,450	37,185
Windermere camps	20,950	11,310
Group camps	8,620	13,142
Other camps		1,848
Other events	7,766	5,949
DofE	1,120	1,705
<b>HMRC GIFT AID</b>	3987	4,631
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>		
Wildfire fee	1,000	
Hut hire	2,140	4,660
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	500	94
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>93,136</b>	<b>115,399</b>

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<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> paid on (capitation)	10,586	10,005
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Section activities	1,977	2,324
Kandersteg	23,238	42,234
Windermere	20,711	15,752
Group camps	5,317	8,582
Other camps		1,176
Other events	7,064	6,381
DofE	376	1,765
<b>ADMIN</b>		
Utilities & insurance	2,622	3,358
Legal	14	1,133
Stationery	101	146
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>		
Hut and site	2,175	4,967
Equipment	781	368
<b>PURCHASE</b>		
Capital equipment	264	2,418
Badges etc	2,726	3,394
<b>PROJECTS</b>	10,675	
<b>TRAINING</b>	713	1,540
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Hardship fund		112
Misc admin		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>89,340</b>	<b>105,655</b>

## 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

### BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Balance at start of year (main account)	15,480	25,638
Balance at start of year (FE account)	0	750
Balance at start of year (deposit account)	20,652	0
Balance at start of year - total	<u>36,132</u>	<u>26,388</u>
Add total receipt for year	93,136	115,399
Less total payments for year	89,340	105,655
Balance at end of year (main account)	9,063	15,480
Balance at end of year (FE account)	0	0
Balance at end of year (deposit account)	30,865	20,652
Balance at end of year - total	<u>39,928</u>	<u>26,388</u>

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**5: STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 AUGUST**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank account (main)	9,063	15,480
Bank account (FE)	0	0
Bank account (deposit)	30,865	20,562
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,928</b>	<b>36,132</b>
<b>CASH LIABILITIES</b>		
Mountain Day (Sep 25)	(350)	
Fleur de Lys Ball (Oct 25)	(975)	
Laser Tag (Oct 25)	598	
Kandersteg (Jul 2026)	(4212)	
Survival Camp 24		(351)
DofE Gold Ex's (Oct 25)	(744)	
REC course		(65)
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(5683)</b>	<b>(416)</b>
<b>TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS</b>	<b>34,245</b>	<b>35,716</b>
<b>NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>		
Buildings	195,000	195,000
General contents	9,808	8,650
Camping and sports equipment (all risks)	23,120	23,300
Equipment stored off site	3448	1,900
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>265,621</b>	<b>242,265</b>

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### NOTES TO ACCOUNTS (for information only)

The surplus (+) or loss (-) resulting from major camps and events was:

Survival Camp	Sep-24	-280.27	Caving Camp	Apr-25	5.90
REC2 Training	Sep-24	-325.00	Siabod Mountain Day	Apr-25	39.50
Caving Ex	Sep-24	4.65	Coniston Camp (UK25)		238.79
Laser Tag	Oct-24	51.30	Group Camp	Jul-25	3303.14
Frostbite Camp	Jan-25	215.50	Awards Evening	Jul-25	-1.68
Cub Camp	Apr-25	239.75	Cheshire Hike 25	Sep-25	25.00

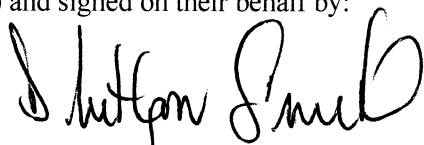
The expenditure on Projects was:

	Budget	Xtra funds	Expenditure	Variance	
Exterior shelter	2300.00		2341.20	-41.20	
Shelter electrics	650.00		516.00	134.00	
Kitchen project	4000.00	3290.00	7414.59	-124.59	see note
Projektor mounting	1000.00		0.00	1000.00	
Fire precautions	1000.00		0.00	1000.00	
Fencing along roadside	300.00		0.00	300.00	
Heating controls	400.00		402.82	-2.82	
Emergency lighting	60.00		0.00	60.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9710.00</b>		<b>10674.61</b>	<b>-964.61</b>	

Note: a further £750 in grants from local Parish Councils has been received in Sep 25, with further expenditure of £919.46 incurred, giving a projected variance out-turn of £-294.05

### TRUSTEE BOARD APPROVAL

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 27 November 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:



David Lithgow Smith Treasurer



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**1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**17 months to 31 August 2024**

*(note that this is an extended year due to change of year end from 31 March to 31 August)*

**Registered No. 520163**

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Name: Paul Kerr BEM

Address: Hilbre, Covert Rise, Tattenhall, Cheshire, CH3 9HA

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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**4: RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 24**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	3,3400	1,4520
<b>INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS</b>	517	
<b>DONATIONS</b>	958	
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Kandertsteg camps	37,185	6,350
Windermere camps	11,310	7,250
Group camps	13,142	5,160
Other camps	1,848	2,329
Other events	5,949	1,532
DofE	1,705	1,125
<b>HMRC GIFT AID</b>	4,631	3,370
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>		
Badges etc		107
Hut hire	4,660	2,570
<b>FUND RAISING</b>	94	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>115,399</b>	<b>44,313</b>

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<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> paid on (capitation)	10,005	9460
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Section activities	2,324	986
Kandersteg	42,234	828
Windermere	15,752	218
Group camps	8,582	3087
Other camps	1,176	2159
Other events	6,381	1152
DofE	1,765	851
<b>ADMIN</b>		
Utilities & insurance	3,358	1263
Legal	1,133	613
Stationery	146	31
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>		
Hut and site	4,967	6562
Equipment	368	130
<b>PURCHASE</b>		
Capital equipment	2,418	4854
Badges etc	3,394	2592
<b>TRAINING</b>	1,540	1648
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Hardship fund	112	560
Misc admin		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>105,655</b>	<b>36,995</b>

## 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

### BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Balance at start of year (main account)	25,638	19,070
Balance at start of year (FE account)	750	0
Balance at start of year (deposit account)	0	0
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**5: STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank account (main)	15,480	25,638
Bank account (FE)	0	750
Bank account (deposit)	20,562	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>36,132</b>	<b>26,388</b>
<b>CASH LIABILITIES</b>		
Mountain Day (Apr 23)		(230)
Caving Expedition (May 2023)		(190)
Windermere (Jul 2023)		(7,031)
Kandersteg (Jul 2024)		(5,522)
Survival Camp 24	(351)	
REC course	(65)	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(416)</b>	<b>(12,973)</b>
<b>TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS</b>	<b>35,716</b>	<b>19,070</b>
<b>NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>		
Buildings	195,000	195,000
General contents	8,695	8,650
Camping and sports equipment (all risks)	22,962	23,300
Equipment stored off site	3,467	1,900
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>266,840</b>	<b>242,265</b>

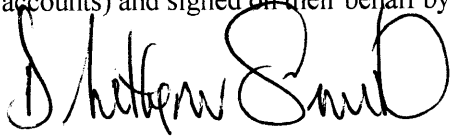
**NOTES TO ACCOUNTS (for information only)**

The surplus (+) or loss (-) resulting from major camps and events was:

Windermere 23	2256.92	Awards Eve 23	-47.71
Windermere 24	1082.18	Awards Eve 24	-112.58
Group Camp 23	2338.66	Laser Tag 23	45.79
Group Camp 24	2371.78	Autumn Mountain Day 23	-8.38
Kandersteg 24	9.85	Survival Camp 23	4.95
Spring Mountain Day 23	-201.50	Frostbite 24	353.95
Spring Mountain Day 24	38.22	Autumn Caving 23	-8.38

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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17 October 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Lithgow Smith', written in a cursive style.

David Lithgow Smith Treasurer

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**Year to 31 March 2023**

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# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

## 1: SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

### OFFICERS

		Occupation	Address
Chairman	K Siddorn	Farmer	Meadowbank Farm, Whitchurch Road, Broxton, Chester CH3 9JS
Treasurer:	D Lithgow Smith	Retired Company Director	The Old Scypen, Bickley Town Malpas, SY14 8EQ

### TRUSTEES

Keith Siddorn	Chair
David Lithgow Smith	Treasurer
Brent Heyes	Group Scout Leader
Tony Straw	D/Group Scout Leader
Brad Beazley	Leader, Affiliated Explorer Scout Unit
Alison Mason	Scout Leader (Larkton)
Hannah Adamson	Scout Leader (Bickerton)
Catherine Dowsett	Cub Leader (Badger)
James Weddell	Cub Leader (Fox)
Petrina Weddell	Beaver Leader (Woodland)
Tim Clarke	Beaver Leader (Hillside)
Clare Davies	Bickerton & Egerton PC
Malcolm Benson	Site Trustees
Fran Lithgow Smith	Woodland Trustees
Charlie Milner	Equipment Manager

### ADVISERS

**Bankers:** National Westminster Bank Plc, 33 Eastgate Street, Chester CH1 1XA

**Principal Office:** The Old Scypen, Bickley Town, Malpas, SY14 8EQ

**Telephone:** 01948 820800

# **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

## **2: TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

### **Aims and Organisations of the Charity**

The governing document of the Charity is the 'Constitution of the 1st Sandstone Scout Group' approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Scout Group Council held on 7 February 2017

The aims of the Scout Group are those of the Scout Association.

The Group consists of four Sections: Explorer Scouts, Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers.

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.

### **Risk and Internal Control**

The Group Executive Committee 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. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 and during 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.

### **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

# **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

## **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 £4000 contingency reserve

## **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.

## **Trustees Responsibility for the Accounts**

Charity law requires the trustees of the group to prepare a receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and of liabilities for each financial year. In addition, the trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the group's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Financial Activities and Affairs**

The financial activities and affairs during the year can be seen in the accounts as set out on pages 4 and 5.

Approved by the trustees on 23 June 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Signed      David Lithgow Smith

Trustee

# **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

## **3: INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS UNQUALIFIED REPORT**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sandstone 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: P E Kerr (original signature held on file)

Name: Paul Kerr BEM

Address: Hilbre, Covert Rise, Tattenhall, Cheshire, CH3 9HA

Date: 9 May 2023

# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

## 4: RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	14520	13220
<b>DONATIONS</b>		8
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Kandertsteg (incl 750 held in FE acct)	6350	
Windermere	7250	
Group camps	5160	
Other camps	2329	
Other events	1532	1867
DofE	1125	785
<b>HMRC GIFT AID</b>	3370	2900
<b>UTILITIES SCOTTISH POWER REFUND</b>		2746
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>		
Badges etc	107	468
Hut hire	2570	1030
<b>FUND RAISING</b>		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>44313</b>	<b>23024</b>

## 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> paid on (capitation)	9460	8957
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Section activities	986	
Kandersteg	828	345
Windermere	218	
Group camps	3087	
Other camps	2159	
Other events	1152	2021
DofE	851	823
Cheshire Hike		51
<b>ADMIN</b>		
Utilities & insurance	1263	2830
Legal	613	
Stationery	31	
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>		
Hut and site	6562	1620
Equipment	130	
<b>PURCHASE</b>		
Capital equipment	4854	1018
Badges etc	2592	2996
Hoodies		344
<b>TRAINING</b>	1648	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Subs refund		80
Hardship fund	560	
Misc admin		933
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>36,995</b>	<b>22,018</b>

# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

## BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Balance at start of year (main account)	19070	18064
Balance at start of year (FE account)	0	0
Balance at start of year - total	<u>19070</u>	<u>18064</u>
Add total receipt for year	44313	23024
Less total payments for year	36995	22018
Balance at end of year (main account)	25638	19070
Balance at end of year (FE account)	750	0
Balance at end of year - total	<u>26388</u>	<u>19070</u>

# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

## 5: STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH

	2023	2022
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
Bank account (main)	25,638	19,070
Bank account (FE)	750	0
<b>Sub total</b>	26,388	19,070
<b>CASH LIABILITIES</b>		
Mountain Day (Apr 23)	(230)	
Caving Expedition (May 2023)	(190)	
Windermere (Jul 2023)	(7,031)	
Kandersteg (Jul 2024)	(5,522)	
<b>Sub total</b>	(12,973)	
<b>TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS</b>	13,415	19,070
<b>NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE</b>		
Buildings	195,000	Not valued
General contents	8,650	Not valued
Camping and sports equipment (all risks)	23,300	Not valued
Equipment stored off site	1,900	Not valued
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>242,265</b>	<b>19,070</b>

### NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

The surplus (+) or loss (-) resulting from major camps and events was:

Beaver Camp	+ 67.79
Damboree	-7.00
Cub Camp	+109.32
Group Camp	+2223.37
Awards evening	-147.75
Laser Tag	+106.62

The above receipt and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23 June 2023 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Keith Siddorn                      Chair

David Lithgow Smith      Treasurer

**1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 520163

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# Accounts

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**1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

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# **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

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# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

## SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

### OFFICERS

		Occupation	Address
Chairman	K Siddorn	Farmer	Meadowbank Farm, Whitchurch Road, Broxton, Chester CH3 9JS
Treasurer:	L Morris	Bank Change Manager	2 Oaklands Crescent Tattenhall, Nr Chester CH3 9QT

### TRUSTEES

**Mr Keith Siddorn**  
**Mrs Lesley Morris**  
**Mrs Karen Hanmer**  
**Mr Tony Straw**  
**Mr David Lithgow Smith**  
**Mrs Fran Lithgow Smith**  
**Mrs Clare Davies**  
**Mr Michael Jones**  
**Mr Oliver Hill**

### ADVISERS

**Bankers:** National Westminster Bank Plc, 33 Eastgate Street, Chester CH1 1XA

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# **1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

### **Aims and Organisations of the Charity**

The aims of the Scout Group are those of the Scout Association.

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The Group Executive Committee is responsible for fund raising who are the Trustees.

### **Trustees Responsibility for the Accounts**

Charity law requires the trustees of the group to prepare a receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and of liabilities for each financial year. In addition, the trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the group's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Financial Activities and Affairs**

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Approved by the trustees on 14 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Signed

Trustee

# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

## Examiners Unqualified Report

I report on the accounts of the Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which set out on the following pages.

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 ACT

To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 ACT

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

## 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 2011 ACT and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 accounts to be reached

Mrs Leeann Morse  
10 Keysbrook  
Tattenhall  
Nr Chester  
CH3 9QR

10 May 2021

# 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	11680	12080
Less Membership Subscriptions paid on (District)	7696	7041
Net Membership Subscriptions retained	3984	5039
<b>DONATIONS</b>	10000	6754
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Camp 2019		615
Camp 2020		1645
Windermere 2019		1935
Windermere 2020		6200
Kandersteg 2021	11275	1700
Other trips (Caving,Laser,Alton Towers,Freedome,Cinema)		1310
<b>HMRC-Gift Aid</b>	2510	2860
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>		
Misc ( Hoodies, Repl. Badges)	127	388
Summer BBQ		471
Hut Hire	50	2161
D of E		2650
Cheshire Hike		165
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>27946</b>	<b>33893</b>

## 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Windermere Camp 2019		7413
Windermere 2020	1700	2015
Kandersteg 2021	16706	1039
Camp 2019		3181
Camp 2020		80
ESU Camp	300	
D of E	1765	1312
Cheshire Hike	105	60
Other trips (Caving,Laser,Alton Towers, Freedome,Cinema)		2703
<b>Admin/Establishment expenses</b>		
Insurance & Utilities	3502	3004
<b>Hut Refurbishment/ Maintenance (Inc Site Maintenance)</b>		
	2961	6435
<b>Misc</b> (Remembrance Day wreath, Post/Email,Mileage,Training,BBQ)		
	315	732
Hoodies	29	126
Subs Refund	280	
<b>Purchase of Capital Equipment</b>	304	1949
<b>Purchase of Badges &amp; Materials</b>	1702	3750
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>29669</b>	<b>33799</b>

## 1ST SANDSTONE SCOUT GROUP

	2021	2020
<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	-1723	94
<b>Opening Cash and Bank Balances</b>	19787	19693
<b>Closing Cash and Bank Balances</b>	<b>18064</b>	<b>19787</b>

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021

#### MONETARY ASSETS

Bank current account	18064	19787
	—————	—————
	18064	19787

#### CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

#### ACCUMULATED FUNDS

At Start of the year	19787	19693
Net Receipts for year	-1723	94
	—————	—————
<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>18064</b>	<b>19787</b>

TOTAL	18064	19787
	—————	—————
Approved by the Trustees		