

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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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
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

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2: TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024

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, helpers, supporters 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 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.

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

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3: INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS UNQUALIFIED REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Sandstone Scout Group for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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: 16th October 2024

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

	2024	2023
INCOME RECEIPTS		
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,3400	1,4520
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS	517	
DONATIONS	958	
ACTIVITIES		
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
HMRC GIFT AID	4,631	3,370
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Badges etc		107
Hut hire	4,660	2,570
FUND RAISING	94	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	115,399	44,313

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PAYMENTS	2024	2023
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS paid on (capitation)	10,005	9460
ACTIVITIES		
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
ADMIN		
Utilities & insurance	3,358	1263
Legal	1,133	613
Stationery	146	31
MAINTENANCE		
Hut and site	4,967	6562
Equipment	368	130
PURCHASE		
Capital equipment	2,418	4854
Badges etc	3,394	2592
TRAINING	1,540	1648
MISCELLANEOUS		
Hardship fund	112	560
Misc admin		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	105,655	36,995

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BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

	2024	2023
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
Balance at start of year - total	<u>26,388</u>	<u>19,070</u>
Add total receipt for year	115,399	44,313
Less total payments for year	105,655	36,995
Balance at end of year (main account)	15,480	25,638
Balance at end of year (FE account)	0	750
Balance at end of year (deposit account)	20,652	0
Balance at end of year - total	<u>36,132</u>	<u>26,388</u>

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5: STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH

	2024	2023
CASH FUNDS		
Bank account (main)	15,480	25,638
Bank account (FE)	0	750
Bank account (deposit)	20,562	0
Sub total	36,132	26,388
CASH LIABILITIES		
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)	
Sub total	(416)	(12,973)
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS	35,716	19,070
NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE		
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
TOTAL NET ASSETS	266,840	242,265

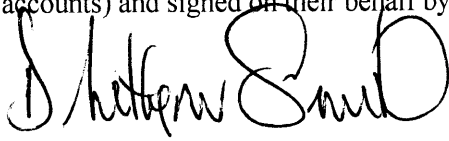
NOTES TO ACCOUNTS (for information only)

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