

# 2ND CHEADLE SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 520173

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1971-04-02

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** INSTRUCTION OF BOYS OF ALL CLASSES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE, LOYALTY AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

**Activities:** Scout Group comprising of eight sections (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Network) with ages from 4 to 25. Individual sections provide training, activities and skills for life to all members.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** CHEADLE
- Stockport

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£64,642	£47,071	-	-
2024-01-31	£49,540	£48,944	-	-
2023-01-31	£42,949	£41,197	-	-
2022-01-31	£44,982	£20,119	-	-
2021-01-31	£15,613	£12,496	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>William Simpson</b>	Chair	2015-06-18
Colin Rankin		2024-10-10
David Critchlow		2024-10-10
Harry Cox		2024-10-10
Kate Exley		2021-04-27
STUART COX		
Sarah Norbury		2024-10-10
Thomas Flanagan		2015-06-18

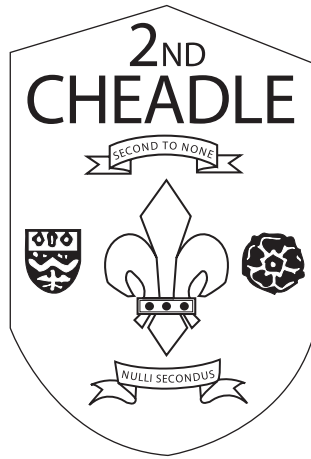
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# Accounts

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

The Paddock, off Brookfield Road, Cheadle SK8 1EX

*Registered charity no. 520173*

## Reports and Accounts

*for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### #SkillsForLife



## Scouts

2nd Cheadle

**Squirrels** **BEAVERS** **cubs** **scouts** **EXPLORERS** **network**

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Registered Charity Number	520173
Group Lead Volunteer & Trustee	Stuart Cox
Group Chair & Trustee	Will Simpson
Group Administrator & Trustee	Kate Exley
Group Treasurer & Trustee	Tom Flanagan
Trustee	Harry Cox
Trustee	Colin Rankin
Trustee	David Critchlow
Trustee	Sarah Norbury

Section Treasurers:	Moseley Beaver Colony	Kate Cookson
	Oak Squirrel Drey	Sarah Norbury
	Scout Troop	Catherine Cox
	Wessex Cub Pack	Louise Nickerson
	Abney Beaver Colony	Darren Berry
	Mercia Cub Pack	John Davidson

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group, it is with great pride that I present the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025.

As we reflect on the year, we do so with a deep sense of achievement, resilience and community spirit that continues to define our Group as our Scout Group has continued to thrive. The Group has enjoyed another busy and exciting year, one packed with camps, off-site events and fun and challenging activities, which our young people embraced with adventure, service and learning with enthusiasm.

We've welcomed new members across all sections and have seen an increase in volunteer numbers. This growth is a testament to the enduring appeal of Scouting and the dedication of our leaders, parents, and supporters.

During the year, we set up our first Squirrel Drey, Oak, which has been such a success that we agreed to set up a second Squirrel Drey, Ash, which started in April 2025. I want to thank all the leaders who have played such an important role in the success of Squirrels at 2nd Cheadle during its first year.

The Group also reestablished a Network section, for members who wish to retain a close connection with the Group and their friends after leaving formal Scouting at 18 years old. Network launched in 2024 and has seen good take up in its first year.

All of the above has contributed to the Group's success in growing our membership numbers and, at the end of January 2025, we had 224 members, an increase of 14 members over the year.

Financially, we remain in a stable position thanks to prudent management of our income, and our fundraising efforts have enabled us to invest in new equipment and improve our facilities.

Membership subscriptions make up the majority of our income; however, the Group's fundraising efforts make a significant and necessary contribution to our ability to remain in a healthy financial position. This year, we staged our 46th Ram Roast and Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale, both in May 2024.

The Group continues to be governed by its Board of Trustees and, during the year, we held four Group meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 January 2024. These meetings were attended by leaders of each Section, and we are often joined by parents of our young members, which provides a range of perspectives and experience that inform the direction of the Group and how we manage it. Each Section Lead has continued to be responsible for delivering their programmes and each report into our Group Lead Volunteer. During the year, we welcomed four new Trustees to the Board, and I look forward to working with each of them as fellow Board members over the coming years.

For me, the key to the success of the Group is our team of leaders who deliver varied and interesting programmes for their respective sections and the support of the Group's leadership team has continued to be vital for the Group to function effectively. Our leaders put in countless hours to both plan and deliver exciting activities for our young people, as well as helping to run the Group and supporting our fundraising events.

I'd therefore like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Leaders for their hard work and dedication to the young people and the Group throughout the year, and which, in my opinion, makes 2nd Cheadle "Second to None".

*Will Simpson*  
Group Chairman

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEERS REPORT

#### MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

##### Group Membership

Our annual membership count this year is 222 registered members across all sections - Squirrels, Beavers (x2), Cubs (x2), Scouts, and Explorer Scouts including 48 adult volunteer leaders/helpers that give their time freely, throughout the year. Young members wishing to join are added to waiting lists until a place becomes available or offered places in neighbouring Scout Groups within Cheadle or Stockport Districts.

##### Group Achievements

In January we opened our first Squirrel drey - Oak Squirrels which has been a great success bringing together youth members aged 4 to 6 years of age along with a brand new leadership team. The drey started with 12 members and has since increased to 16.

At the other end of the age sections, Endeavour Network Unit was established for members aged 18 to 25 years of age who wish to stay involved in Scouting and continue with the award scheme.

Our major fundraising event the 'Ram Roast' held in May was successful despite a last-minute venue change due to the grounds of the Abney Scout & Guide Centre being too wet. For the first time in its history, it was moved back to our headquarters with the parade extended finishing outside. A huge logistical event relocating but was helped by the community of Cheadle supporting us with a great turnout.

The sale of Bedding Plants continues to flourish with excellent plants, baskets and tubs purchased from Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale.

During October, all age members came together to visit, survey, clean and lay a poppy at all 73 Commonwealth War Graves situated within Park Road, Cemetery, Cheadle in conjunction with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. This included a general tidy around each grave and a litter pick in the cemetery and surrounding areas and pathways.

In November all sections of the Group attended our annual bonfire and firework display, held within our HQ grounds. Refreshments were cooked and served by members of Discovery Explorer Scout Unit.

Our presence at Cheadle's Remembrance Sunday parade and service grows each year, which is jointly organised with other youth groups and Churches within Cheadle.

Throughout the year, all age members joined forces with Cheadle Civic Society to keep Cheadle tidy of litter visiting local parks, car parks and the High Street clean.

The Group has moved to a more team-based approach and got to grips with the new volunteer learning experience and membership system from The Scouts.

A number of new adult leaders have joined the Group throughout this year and have successfully completed their 'growing roots' learning. This along with existing leaders have completed on-going learning modules such as safeguarding, safety and first response courses.

Several leaders completed their Wood badge learning, and a number were also presented with Long Service Awards.

My thanks go to all members of the Group Trustee's Board.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## Sectional Scouting Activities

Another amazing year for members of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group with youth members continuing to enjoy an array of sectional programmes, activities, camps and away days.

Once again leaders produced a variety of innovative, constructive and exciting weekly programmes along with additional activities of camps, pack holidays, walks, badge days, water sports, educational trips, climbing, archery and craft activities.

All sections celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Halloween and Christmas with special themed nights.

Oak Squirrel drey enjoyed lots of new activities including a scavenger hunt, learning about the solar system, model making and musical sessions.

Moseley and Abney Beaver colonies both enjoyed various food themed nights, backwoods cooking, games, science experiments, craft activities, walks and parties. Abney Beavers held a sleepover camp at Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Wessex and Mercia Cub packs both enjoyed various food themed nights, games, craft activities, colditz, bowling, athletics, science experiments, pioneering team building challenges and backwoods cooking. Camps and pack holidays were held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre - Mellor, Stockport, Clogwyn Scout Activity Centre - Bangor, North Wales, Forest Camp & Activity Centre, Sandiway, Cheshire and Bramhope Scout Campsite & Activity Centre - Bramhope, Leeds.

The Scout troop enjoyed pioneering, foreign food cooking challenges, wide games, patrol challenges, taskmaster challenges, trading post, fire lighting, go-kart building, golden boot football tournament, archery, air rifle shooting, canoeing and climbing. An indoor weekend camp was held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre - Mellor, Stockport traditional summer week-long camp under canvas at Llanderfel, Bala - North Wales and an autumn weekend camp under canvas at Dunham Massey Scout Campsite - Dunham, Altrincham. Some of the older Scouts completed an Expedition challenge walk over a weekend which included camping overnight at Gradbach Scout Campsite - Staffordshire.

Discovery Explorers have again enjoyed another active year. Nights away included a summer camp at Gladstonbury - Flintshire, North Wales and a Christmas camp at Scammonden Activity Centre, Scammonden, Huddersfield. Explorers continue to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's Awards completing overnight self-sustained expeditions towards these. Several Explorers are now supporting younger age sections. Explorers continue to enjoy a variety of social nights activities, highlights include visiting Escape rooms Manchester, caving trips, short evening hikes, golf driving range, canoeing, zip line, abseiling, bike rides, archery and sessions on the local climbing wall.

Across all sections, various activity and proficiency badges were achieved and awarded along with the Chief Scout's Acorn, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards across all age ranges.

My thanks go to all our volunteer adult leadership team and helpers for providing a safe, fun and exciting programme throughout the year.

This year was truly another remarkable year for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group creating memories, friendships and skills for life!

*Stuart Cox*

Group Lead Volunteer



# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees</b>	Charity Name 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cheadle Scout Group		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	520173
<b>Set out on pages</b>	----- (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [-] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 22/09/2025

**Name:** James Michael Dodd

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** -----

**Address:** 6 Crispin Road  
Manchester  
M22 0LU

### Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	31,537	28,544
Capitation Paid by Group on behalf of Sections	(10,725)	(9,455)
Less Membership Subscriptions to Cheadle & District	(8,768)	(8,707)
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	12,045	10,383
Gift Aid	6,878	4,491
Donations and Grants	16,596	3,181
Bank Interest	30	26
Other Income (Refunds, etc)	440	458
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	13,298	13,631
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	2,355	1,914
Group Transfer	0	180
Other Fundraising	0	434
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Camps, Activities and Trips	12,348	14,457
Neckers, Badges and Book Sales	653	386
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	<b>64,642</b> =====	<b>49,540</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Resources Expended:</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	5,591	3,871
Camps, Activities and Trips	11,974	16,743
Adult Support and Training	973	370
Business Rates	905	159
Ground Lease	0	0
Water	373	481
Electricity	2,551	2,092
HQ Insurance	2,056	4,259
HQ Maintenance	5,825	2,809
Equipment	1,447	1,568
Group Vehicles	4,417	4,089
Neckers, Badges and Books	2,456	3,045
Postage and Stationery	0	154
Broadband, IT and website	599	589
Bank Charges	103	384
Donations / Grants	68	97
Oak Squirrels Start Up Grant	0	500
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	6,318	6,688
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,414	1,047
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>47,071</b> =====	<b>48,944</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	64,642	49,541
<b>Total Resources Expended:</b>	(47,071)	(48,944)
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Net Operating Income	17,571	597
Deferred income	3,453	3,453
Depreciation (Building)	(5,863)	(5,863)
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<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year:</b>	15,161	(1,813)
	=====	=====
Funds at 31st January 2024	65,621	67,434
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<b>Funds at 31st January 2025:</b>	<b>80,782</b>	<b>65,621</b>
	=====	=====

All activities are classed as continuing. Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## BALANCE SHEET for the year ending 31st January 2025

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>		
Building	66,213	69,524
Property Improvements	20,418	22,970
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Bank Current Accounts - Restricted	0	0
Bank Current Accounts - Unrestricted	51,077	33,226
Bank Deposit Accounts	2,136	2,105
Cash	0	310
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<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>53,213</b>	<b>35,642</b>
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<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>139,844</b>	<b>128,136</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>		
Deferred Income (Building)	49,062	51,515
Deferred Income (Property Improvements)	8,000	9,000
Cheadle & District Building Loan	2,000	2,000
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<b>Net Assets:</b>	<b>80,782</b>	<b>65,621</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Analysis of Funds:</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	80,792	65,621
Restricted Funds	0	0
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<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>80,782</b>	<b>65,621</b>
	=====	=====

Approved by the Trustees on 22nd September 2025.

Stuart Cox  
Group Lead Volunteer

Thomas Flanagan  
Group Treasurer

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS *for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (SORP) and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Except where stated, all funds held are unrestricted being donations or other income received or generated for the objects of the group for its general purpose and not restricted as to their use.

### **OTHER ASSETS**

The land and buildings at The Paddock are leased to The Scout Association Trust Corporation by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. The Association holds the premises in trust for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group who pay the ground rent and insure the buildings at a replacement cost of £800,132.

Scouting Equipment is valued at £94,128 and is insured for this sum. This sum also includes two storage containers sited within the grounds of the Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

The Group owns two vehicles - a van and a minibus. The value of both vehicles have been written off in previous year's accounts and its value is not reflected in the accounts.

### **TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

None of the trustees were remunerated during this or the previous year.

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# Scouts

## 2nd Cheadle

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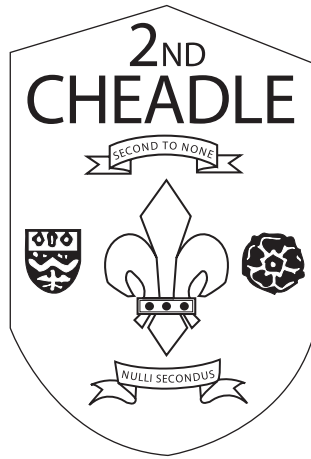
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Group Chair	Will Simpson
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## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2024*

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group, I'm delighted to present the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024.

It was another busy and exciting year for the Group, one packed with camps, off-site events, and fun and challenging activities, and towards the end of the year, we set up our first Squirrel Drey, Oak Drey, for 4–5-year-olds which has been a great success to date.

The Group has been successful in growing our membership this year and, at the end of January 2024, we had 208 members excluding our new Squirrels, which is an increase of 11 members over the year.

Being able to deliver a full year's programme with a strong membership has meant that we have continued to be able to meet our financial obligations through our membership subscriptions and fundraising activities and the Group remains financially solvent.

Membership subscriptions make up the majority of our income; however, the Group's fundraising efforts make a significant and necessary contribution to our ability to remain in a healthy financial position. This year, we staged our 45th Ram Roast in April 2023 and Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale the following month.

The Group continues to be governed by its Board of Trustees and, during the year, we held five Group meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 January 2023. These meetings were attended by leaders of each Section, and we are often joined by parents of our young members, which provides a range of perspectives and experience to inform the direction of the Group and how we manage it.

For me, the key to the success of the Group is our team of leaders who deliver varied and interesting programmes for their respective sections, which now range from our Squirrels who join us at four years old, and progress through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and onto our Discovery Explorer Unit, and it is fantastic to see so many of our young members who have been with us through each section until they turn 18.

During the year, we began plans to reinvigorate our Network section, for those aged 18-25 who wish to retain a close connection with the Group and their friends after leaving formal Scouting, and this section launched early in 2024. The Network section will also hopefully encourage our former Scouting members to stay with us beyond Network by becoming Leaders themselves.

The support of the entire Group leadership team has continued to be vital for the Group to function effectively and I'd like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Leaders for their hard work throughout the year. Each Section Lead has continued to be responsible for delivering their programmes and each report into our Group Lead Volunteer.

It is extremely satisfying to see our young members grow as they progress through the sections, and the Group plays an important part in their development. We regularly receive feedback from our members' parents thanking us for supporting their children to learn new skills and try new tasks, which are good fun and that coming to Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network is a highlight of their children's weeks.

I therefore wish to pass on my thanks to all our leaders (all of whom are volunteers) for their dedication to the young people and the Group by putting in countless hours to both plan and deliver exciting activities, as well as helping to run the Group and supporting our fundraising events, which, in my opinion, makes 2nd Cheadle "Second to None".

*Will Simpson*  
Group Chairman

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

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### GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEERS REPORT

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##### Group Membership

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##### Group Achievements

Our major fundraising event the 'Ram Roast' held in April was successful. The community of Cheadle supported the event well which started with a parade through Cheadle High Street before arriving at the Abney Scout & Guide Centre within Abney Park, Cheadle.

The sale of Bedding Plants continues to flourish with excellent plants, baskets and tubs purchased from Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale.

In November all sections of the Group attended our annual bonfire and firework display, held within our HQ grounds. Refreshments were cooked and served by members of Discovery Explorer Scout Unit.

Our presence at Cheadle's Remembrance Sunday parade and service grows each year, which is jointly organised with other youth groups and Churches within Cheadle.

In December we held a taster session ahead of opening a new section 'Squirrels' the first new section to open at the Group for many years. Squirrels is the youngest in the Scouting family aged 4 to 6 years of age having launched Nationally two years ago. The taster session saw over 50 children attend and was a great success. A new leadership team came together. In January 2024, Oak Squirrels launched starting initially with 12 youth members.

Discussions began about relaunching a Network Unit for members reaching 18 years of age. An adult appointment at that age isn't for everybody, but members may wish to stay connected and involved whilst continuing to complete some of the higher Scout awards and help out occasionally with Group events. Network age is 18 to 25 years old.

A number of new adult leaders have joined the Group throughout this year and have successfully completed their 'getting started' training. This along with existing leaders have completed on-going training modules such as safeguarding, safety and first response courses.

Several leaders completed their Wood badge training, and a number were also presented with Long Service Awards.

My thanks go to members of the Group Trustees who help with the running 'behind the scenes' along with support to myself.

During this year, we said goodbye to a long-standing leader Alan Buxton who sadly passed away aged 75. Alan joined as a leader with Abney Beavers in 1986 before becoming Akela with Mercia Cubs amassing 20 years leadership across both section before retiring to North Wales.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

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Both Beaver colonies came together to celebrate 40 years of Beavers at 2nd Cheadle with a special activity day.

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The Scout troop enjoyed pioneering, foreign food cooking challenges, wide games, patrol challenges, trading post, fire lighting, go-kart building, golden boot football tournament, archery, air rifle shooting, canoeing and climbing. An indoor weekend camp was held at Hesley Wood Scout Campsite, Chapeltown - Sheffield, traditional summer week-long camp under canvas at Llanderfel, Bala - North Wales and an autumn weekend camp under canvas at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre - Mellor, Stockport. Some of the older Scouts completed an Expedition challenge walk over a weekend which included camping overnight at Gradbach Scout Campsite - Staffordshire.

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This year was truly another remarkable year for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group creating memories to last along, friendships and Skills for Life!

Stuart Cox

Group Lead Volunteer



# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

<b>Report to the trustees</b>	Charity Name 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cheadle Scout Group		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	520173
<b>Set out on pages</b>	----- (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [-] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:** *Lee Blackhurst*      **Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

**Name:** Lee Blackhurst

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** -----

**Address:** 21 Whitegates Road  
Cheadle  
Stockport, SK8 1EA

### Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2024

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	28,544	25,213
Capitation Paid by Group on behalf of Sections	(9,455)	(8,448)
Less Membership Subscriptions to Cheadle & District	(8,707)	(6,840)
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	10,383	9,925
Gift Aid	4,491	3,477
Donations and Grants	3,181	1,529
Bank Interest	26	6
Other Income (Refunds, etc)	458	70
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	13,631	14,162
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,914	1,967
Group Transfer	180	0
Other Fundraising	434	293
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Camps, Activities and Trips	14,457	10,743
Neckers, Badges and Book Sales	386	777
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	<b>49,540</b> =====	<b>42,949</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2024

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Resources Expended:</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	3,871	3,645
Camps, Activities and Trips	16,743	10,300
Adult Support and Training	370	180
Business Rates	159	333
Ground Lease	0	0
Water	481	481
Electricity	2,092	2,227
HQ Insurance	4,259	3,980
HQ Maintenance	2,809	2,033
Equipment	1,568	3,458
Group Vehicles	4,089	4,391
Neckers, Badges and Books	3,045	1,838
Postage and Stationery	154	66
Broadband, IT and website	589	346
Bank Charges	384	235
Donations / Grants	97	525
Oak Squirrels Start Up Grant	500	0
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	6,688	6,018
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,047	1,140
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>48,944</b> =====	<b>41,197</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2024

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	49,540	42,949
<b>Total Resources Expended:</b>	(48,944)	(41,197)
	-----	-----
Net Operating Income	597	1,752
Deferred income	3,453	2,453
Depreciation (Building)	(5,863)	(3,311)
	-----	-----
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year:</b>	(1,813)	894
	=====	=====
Funds at 31st January 2023	67,434	66,540
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<b>Funds at 31st January 2024:</b>	<b>65,621</b>	<b>67,434</b>
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All activities are classed as continuing. Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## BALANCE SHEET for the year ending 31st January 2024

	2024 Funds £	2023 Funds £
<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>		
Building	69,524	72,835
Property Improvements	22,970	25,522
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Bank Current Accounts - Restricted	0	0
Bank Current Accounts - Unrestricted	33,226	34,965
Bank Deposit Accounts	2,105	2,079
Cash	310	0
<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>35,642</b>	<b>37,045</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>128,136</b>	<b>135,402</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>		
Deferred Income (Building)	51,515	53,968
Deferred Income (Property Improvements)	9,000	10,000
Cheadle & District Building Loan	2,000	4,000
<b>Net Assets:</b>	<b>65,621</b>	<b>67,434</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Analysis of Funds:</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	65,621	67,434
Restricted Funds	0	0
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>65,621</b>	<b>67,434</b>
	=====	=====

Approved by the Trustees on 26th September 2024.

Stuart Cox  
Group Lead Volunteer

Thomas Flanagan  
Group Treasurer

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS *for the year ending 31st January 2024*

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### OTHER ASSETS

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The Group owns two vehicles - a van and a minibus. The value of both vehicles have been written off in previous year's accounts and its value is not reflected in the accounts.

### TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

None of the trustees were remunerated during this or the previous year.

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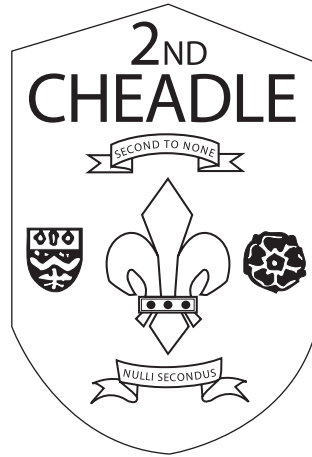
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# Accounts

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

The Paddock, off Brookfield Road, Cheadle SK8 1EX

*Registered charity no. 520173*

## Reports and Accounts

*for the year ending 31st January 2023*

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

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Registered Charity Number	520173
Group Scout Leader	Stuart Cox
Group Chairman	Will Simpson
Group Secretary	Kate Exley
Group Treasurer	Tom Flanagan
Section Treasurers:	
Moseley Beaver Colony	Kate Cookson
Scout Troop	Catherine Cox
Wessex Cub Pack	Tom Flanagan*
Abney Beaver Colony	Darren Berry
Mercia Cub Pack	John Davidson

\*Acting Treasurer

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2023*

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group, I'm delighted to present the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023.

It was a busy and exciting year for the Group, and we were able to enjoy a full programme of activities and events after nearly two years of Covid-related restrictions.

The Group has been successful in continuing to grow our membership, following the drop-off that we experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are now back at pre-pandemic levels.

Being able to deliver a full year's programme with a much-increased membership meant that we were able to meet our financial obligations through our membership subscriptions and fundraising activities which means the Group remains financially solvent.

In the year, we were also able to invest funds to convert our old storeroom into a fully operational meeting room that is used for section activities, as well as space to hold a racking unit to store frequently used games and sporting equipment. The works would not have been possible without the Group's fundraising efforts, in staging the 44th Ram Roast in April 2022 and Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale the following month, in addition to the Group being successful in applying for various grants from external bodies. All of this has resulted in an excellent facility that has enhanced the delivery of our programme.

The Group continues to be governed by its Board of Trustees, and during the year, we held five Group meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 January 2022. These meetings were attended by leaders of each Section, and we are often joined by parents of our young members, which provides a range of perspectives and experience to inform the direction of the Group and how we manage it.

For me, the key to the success of the Group is our team of leaders who deliver varied and interesting programmes for their sections, which range from Beavers who join us at six years old, with many of them staying with us through Cubs, Scouts and onto our Explorer Unit until they turn 18, and even then many of them end up staying with us by becoming Leaders themselves.

The support of the entire Group leadership team has continued to be vital for the Group to function effectively and I'd like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Leaders for their hard work throughout the year. Each Section Lead has continued to be responsible for delivering their programmes and each report into our Group Scout Leader.

It is extremely gratifying to see our young members grow as they progress through the sections, and the Group plays an important part in their development. We regularly receive feedback from our members' parents thanking us for supporting their children to learn new skills and try new tasks, which are good fun and that coming to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers is a highlight of their children's weeks.

I therefore wish to pass on my thanks to all our leaders (all of whom are volunteers) for their dedication to the children and the Group by putting in countless hours to both plan and deliver exciting activities, as well as helping to run the Group and supporting our fundraising events, which, in my opinion, makes 2nd Cheadle "Second to None".

*Will Simpson*

Group Chairman

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2023*

### GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT

#### MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

##### Group Membership

Our annual membership count this year is 183 registered members across all sections - Beavers (x2), Cubs (x2), Scouts, and Explorer Scouts including 32 adult volunteer leaders/helpers that give their time freely, throughout the year. Young members wishing to join are added to waiting lists until a place becomes available or offered places in neighbouring Scout Groups within Cheadle or Stockport Districts.

##### Group Achievements

Our major fundraising event the 'Ram Roast' held in April was successful as we were blessed with glorious weather. The community of Cheadle welcomed the event back after a Covid break which starts with a parade through Cheadle High Street before arriving at the Abney Scout & Guide Centre within Abney Park, Cheadle.

The sale of Bedding Plants continues to flourish with excellent plants, baskets and tubs purchased from Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale. This year saw us use a new supplier - E. Park & Sons who supplied us with top quality plants.

In the summer, work started to renovate our old brick storeroom into a new meeting and activity room. This new meeting space is great addition for badge work, planning sessions, activities, meetings, or leader training.

Our thanks go to Brookfield Shiers Trust Fund, Arnold Clark Community Fund, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Co-op Community Fund along with fundraising by the Group.

During the renovation, we also upgraded all our exterior lighting to energy efficient and LED lighting.



In November all sections of the Group attended our annual bonfire and firework display, held within our HQ grounds. Refreshments were cooked and served by members of Discovery Explorer Scout Unit.

Our presence at Cheadle's Remembrance Sunday parade and service grows each year, which is jointly organised with other youth groups and Churches within Cheadle.

A number of new adult leaders have joined the Group throughout this year and have successfully completed their 'getting started' training. This along with existing leaders have completed on-going training modules such as safeguarding, safety and first response courses.

Several leaders completed their Wood badge training, and a number were also presented with Long Service Awards.

My thanks go to members of the Group Executive who help with the running 'behind the scenes' along with support to myself.

During this year, we said goodbye to two long standing Group leaders who sadly passed away. Many leaders attended the funeral services of William Hawksworth (Bill) aged 89 and David Quayle (Mang) aged 70 who both are dearly missed.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## Sectional Scouting Activities

Another amazing year for members of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group with youth members continuing to enjoy an array of sectional programmes, activities, camps and away days.

Once again leaders produced a variety of innovative, constructive and exciting weekly programmes along with additional activities of camps, pack holidays, walks, badge days, water sports, educational trips, climbing, archery and craft activities.

All sections celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Halloween and Christmas with special themed nights.

Moseley and Abney Beaver colonies both enjoyed various food themed nights, backwoods cooking, games, science experiments, craft activities, walks and parties. Abney Beavers held a sleepover camp at Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Wessex and Mercia Cub packs both enjoyed various food themed nights, games, craft activities, colditz, caving, bowling, athletics, science experiments, pioneering team building challenges and backwoods cooking. Camps and pack holidays were held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre, Mellor, Stockport, Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite, Rochdale, Old School Lodge, Caernafon, Wales and Barnswood Scout Campsite, Leek, Staffordshire.

The Scout troop enjoyed pioneering, foreign food cooking challenges, wide games in Abney park, patrol challenges, trading post, fire lighting. A litter pick around Cheadle Village helped towards the community challenge badge, go-kart building, archery, air rifle shooting, caving, canoeing and climbing activities also undertaken. An indoor weekend camp was held at Bibby's Farm Scout Activity Centre, Chorley, traditional summer camp under canvas at Tatton Park Scout Activity Centre, Knutsford and an autumn weekend camp at Bowley Scout Campsite, Great Harwood, Blackburn.

Discovery Explorers have again enjoyed another active year with numbers reaching 32 youth members. Nights away include expeditions around Hayfield and Castleton in Derbyshire, Summer camp at Walesby Forest, Newark and a Christmas camp at Scammonden Activity Centre, Scammonden, Huddlesfield. Explorers continue to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's Awards completing overnight self-sustained expeditions towards these. Several Explorers are now supporting younger age sections. Explorers continue to enjoy a variety of social nights activities, highlights include visiting Escape rooms Manchester, caving trips, short evening hikes, golf driving range, canoeing, zip line, abseiling, bike rides, archery and sessions on the local climbing wall.

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*Stuart Cox*

Group Scout Leader



# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

2<sup>nd</sup> Cheadle Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2023.

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basis of report

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Signed:

Date:

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Name:

Lee Blackhurst

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	23,497	13,282
Capitation Paid by Group on behalf of Sections	(8,448)	(4,928)
Membership Subscriptions paid to Group (Covid)	0	5,027
Less Membership Subscriptions to Cheadle & District	(6,840)	(4,386)
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	8,209	8,995
Gift Aid	5,168	732
Donations and Grants	1,529	30,087
Bank Interest	6	0
Discovery Explorers Subscriptions	1,716	788
Other Income (Refunds, etc)	70	0
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	12,471	0
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,967	3,274
Other Fundraising	293	0
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Camps, Activities and Trips	10,743	595
Neckers, Badges and Book Sales	777	511
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	----- <b>42,949</b> =====	----- <b>44,982</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Resources Expended:</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	3,645	1,489
Camps, Activities and Trips	10,300	780
Adult Support and Training	180	120
Business Rates	333	170
Ground Lease	0	0
Water	481	191
Electricity	2,227	1,092
HQ Insurance	3,980	3,884
HQ Maintenance	2,033	3,915
Equipment	3,458	263
Group Vehicles	4,391	4,616
Neckers, Badges and Books	1,838	718
Postage and Stationery	66	62
Broadband, IT and website	346	770
Bank Charges	235	35
Donations / Grants	525	0
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	6,018	180
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,140	1,834
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>41,197</b> =====	<b>20,119</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	42,949	44,982
<b>Total Resources Expended:</b>	(41,197)	(20,119)
	-----	-----
Net Operating Income	1,752	24,863
Deferred income	2,453	2,453
Depreciation (Building)	(3,311)	(3,311)
	-----	-----
<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year:</b>	895	24,005
	=====	=====
Funds at 31st January 2022	66,540	42,534
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<b>Funds at 31st January 2023:</b>	<b>67,434</b>	<b>66,540</b>
	=====	=====

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## BALANCE SHEET

for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Funds £	2022 Funds £
<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>		
Building	72,835	76,146
Property Improvements	25,522	0
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Bank Current Accounts - Restricted	0	10,000
Bank Current Accounts - Unrestricted	34,965	50,742
Bank Deposit Accounts	2,079	2,073
	-----	-----
<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>37,045</b>	<b>62,815</b>
	=====	=====
	-----	-----
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>135,402</b>	<b>138,961</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>		
Deferred Income (Building)	63,968	66,421
Deffered Income (Property Improvements)	10,000	0
Cheadle & District Building Loan	4,000	6,000
	-----	-----
<b>Net Assets:</b>	<b>67,434</b>	<b>66,540</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Analysis of Funds:</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	67,434	56,540
Restricted Funds	0	10,000
	-----	-----
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>67,434</b>	<b>66,540</b>
	=====	=====

Approved by the Trustees on 10th July 2023.

Stuart Cox  
Group Scout Leader

Thomas Flanagan  
Group Treasurer

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS *for the year ending 31st January 2023*

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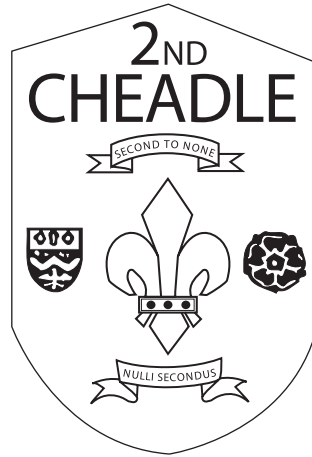
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# Accounts

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

The Paddock, off Brookfield Road, Cheadle SK8 1EX

*Registered charity no. 520173*

## Reports and Accounts

*for the year ending 31st January 2023*

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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

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Registered Charity Number	520173
Group Scout Leader	Stuart Cox
Group Chairman	Will Simpson
Group Secretary	Kate Exley
Group Treasurer	Tom Flanagan
Section Treasurers:	
Moseley Beaver Colony	Kate Cookson
Scout Troop	Catherine Cox
Wessex Cub Pack	Tom Flanagan*
Abney Beaver Colony	Darren Berry
Mercia Cub Pack	John Davidson

\*Acting Treasurer

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2023*

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group, I'm delighted to present the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023.

It was a busy and exciting year for the Group, and we were able to enjoy a full programme of activities and events after nearly two years of Covid-related restrictions.

The Group has been successful in continuing to grow our membership, following the drop-off that we experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are now back at pre-pandemic levels.

Being able to deliver a full year's programme with a much-increased membership meant that we were able to meet our financial obligations through our membership subscriptions and fundraising activities which means the Group remains financially solvent.

In the year, we were also able to invest funds to convert our old storeroom into a fully operational meeting room that is used for section activities, as well as space to hold a racking unit to store frequently used games and sporting equipment. The works would not have been possible without the Group's fundraising efforts, in staging the 44th Ram Roast in April 2022 and Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale the following month, in addition to the Group being successful in applying for various grants from external bodies. All of this has resulted in an excellent facility that has enhanced the delivery of our programme.

The Group continues to be governed by its Board of Trustees, and during the year, we held five Group meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 January 2022. These meetings were attended by leaders of each Section, and we are often joined by parents of our young members, which provides a range of perspectives and experience to inform the direction of the Group and how we manage it.

For me, the key to the success of the Group is our team of leaders who deliver varied and interesting programmes for their sections, which range from Beavers who join us at six years old, with many of them staying with us through Cubs, Scouts and onto our Explorer Unit until they turn 18, and even then many of them end up staying with us by becoming Leaders themselves.

The support of the entire Group leadership team has continued to be vital for the Group to function effectively and I'd like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Leaders for their hard work throughout the year. Each Section Lead has continued to be responsible for delivering their programmes and each report into our Group Scout Leader.

It is extremely gratifying to see our young members grow as they progress through the sections, and the Group plays an important part in their development. We regularly receive feedback from our members' parents thanking us for supporting their children to learn new skills and try new tasks, which are good fun and that coming to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers is a highlight of their children's weeks.

I therefore wish to pass on my thanks to all our leaders (all of whom are volunteers) for their dedication to the children and the Group by putting in countless hours to both plan and deliver exciting activities, as well as helping to run the Group and supporting our fundraising events, which, in my opinion, makes 2nd Cheadle "Second to None".

*Will Simpson*

Group Chairman

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2023*

### GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT

#### MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

##### Group Membership

Our annual membership count this year is 183 registered members across all sections - Beavers (x2), Cubs (x2), Scouts, and Explorer Scouts including 32 adult volunteer leaders/helpers that give their time freely, throughout the year. Young members wishing to join are added to waiting lists until a place becomes available or offered places in neighbouring Scout Groups within Cheadle or Stockport Districts.

##### Group Achievements

Our major fundraising event the 'Ram Roast' held in April was successful as we were blessed with glorious weather. The community of Cheadle welcomed the event back after a Covid break which starts with a parade through Cheadle High Street before arriving at the Abney Scout & Guide Centre within Abney Park, Cheadle.

The sale of Bedding Plants continues to flourish with excellent plants, baskets and tubs purchased from Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale. This year saw us use a new supplier - E. Park & Sons who supplied us with top quality plants.

In the summer, work started to renovate our old brick storeroom into a new meeting and activity room. This new meeting space is great addition for badge work, planning sessions, activities, meetings, or leader training.

Our thanks go to Brookfield Shiers Trust Fund, Arnold Clark Community Fund, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, Co-op Community Fund along with fundraising by the Group.

During the renovation, we also upgraded all our exterior lighting to energy efficient and LED lighting.



In November all sections of the Group attended our annual bonfire and firework display, held within our HQ grounds. Refreshments were cooked and served by members of Discovery Explorer Scout Unit.

Our presence at Cheadle's Remembrance Sunday parade and service grows each year, which is jointly organised with other youth groups and Churches within Cheadle.

A number of new adult leaders have joined the Group throughout this year and have successfully completed their 'getting started' training. This along with existing leaders have completed on-going training modules such as safeguarding, safety and first response courses.

Several leaders completed their Wood badge training, and a number were also presented with Long Service Awards.

My thanks go to members of the Group Executive who help with the running 'behind the scenes' along with support to myself.

During this year, we said goodbye to two long standing Group leaders who sadly passed away. Many leaders attended the funeral services of William Hawksworth (Bill) aged 89 and David Quayle (Mang) aged 70 who both are dearly missed.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## Sectional Scouting Activities

Another amazing year for members of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group with youth members continuing to enjoy an array of sectional programmes, activities, camps and away days.

Once again leaders produced a variety of innovative, constructive and exciting weekly programmes along with additional activities of camps, pack holidays, walks, badge days, water sports, educational trips, climbing, archery and craft activities.

All sections celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Halloween and Christmas with special themed nights.

Moseley and Abney Beaver colonies both enjoyed various food themed nights, backwoods cooking, games, science experiments, craft activities, walks and parties. Abney Beavers held a sleepover camp at Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Wessex and Mercia Cub packs both enjoyed various food themed nights, games, craft activities, colditz, caving, bowling, athletics, science experiments, pioneering team building challenges and backwoods cooking. Camps and pack holidays were held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre, Mellor, Stockport, Ashworth Valley Scout Campsite, Rochdale, Old School Lodge, Caernafon, Wales and Barnswood Scout Campsite, Leek, Staffordshire.

The Scout troop enjoyed pioneering, foreign food cooking challenges, wide games in Abney park, patrol challenges, trading post, fire lighting. A litter pick around Cheadle Village helped towards the community challenge badge, go-kart building, archery, air rifle shooting, caving, canoeing and climbing activities also undertaken. An indoor weekend camp was held at Bibby's Farm Scout Activity Centre, Chorley, traditional summer camp under canvas at Tatton Park Scout Activity Centre, Knutsford and an autumn weekend camp at Bowley Scout Campsite, Great Harwood, Blackburn.

Discovery Explorers have again enjoyed another active year with numbers reaching 32 youth members. Nights away include expeditions around Hayfield and Castleton in Derbyshire, Summer camp at Walesby Forest, Newark and a Christmas camp at Scammonden Activity Centre, Scammonden, Huddlesfield. Explorers continue to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's Awards completing overnight self-sustained expeditions towards these. Several Explorers are now supporting younger age sections. Explorers continue to enjoy a variety of social nights activities, highlights include visiting Escape rooms Manchester, caving trips, short evening hikes, golf driving range, canoeing, zip line, abseiling, bike rides, archery and sessions on the local climbing wall.

Across all sections, various activity and proficiency badges were achieved and awarded along with the Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards across all age ranges.

My thanks go to all our volunteer adult leadership team and helpers for providing a fun packed and exciting programme throughout the year.

2022 was truly another remarkable year for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group creating memories to last along with Skills for Life!

*Stuart Cox*

Group Scout Leader



# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

2<sup>nd</sup> Cheadle Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

520173

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Name:

Lee Blackhurst

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	23,497	13,282
Capitation Paid by Group on behalf of Sections	(8,448)	(4,928)
Membership Subscriptions paid to Group (Covid)	0	5,027
Less Membership Subscriptions to Cheadle & District	(6,840)	(4,386)
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	8,209	8,995
Gift Aid	5,168	732
Donations and Grants	1,529	30,087
Bank Interest	6	0
Discovery Explorers Subscriptions	1,716	788
Other Income (Refunds, etc)	70	0
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	12,471	0
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,967	3,274
Other Fundraising	293	0
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Camps, Activities and Trips	10,743	595
Neckers, Badges and Book Sales	777	511
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	----- <b>42,949</b> =====	----- <b>44,982</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Resources Expended:</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	3,645	1,489
Camps, Activities and Trips	10,300	780
Adult Support and Training	180	120
Business Rates	333	170
Ground Lease	0	0
Water	481	191
Electricity	2,227	1,092
HQ Insurance	3,980	3,884
HQ Maintenance	2,033	3,915
Equipment	3,458	263
Group Vehicles	4,391	4,616
Neckers, Badges and Books	1,838	718
Postage and Stationery	66	62
Broadband, IT and website	346	770
Bank Charges	235	35
Donations / Grants	525	0
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	6,018	180
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,140	1,834
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>41,197</b> =====	<b>20,119</b> =====

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	42,949	44,982
<b>Total Resources Expended:</b>	(41,197)	(20,119)
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Net Operating Income	1,752	24,863
Deferred income	2,453	2,453
Depreciation (Building)	(3,311)	(3,311)
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<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year:</b>	895	24,005
	=====	=====
Funds at 31st January 2022	66,540	42,534
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<b>Funds at 31st January 2023:</b>	<b>67,434</b>	<b>66,540</b>
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All activities are classed as continuing. Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## BALANCE SHEET

for the year ending 31st January 2023

	2023 Funds £	2022 Funds £
<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>		
Building	72,835	76,146
Property Improvements	25,522	0
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Bank Current Accounts - Restricted	0	10,000
Bank Current Accounts - Unrestricted	34,965	50,742
Bank Deposit Accounts	2,079	2,073
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<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>37,045</b>	<b>62,815</b>
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<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>135,402</b>	<b>138,961</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>		
Deferred Income (Building)	63,968	66,421
Deffered Income (Property Improvements)	10,000	0
Cheadle & District Building Loan	4,000	6,000
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<b>Net Assets:</b>	<b>67,434</b>	<b>66,540</b>
	=====	=====
<b>Analysis of Funds:</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	67,434	56,540
Restricted Funds	0	10,000
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<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>67,434</b>	<b>66,540</b>
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Approved by the Trustees on 10th July 2023.

Stuart Cox  
Group Scout Leader

Thomas Flanagan  
Group Treasurer

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS *for the year ending 31st January 2023*

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (SORP) and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Except where stated, all funds held are unrestricted being donations or other income received or generated for the objects of the group for its general purpose and not restricted as to their use.

### **OTHER ASSETS**

The land and buildings at The Paddock are leased to The Scout Association Trust Corporation by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. The Association holds the premises in trust for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group who pay the ground rent and insure the buildings at a replacement cost of £714,405.

Scouting Equipment is valued at £89,621 and is insured for this sum. This sum also includes two storage containers sited within the grounds of the Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

The Group owns two vehicles - a van and a minibus. The value of both vehicles have been written off in previous year's accounts and its value is not reflected in the accounts.

### **TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

None of the trustees were remunerated during this or the previous year.

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# Scouts

## 2nd Cheadle

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