

1ST HARTFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 520202

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-09-19

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

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Activities

Objects: 1ST HARTFORD SCOUT GROUP

Activities: A scout group registered with and governed by policy, organisation and rules of Scout Association. The beaver, cub, scout sections plan and execute annual programme of creative activity to meet the purpose of scouting.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HARTFORD
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£103,357	£55,575	-	-
2024-03-31	£59,653	£59,785	-	-
2023-03-31	£37,575	£47,439	-	-
2022-03-31	£55,382	£29,057	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,222	£15,846	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
jonathan robert flatman	Chair	2024-04-01
Danny Michael Clarke		2024-04-01
KATE HARFORD		2023-11-01

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1st Hartford Scouts Group

Registered Charity Number 520202

Annual Report and Accounts
Year ending 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Report

Reference and Administration Information

Registered charity address: 19 Armstrong Close, Hartford, CW8 1GN

Operating premises: 1st Hartford Scout Hut, Bradburns Lane, Hartford

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Jon Flatman – Chairman

Danny Clarke – GSL

Rory Innes – Membership

Caroline Weeks – Treasurer

Kate Harford – Secretary

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Group Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 3 Trustees and typically meets every 3 months. It exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include dual authorisation for online bank payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

The main activities include:

- Outdoor Adventures (Camping, Hiking, Survival Skills)
- Community Service Projects
- Leadership Training and Patrol System
- Merit Badge Programs and Skill Development
- Physical Activities and Challenges (Sports, Obstacle Courses)
- Ceremonies and Traditions (Investiture, Awards)

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.

Achievements and Performance

The Group consists of a Squirrels section, two Beavers sections, two Cubs sections and a Scouts section, and in early 2025 the Group welcomed an Explorers section, which was previously affiliated with District.

During the year, membership continued to be strong, with the leaders and volunteers delivering a full and engaging programme.

Our youngest section, Squirrels, particularly enjoyed their visit to the local allotments and a fire station, as well as doing a mini hike and lots of craft activities and games.

Our Beavers sections have been busy learning basic climbing techniques and sailing. They have also been supporting the community by collecting supplies for a local cat shelter and had interactive evenings with the local police and Merseyside fire and rescue.

Our Cubs sections have particularly enjoyed their annual Christmas sleepover and Pantomime, as well as a summer trip to Wildshore water park. They have also been busy completing numerous hikes, playing board games, learning to map read and doing lots of badge work.

Our Scouts section have had 12 nights away opportunities leading to 563 nights away; completed 2 expeditions and have been represented at every District and County event run for Scouts in the last year. Six Scouts have also completed their Gold Award, which is a great achievement.

Our Explorers section has enjoyed lots of activities in the year including Via Ferrata, climbing, the Cheshire Hike, cooking and laser quest, as well as supporting community projects such as helping to maintain the paths at Marbury Park.

46 of our young people made the trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in July 2025, and so they were incredibly busy fundraising through various events such as wreath making, raffles, Ceilidhs etc. During the year they raised approximately £30,000 (including some matched funding).

All of our sections came together for a Group Camp in May 2024, which was a fantastic weekend full of activities and camping experiences.

The Group has plans to extend and modernise its building. To help fund this, the Group has also been busy fundraising, with another successful Bedding Plant sale and matched funding.

Financial Review

Financial Review

The Group made a surplus of £47,782 (2024: deficit of £132) which increased our total funds to £138,062 (2024: £90,280). The most significant element of this being an increase in restricted funds of £44,216 as the Group fundraised for Scouts to attend Kandersteg International Camp in July 2025.

The full accounts are presented on pages 6 to 8 below.

Financial Highlights 2024-25

• Receipts in year:	£103,357
• Payments in year:	£55,575
• Total Funds 31 Mar 25:	£138,062
○ Unrestricted:	£83,682
○ Restricted:	£54,380

Subscriptions, fundraising, grants and donations

The Group is dependent upon membership subscriptions to fund its core activities, and additional sources of income to support the programme and for the maintenance, renovation, refurbishment and replacement of buildings and equipment. Net membership subscriptions retained after capitation totalled £9,084.

All parents and supporters are encouraged to subscribe to Gift Aid to maximise the tax relief on subscriptions and donations we can obtain through HM Revenue & Customs. During the year, the Group submitted a Gift Aid claim in respect of 2021-22 and 2022-23, with £1,975 being received after

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts and Payments Summary

	2024-25 Unrestricted Funds	2024-25 Restricted Funds	2024-25 Total Funds	2023-24 Total Funds
Total receipts for the year (page 7)	44,545	58,812	103,357	59,653
Total payments for the year (page 8)	(40,979)	(14,596)	(55,575)	(59,785)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,566	44,216	47,782	(132)
Balance brought forward at 1 April	80,116	10,164	90,280	90,412
Balance carried forward at 31 March	83,682	54,380	138,062	90,280

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024-25 Unrestricted	2024-25 Restricted	2024-25 Total	2023-24 Total
Monetary assets				
Group current account	11,305	-	11,305	40,584
Group interest account	72,377	54,380	126,757	49,696
Total cash funds	83,682	54,380	138,062	90,280
Non-monetary assets				
Land and buildings	388,263	-	388,263	369,775
Equipment and other assets	110,875	-	110,875	102,455
Total non-monetary assets	499,138	-	499,138	472,230

Restricted Funds

Group restricted funds comprised of money raised in respect of international camps, primarily Kandersteg, Switzerland in July 2025.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 06 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Caroline Weeks
Group Treasurer

year end. The Group has not yet submitted the claim for 2023-24 and 2024-25 although claims may be backdated so there is no overall detriment to our financial position.

The Group did not receive any donations from unknown sources or have any unusual activity. The Group did not receive any non-UK income. The Trustees did not receive any payments other than reimbursement of expenses.

Assets and liabilities

In addition to the monetary assets shown in the balance sheet representing bank balances, the Group has non-monetary assets representing land, buildings and equipment, as well as three trailers. These non-monetary assets have been recorded in the statement of assets and liabilities at their insured value as at the most recent insurance renewal in March 2025.

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 sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, approximately £10,000.

The Group held unrestricted reserves of £83,682 at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses, as the funds will be used to extend and modernise the building in the coming years.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees



Caroline Weeks
Group Treasurer

Date: 06 October 2025

Receipts for the year

	2024-25 Unrestricted Funds	2024-25 Restricted Funds	2024-25 Total Funds	2023-24 Total Funds
Membership subscriptions				
Membership subscriptions	18,074	-	18,074	16,702
	18,074	-	18,074	16,702
Donations, legacies and gift aid				
Donations	581	3,000	3,581	2,698
Grant	-	-	-	5,000
	581	3,000	3,581	7,698
Fundraising income				
Bedding Plant Sale	3,858	-	3,858	3,375
Matched funding	-	3,000	3,000	2,750
Easter Raffle	-	2,728	2,728	-
Wreath making	-	2,583	2,583	2,264
Ceilidh	-	2,575	2,575	-
Cheshire Hike Stalls	-	1,680	1,680	-
Other fundraising	170	14,316	14,486	4,851
	4,028	26,882	30,910	13,240
Activities and events				
Section activity income	15,208	28,930	44,138	21,909
Group camp	3,925	-	3,925	-
	19,133	28,930	48,063	21,909
Investment and property income				
Other income	140	-	140	-
Interest received	2,589	-	2,589	104
	2,729	-	2,729	104
Total receipts for the year	44,545	58,812	103,357	59,653

Payments for the year

	2024-25 Unrestricted Funds	2024-25 Restricted Funds	2024-25 Total Funds	2023-24 Total Funds
Membership Fees				
Capitation paid to District	(8,990)	-	(8,990)	(18,890)
	(8,990)	-	(8,990)	(18,890)
Youth programme and activities				
Core meetings and activity expenses	(12,567)	(5,855)	(18,422)	(17,964)
Group camp	(2,755)	-	(2,755)	-
	(15,322)	(5,855)	(21,177)	(17,964)
Badges, uniform and training				
Badges and uniform	(2,196)	(688)	(2,884)	(2,587)
Kit bags	-	(2,560)	(2,560)	-
Training	(328)	-	(328)	(150)
	(2,524)	(3,248)	(5,772)	(2,737)
Buildings and equipment				
Building project costs	-	-	-	(3,096)
Activity equipment	(1,469)	-	(1,469)	(997)
	(1,469)	-	(1,469)	(4,093)
Running costs				
Insurance	(2,551)	(2,439)	(4,990)	(2,553)
Venue maintenance	(1,925)	-	(1,925)	(4,482)
Cleaning	(1,002)	-	(1,002)	(1,060)
Utilities (water, gas and electricity)	(3,406)	-	(3,406)	(3,402)
Other (broadband, accountancy fees)	(1,352)	-	(1,352)	(1,430)
Bank fees	(60)	(25)	(85)	(104)
	(10,296)	(2,464)	(12,760)	(13,031)
Fundraising expenses				
Bedding Plant Sale	(2,051)	-	(2,051)	(2,189)
Easter Raffle	-	(178)	(178)	-
Wreath making	-	(223)	(223)	(706)
Ceilidh	-	(829)	(829)	-
Other fundraising	(327)	(1,799)	(2,126)	(175)
	(2,378)	(3,029)	(5,407)	(3,070)
Total payments for the year	(40,979)	(14,596)	(55,575)	(59,785)

Independent Examiner's Report

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1st Hartford Scout Group Financial Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2025

Independent verification

Testing was carried out on a sample of 55 transactions from the Income and Expenditure Accounts. The transactions were agreed back to the source documents.

Explanations and evidence of the authorisation of bank payments was received and checked & the opening and closing bank balances per the Accounts agreed back to the actual Bank Account Statements.

Findings

I can confirm that the testing identified no differences between the source documents and the Accounts & that the bank payments appear to be authorised by the appropriate parties.

As always with these type of businesses, it is impossible to confirm with 100% assurance that all of the income generated at events was paid into the business' bank account as there are no sales invoices generated for each and every transaction.

Recommendations

No recommendations made.

Sign off

I can confirm that the information contained in the monthly summaries for the year to 31 March 2025 are in line with the underlying transactions and that they fairly represent the data that is available to review.

Signature:  Date: 20/10/2025

Name: Paul Lounds, FCA

1ST HARTFORD SCOUT GROUP

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Accounts

1st Hartford Scout Group Charity Number 520202

Registered Address: 19 Armstrong Close, Hartford, CW8 1GN

Registered Trustees:

Jonathan Flatman - Chair

Caroline Weeks - Treasurer

Rory Innes - Membership

Kate Harford - Secretary

Danny Clarke - Group Scout Leader

Highlights for the year

During the year, membership continued to be strong, with the leaders and volunteers delivering a full and engaging programme. This included giving our young people lots of camp adventures, outdoor skills challenges, personal growth and learning, and leadership development opportunities, as well as helping our community and the environment. A group of our Scouts section are set to go on an International Scout Camp in Switzerland in Summer 2025, so began their fundraising activities to make this happen. The Group has plans to extend and modernise its building, so incurred costs in the year in respect of technical drawings and planning application. To help fund this, the Group has also been busy fundraising, with another successful Bedding Plant sale, matched funding and a log sale.

Financials

Opening current bank balance on 1st April 2023	£41,783
Opening high interest account balance on 1st April 2023	<u>£48,629</u>
Total cash on 1st April 2023	<u>£90,412</u>
Total Income in the year	£58,586
Total Expenses in the year	£59,785
Closing current bank balance on 31st March 2024	£40,584
Closing high interest account balance on 31st March 2024	<u>£49,696</u>
Total cash on 31st March 2024	<u>£90,280</u>

Accounts verification

The accounts for 1st Hartford Scout Group have been verified by Paul Lounds of Lounds & Co. This included an analysis of bank transactions supplied reconciled to the bank balance for the period 01/04/23 to 31/03/24. All payments out of the bank account were checked against supporting documentation. He confirmed that the money spent through the bank account, is fully supported by invoices and / or authorisation documents.

Special notes

In previous years accounts, the high interest bank account ('Gold Account') had been omitted in error. This balance has been included in these accounts. The Group also has land and buildings, together with assets such as trailers and equipment which have now been recorded in the statement of assets and liabilities for completeness.

We did not receive any donations from unknown sources or have any unusual activity. We did not receive any non-UK income. The trustees did not receive any payments other than reimbursement of expenses. The trustees for this period are listed above and no changes were made during the year.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:



Full name: Jon Flatman

Position: Chair

Date: 26/03/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

1st Harford Scout Group

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Total income	59,653	-	-	59,653	37,575
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	59,653	-	-	59,653	37,575
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,653	-	-	59,653	37,575
A3 Payments					
Total expenses	59,785	-	-	59,785	47,439
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	59,785	-	-	59,785	47,439
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	59,785	-	-	59,785	47,439
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 132	-	-	- 132	- 9,864
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	90,412	-	-	90,412	51,647
Cash funds this year end	90,280	-	-	90,280	41,783

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Account	40,584	-	-
	Gold Account	49,696	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	90,280	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

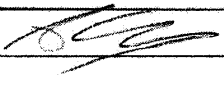
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land & Buildings	unrestricted	-	369,775
	Equipment and other assets	unrestricted	-	102,455
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SON GLATMAN	20/03/2025

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1st Hartford Scout Group Financial Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2024

Independent verification

Testing was carried out on a sample of 50 transactions from the Income and Expenditure Accounts. The transactions were either agreed back to the source documents or from the source document back to the Income and Expenditure Accounts.

Testing was also carried out to identify whether each month's summary had been signed off by the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer & that the opening and closing bank balances per the Accounts agreed back to the actual Bank Account Statements.

Findings

I can confirm that the testing identified no differences between the source documents and the Accounts & that each of the monthly summaries had been signed off by the appropriate parties.


As always with these type of businesses, it is impossible to confirm with 100% assurance that all of the income generated at events was paid into the business' bank account as there are no sales invoices generated for each and every transaction.

Recommendations

No recommendations made.

Sign off

I can confirm that the information contained in the monthly summaries for the year to 31 March 2024 are in line with the underlying transactions and that they fairly represent the data that is available to review.

Signature:  Date: 2/4/25

Name: Paul Lounds, FCA

1ST HARTFORD SCOUT GROUP

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Accounts

1st Hartford Scout Group Charity Number 520202

Registered Address: 4 St James Way, Hartford, Northwich, CW8 1GR

Registered Trustees:

John Bebbington – Treasurer

Michelle Bebbington – Chair

Sian Lewis

Gareth Lewis

Graham Wallace

Su Smith

Highlights for the year

Membership continues to grow across all sections with all leaders and assistants coming up with creative and innovative activity plans. Major expense agreed to provide high level outside security for the scout hall, including fencing, gateway, CCTV and alarm system. Bedding plant sale remains popular and a very good source for raising funds.

Financials

Opening bank balance on 1st April 2022 was £51,647

Incomings Total raised £37,575

Outgoings Total £47,439

Closing bank balance on 31st March 2023 £41,783

Accounts verification

The accounts for 1st Hartford Scout Group have been verified by Paul Lounds of Lounds & Co. This included an analysis of bank transactions supplied reconciled to the bank balance for the period 01/04/22 to 31/03/23. All payments out of the bank account were checked against supporting documentation. He confirmed that the money spent through the bank account, is fully supported by invoices & / or authorisation documents. The administration improvements he recommended be put in place regarding administration procedures and policies from the previous year's audit have now been reviewed and implemented.

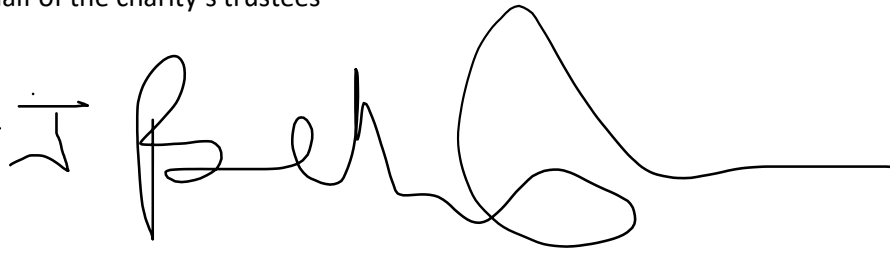
Special notes

We did not receive any donations from unknown sources or have any unusual activity. We did not receive any non-UK income. The trustees did not receive any payments other than reimbursement of expenses. The trustees for this period are listed above and no changes were made during the year.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bebbington', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Full name: John Bebbington

Position: Treasurer

Date: 5th March 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Total income	37,575	-	-	37,575	55,382
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,575	-	-	37,575	55,382
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,575	-	-	37,575	55,382
A3 Payments					
Total expenses	47,439	-	-	47,439	29,057
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	47,439	-	-	47,439	29,057
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,439	-	-	47,439	29,057
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,864	-	-	- 9,864	26,325
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51,647	-	-	51,647	25,322
Cash funds this year end	41,783	-	-	41,783	51,647

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	41,783	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	41,783	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	John Bebbington	5th March 2024

1st Hartford Scout Group Financial Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2023

Independent verification

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Findings

I can confirm that the testing identified no differences between the source documents and the Accounts & that each of the monthly summaries had been signed off by the appropriate parties.

As always with these type of businesses, it is impossible to confirm with 100% assurance that all of the income generated at events was paid into the business' bank account as there are no sales invoices generated for each and every transaction.

Recommendations

No recommendations made.

Sign off

I can confirm that the information contained in the monthly summaries for the year to 31 March 2023 are in line with the underlying transactions and that they fairly represent the data that is available to review.

Signature:



Date:

6/3/24.

Name:

Paul Lounds, FCA

1ST HARTFORD SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 520202

Accounts

1st Hartford Scout Group Charity Number 520202

Registered Address: 4 St James Way, Hartford, Northwich, CW8 1GR

Registered Trustees:

John Bebbington – Treasurer

Michelle Bebbington – Chair

Sian Lewis

Gareth Lewis

Graham Wallace

Su Smith

Highlights for the year

The financial situation of the group improved over the reporting year and is due to the 2 final Covid-19 grants received from Chester West and Chester (CWAC) Borough Council and numerous grants and donations received from local businesses. Many of the donations followed news that the Scout hut had suffered its first ever break in, resulting in damage to the building interior and equipment. We also had another successful bedding plant sale.

Following the end lockdown and a return to normal scouting activities, membership numbers and subsequent annual subscription payments have shown a steady increase. This is due to a positive response to a local campaign to attract new members across Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Financials

Opening bank balance on 1st April 2021 was £25,322

Incomings Total raised £55,382

Outgoings Total £29,057

Closing bank balance on 31st March 2022 £51,647

Accounts verification

The accounts for 1st Hartford Scout Group have been verified by Paul Lounds of Lounds & Co. This included an analysis of bank transactions supplied reconciled to the bank balance for the period 01/04/21 to 31/03/22. All payments out of the bank account were checked against supporting documentation. He confirmed that the money spent through the bank account, is fully supported by invoices & / or authorisation documents. The administration improvements he recommended be put in place regarding administration procedures and policies from the previous year's audit have now been reviewed and implemented.

Special notes

We received grants from local government of £11,417. We did not receive any donations from unknown sources or have any unusual activity. We did not receive any non-UK income. The trustees did not receive any payments other than reimbursement of expenses. The trustees for this period are listed above and no changes were made during the year.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Bebbington', written in a cursive style.

Full name: John Bebbington

Position: Treasurer

Date: 14/3/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

1st Hartford Scout Group

520202

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Total income	55,382	-	-	55,382	31,222
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,382	-	-	55,382	31,222
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,382	-	-	55,382	31,222
A3 Payments					
Total expenses	29,057	-	-	29,057	15,846
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	29,057	-	-	29,057	15,846
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,057	-	-	29,057	15,846
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,325	-	-	26,325	15,376
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,322	-	-	25,322	9,946
Cash funds this year end	51,647	-	-	51,647	25,322

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	51,647	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	51,647	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

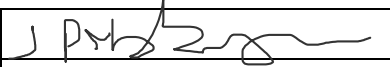
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	John Bebbington	14/03/2023

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Recommendations

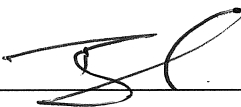
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Sign off

I can confirm that the information contained in the monthly summaries for the year to 31 March 2022 are in line with the underlying transactions and that they fairly represent the data that is available to review.

Signature:



Date:

14/3/23

Name:

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Highlights for the year

The financial situation of the group improved over the reporting year due to the various Covid-19 grants received from Chester West and Chester (CWAC) Borough Council. Without these grants, the financial situation would have been of great concern as all the planned annual fund raiser activities were cancelled due to lockdown, while operating overheads increased. Despite lockdown, membership numbers and subsequent annual subscription payments remained stable. This is thanks to the dedication of all the sections leaders who managed to continue with weekly activities via online Zoom meetings.

Financials

Opening bank balance on 1st April 2020 was £9,946

Incomings Total raised £31,222

Outgoings Total £15,846

Closing bank balance on 31st March 2021 £25,322

Accounts verification

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Special notes

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did not receive any payments other than reimbursement of expenses. The trustees for this period are listed above and no changes were made during the year.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

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Full name: John Bebbington

Position: Treasurer

Date: 28th January 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
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1st Hartford Scout Group

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Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Total income	31,222	-	-	31,222	25,525
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,222	-	-	31,222	25,525
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,222	-	-	31,222	25,525
A3 Payments					
Total expenses	15,846	-	-	15,846	26,879
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,846	-	-	15,846	26,879
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,846	-	-	15,846	26,879
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,376	-	-	15,376	- 1,354
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,946	-	-	9,946	11,300
Cash funds this year end	25,322	-	-	25,322	9,946

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds		25,322	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Signature:



Date:

26/1/2022

Name:

Paul Lounds, FCA