

2021-2022**Income**

Bank Interest	48.74
Donation	10,957.37
Events - Beavers	60.00
Events - Cubs	0.00
Events - Scouts	195.00
Events - Squirrels	0.00
Fundraising	1,744.45
Gift Aid	0.00
Membership Fees	18,116.89
Rent	490.00

Expense

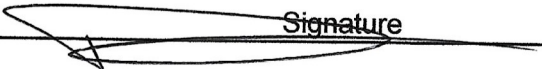

Activity Equipment	100.13
Admin	315.46
Badges	913.30
Bank Fees	11.34
Camping Equipment	393.61
Events	2,319.61
Events - Beavers	184.75
Events - Cubs	135.00
Events - Scouts	372.90
Events - Squirrels	36.42
Insurance	755.65
Meetings	2,092.32
Meetings - Beavers	29.71
Membership Costs	9,007.70
Rates	187.54
Rent	1,054.00
Training	423.09
Utilities	2,674.91
Venue Maintenance	9,686.20

Account balances

Current Acc	1,144.03
Capitation	1,000.66
Camp Account	805.32
Building Maintenance	6,396.81

Summary

Account balance brought forward	8,428.01
Total income	31,612.45
Total expenditure	30,693.64
Net income	918.81
Account balance carried forward	9,346.82

Signature	Print Name	Role
	David Hewitt	Treasurer
	Carol Ann Nolan	Chair

England & Wales

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 7th Stalybridge Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 7th Stalybridge for the year ended 30th June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 7th Stalybridge 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 7th Stalybridge accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 7th Stalybridge as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

GRACE SPEAKMAN

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: SAFE START, 1.234 HENRY SQUARE CHAMBERS, OLD STREET, ASHTON, OL6 7ST

Date:

05.07.2022

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

7th Stalybridge Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

5 2 0 2 4 5

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

7th Stalybridge Scout Group

North Road

Stalybridge

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Nicholas Ledger		
2	Deena Ledger		
3	Carol Ann Nolan		
4	Lisa Wright		
5	David Hewitt		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every # months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

The maintenance of Group property;

The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;

The insurance of persons, property and equipment;

Group public occasions;

Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

Appointing any sub committees that may be required;

Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major

risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development,

empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

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

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

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

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Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

we do operate a hardship fund to support any member that may experience financial difficulty for them to continue Scouting and be involved in all aspects of our programme. Our Policy is for awarding Hardship Funds is as follows: 7th Stalybridge Scout Group is committed to providing opportunities for all young people to engage with scouting in accordance with the policies of the Scout Association, including the Association's Equal Opportunities Policy. Remit:

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Group has grown to 144 young people from 36 pre COVID. We now have:- 2 Brand new Squirrel Dreys, 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and are setting up a second Scout Section in September. We also now house the District Explorers too. We are also now a cashless organisation

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs, circa £4,500.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of approximately £9,346.85 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained as we are currently carrying out significant improvements to the building which will take a further 6 - 12 months to complete.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	<p>We do not have an deficits at the end of this reporting financial year.</p>
Further financial review details (optional information)	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and objectives; 	<p>Our funds are primarily raised through Subscriptions collected through the course of providing Scouting Activities. Following the Covid-19 Pandemic we have had the opportunity to apply for a higher number of Grants than usual, and these have been awarded unrestricted. We are currently exploring using these Grants to improve our building's facilities, and are held in a seperate reserve account with the bank.</p> <p>The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.</p> <p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Continue to invest in a modernisation programme of our Scout HQ, to bring upto modern standards, invest in Volunteer training to provide additional activities to young people to avoid the use of external agencies where possible.

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)							
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David Hewitt

Deena Ledger

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Treasurer

Assistant Group Scout Leader

Date

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