



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Charity name: 1st Tarporley Scout Group

Charity registration number: 520259

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Scouting in the UK is organised through The Scout Association.</p> <p>The Purpose of Scouting The Scout Association has a clear purpose: 'Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.' The Scout Association's method of meeting the purpose of Scouting is through a balanced programme.</p> <p>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</p> <p>1st Tarporley Scout Group is an autonomous organisation holding its property and equipment and admitting young people to membership of 1st Tarporley Scout Group subject to the policy and rules of The Scout Association.</p> <p>The aim of 1st Tarporley Scout Group is to providing Scouting to boys and girls aged 4 to 14 years in the proximity of Tarporley. 1st Tarporley Scout Group also actively supports Maverick Explorers in providing</p>

		Scouting to their young members aged 14 to 18 years.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have considered the guidance in the Charities SORP (FRS 102, 2nd Edition, October 2019), and the Public Benefit Requirements (PB1, September 2013). Public benefit entity is defined in FRS 102 as: ‘an entity whose primary objective is to provide goods or services for the general public, community or social benefit and where any equity is provided with a view to supporting the entity’s primary objectives rather than with a view to providing a financial return to equity providers, shareholders or members’.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The aim and activities of 1st Tarporley Scout Group are for public benefit. There are currently approximately 130 young people benefitting from the activities of 1st Tarporley Scout Group on a regular basis. As well as benefitting members of the scout group directly, the group also benefits the wider community by activities such as volunteering for local food bank, litter picking and organising community events such as fireworks night.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Group Trustees Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scout Group is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.</p> <p>Effective Trustee support helps other volunteers run the Scout programme that gives young people skills for life.</p> <p>Members of the Group Trustees Board must act collectively as charity trustees of their charity, and in the best interests of the charity's members.</p> <p>In addition to the Trustees, all activity of 1st Tarporley Scout Group is delivered through volunteers including the Group Scout Leader, Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants, and Group Advisors.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The broad range of Scouting activities undertaken for the benefit of the young people are reported to the Group Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting by the Group Scout Leader and Section Leaders. The sections all meet weekly during school term times, and additionally undertake some weekend and holiday time activities such as camps, parades and inter-group competitions.</p> <p>The Trustees do not want subs to be a barrier to any Beaver, Cub, Scout, or Explorer being a member, and Subs are waived (confidentially) in such cases.</p> <p>A full report of the achievements over the year is available in the minutes of the AGM.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity was in a strong financial position at the end of the financial year, with monetary assets of £55,711, an increase of £18,140 over the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The current account is used for normal running expenses and typically holds £10,000 - £15,000.</p> <p>A minimum of £20,000 is normally held in an Investment account to cover emergency expenses, e.g. minibus, new roof, heating system. (Note that the investment account was closed in June 2023 and the funds were held in the current account at year end.)</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>Monetary assets as of 31/3/2024:</p> <p>Current account £49,814</p> <p>Investment account – nil (account closed)</p> <p>Subs account £5,897</p> <p>Total monetary assets £55,711</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The principal sources of funding over the year have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscriptions ("subs") paid termly by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers • Sale of bedding plants • Bonfire and fireworks night
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	To preserve and maintain the financial stability of the Group for the benefit of current and future membership and the wider local community.

		<p>The Group has a low appetite for financial risk and loss in capital through exposure to high risk investments or financial products.</p> <p>Emergency fund The Group will keep £20,000 (circa 12 months' operating expenses) in a high-yield savings account for immediate access and capital preservation. This figure will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly on an annual basis on the production of each year's accounts.</p> <p>Investment account Any funds available for longer term investment can be investment in low or low/medium risk savings accounts. These accounts may be fixed term or notice accounts to achieve a greater return / rate of interest. First preference is that these accounts are with UK retail banks and any deposits are covered under the FSCS scheme The ultimate aim is that any capital expenditure can be funded from the investment account to preserve the emergency fund</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The primary long term risk for any group which is reliant on volunteers for delivery of its activities, is a shortage of volunteers in leadership and delivery positions. 1st Tarporley Scout Group continues to work to develop its existing volunteers with training, and to seek to recruit new volunteers.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution A new Constitution following the Scouts Association guidance was adopted at the AGM in September 2023.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The new constitution sets out the election process

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Tarporley Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	-
Registered charity number	520259
Charity's principal address	c/o Kate Riley The Cottage High Street Clotton CW6 0EG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nick Oates	Group Lead Volunteer		Group Scout Council
2	John Egan	Chair		Group Scout Council
3	Kate Riley	Treasurer		Group Scout Council
4	Lynda Briody	Secretary		Group Scout Council
5	Kevin Streck	Communications		Group Scout Council
6	Penny Watson	Deputy Group Lead Volunteer		Group Scout Council
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Corporate trustees – names of the director at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Egan	
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	11th October 2024	

First Tarporley Scout Group (Charity no. 520259)

Receipts and payments account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Receipts and payments

		2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	Note 1	18,133	18,135
Donations	Note 2	715	-
Legacies		-	-
Gift Aid		3,936	2,863
Other similar income		-	-
Sub total		22,784	20,998
Grants			
Maintenance grant		-	-
Other grants		-	450
Sub total		-	450
Fundraising events (gross)			
Plant sale	Note 3	2,307	2,284
Fireworks	Note 4	18,040	9,758
Other fundraising activities		-	-
Sub total		20,347	12,042
Scout hut income			
Hire of building		789	1,644
Hire of equipment		1,580	967
Use of equipment - Explorers		-	150
Other Scout hut income		-	-
Sub total		2,369	2,761
Investment income			
Bank interest		-	-
Building Society interest		-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	Note 5	192	224
Other investment income		-	-
Sub total		192	224
Other			
Uniform and badges		-	99
Sundry income		-	47
Sub total		-	146
Total Gross Income		45,692	36,621
Asset and investment sales, etc.		500	27
Total receipts		46,192	36,648

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Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/Di Note 7	7,245	7,260
Youth programme and activities	-	-
Adult support and training Note 8	-	276
Rent	-	-
Water and Sewerage	382	558
Electricity and Gas	1,619	1,358
Internet	411	28
Insurance	2,577	2,630
Repairs and Renewals	1,301	1,131
Materials and equipment	690	-
Printing and photocopying	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	50	-
Uniforms	309	797
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-
Cleaning and gardening	926	769
Minibus costs Note 9	333	2,076
Vehicle costs (excluding minibus costs)	-	-
Website cost	-	-
Expenditure by packs Note 10	4,138	8,291
Sub total	19,981	25,174
Fundraising expenses		
Plant sale Note 3	1,553	1,641
Fireworks Note 4	5,241	4,251
Detail 3	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	6,794	5,892
Other expenses		
Sundry expenses Note 11	87	851
Charitable donations Note 12	150	-
Sub total	237	851
Total Gross Expenditure	27,012	31,917
Asset and investment purchases, etc. Note 13	1,040	376
Total payments	28,052	32,293
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,140	4,355
Cash funds last year end	37,570	33,215
Cash funds this year end	55,710	37,570

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Receipts and payments account

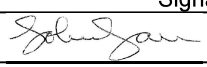
Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024


Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31/03/2024 Unrestricted funds £	31/03/2023 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	49,814	10,296
Bank deposit account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
Subs account	5,897	1,090
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service Note 6	-	26,184
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	55,711	37,570
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Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	350,865	350,865
Motor vehicles	-	5,600
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	39,121	39,121
Other	-	-
Sub total	389,986	395,586
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	445,697	433,156

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 25th September 2024 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature





Kate Riley (Oct 11, 2024 15:14 GMT+1)

Print Name

John Egan Chair

Kate Riley Treasurer

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Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Accounting Notes

1. Subs:

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts - Subs are collected via OSM.

Explorers - Explorers are part of Chester & Discounts Explorer group but are hosted in Tarporley as such they contribute to the upkeep of the hut and equipment. Tarporley group assist with the collection of the subs via OSM, as Explorers are a much valued part of our community and contribute to fundraising the group cover the cost of OSM.

2. The following donations were received:

£110 donation from Tarporley Rotary for use of the marquee for Tarporley carnival

£30 donation from Tarporley Rotary for use of tables in May 2023

£25 donation from Tarporley Rotary for hire of tables in September 2023

£550 donation from Tarporley 41 Club

3. Total income from plant sale £2,307, costs £1,553, profit £754

4. Total income from fireworks night £18,040, costs £5,241, profit £12,799

5. Investment account yielded £192 interest. This is included in the funds transfer below to avoid double counting.

6. The Investment account was closed by Scout Association in June 2023 and balance transferred to current account.

7. Capitation is the amount paid to Cheshire Scouts a proportion of which is paid to Scouts HQ. Capitation is paid in arrears, i.e. the payment made in March 2024 covered 2023/24 membership.

9. Minibus costs adjusted to account for tax and insurance refunds when minibus was sold

10. Funds distributed to sections based on the following:

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts - 1/3 of subs is passed to each group to spend on individual activities

Explorers - 75% of subs is passed to the group

11. Sundry expenses included: plastic beakers for kitchen, thank you gift for Jane Read (outgoing Secretary), thank you gift for Peter Willis (for making awards board)

12. The following donations were made: Poppy appeal £100; Mid Cheshire Mind £50

13. Assets purchased: Wheel clamp; microwave, 3 person tent, 6 gas stoves

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
1st Tarporley Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2024 showing monetary assets of £55,711.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner's. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 . to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and
 . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 . to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act
 have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

Qualification

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Date

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