

# Group Lead Volunteer Annual Report 2025

Hi everyone and welcome to another AGM and Annual Awards ceremony – my 17<sup>th</sup> year leading the Group!

This will be my last year as GLV, I'm due to retire next year and feel it is time for someone else to take over. I'm not getting any younger and we need someone with more energy than I have at the helm.

We've come a long way since 2008 when I was appointed Group Scout Leader, and we've hit several milestones and achieved so much together as a Group. When I joined the Group as a Cub Leader in 2002, we had one Beaver Colony, one Cub Pack and a Scout Troop.

In 2008 we celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2009 we were awarded the Presidents Prize for Best Scout Group in the District.

In 2010 we recorded our highest ever membership (to date) with 101 children and we celebrated opening a second Beaver Colony Ismay and welcomed the first girls to the Group in Cubs. We were awarded the District Reg Cook Trophy for Best Beaver Colony and the Blackwood Trophy for the Scout Troop who achieve the most 'out' in Scouting.

In 2011 with Cub numbers growing, we opened a second Cub Pack known as Reed Pack in recognition of our President Dave Reed. We officially became the biggest Scout Group in West Wirral District in 2012.

In 2013 we celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2014 we opened a second Scout Troop named Martin Troop after one of the Scout Group's founding members.

In 2014 the Cub Packs jointly won the District Fitzpatrick Cup as Best Cub Packs in the District.

In 2015 one of our Scouts Dan attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Japan.

In 2016 I stepped down as Akela after 14 years and Caro took over.

In 2018 we celebrated our 85th anniversary and we opened a 3<sup>rd</sup> Beaver Colony named Royden. Two of our Scouts Mat and Jamie were selected to attend the WSJ in the USA and Canada in 2019.

In 2019 our membership stood at 175 young people and around 40 adults, we were once again awarded the District Presidents Prize for Best Scout Group.

2020/21 were challenging years with the Covid-19 Pandemic and our Scout meetings continuing online with Zoom visitors and content and virtual visits all around the world and the UK. We managed to have our first ever International Trip to Disney and Paris and got back just in time before the first lockdown. It was a huge success with an enormous amount of work behind the scenes to pull it all together, but a great trip which everyone who attended enjoyed immensely.

In 2022 with 196 children and 32 adults in the Group. In January we opened our first Squirrel Drey Scouting named Hillbark Drey for 4 & 5-year-olds, demand was so great that the second opened in September named Harrock Drey. At the District AGM in May 2023, Hillbark and Harrock were jointly awarded the Squirrel Drey of the Year.

2023 our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but a very tough year for me and I wasn't able to attend the AGM for the first time in 22 years. The Group however continued to grow with 233 young people on the Census and 36 Adult Leaders and 18 Young Leaders. We had our second trip to Disney and Paris, another huge success.

2024 another successful year still over 224 youth members 34 adult leaders and 14 Young Leaders.

2025 we still have over 200 young people, 29 adults and 14 Young Leaders, comprising nine Sections who meet each week, 2 Squirrel Dreys, 3 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and 2 Scout Troops and our third International Trip to Disney and Paris.

I read all of my previous annual reports before I wrote this and found they are a great record of what we've done, what we've achieved and who helped along the way. A big part of my annual report is thanking the

Adult and Young Leaders who run the Group Section meetings each week.

I need to thank the teams; we need to thank them all for being special and supporting this Group and assisting me to run the Group.

The Leadership Team - Caro, Andy, Liz and Holly.

Team Leaders - Andrew, Andy, Caro, Paul, Phil, Jayne, Gregg, Holly.

Team Members - Jon, Iain, Jay, Chris, John, Laura G, Laura M, Emma B, Emma K, Jenny, Helen, Nia, Liz, Victoria, Rachel, Raych, Nadine, Elena, Clare, Craig

Admin Support – Vicky, Kimmy and Gaynor

Trustees – Ivan, Nigel, Helen, Wendy, Nick, Marlou, Mel, Alan, Phil, Andrew

Young Leaders - Ben, Ben, Elliot, Ella, Finlay, India, Finley, Sadie, Frankie, Ptolemy, Freya, Erin, Harriet, Jared, Tom, Gabby, Emily, Conrad.

In the last month I've had 3 adult leaders contact me to say they can't continue in September for various reasons, family commitments, new work commitments, family health, not enough time.....

So, we need more help, our youth membership has been pretty constant at between 200 and 233 children each year, but our adult support has reduced, we have more children but less adult volunteers than ever. Please consider joining us as a leader/volunteer so that we can continue to offer Scouting each week.

Volunteers are a special group of people and that's because they do what it says on the tin and volunteer. They are busy people, they have families, careers, jobs, hobbies of their own. They face difficult, challenging times, unexpected illness, just the same as everyone else. However, as a group they are extraordinary, because as well as all the normal stuff, they volunteer, they do this for the young people of our Scout Group and don't get paid. Their only reward is the outcome, providing top quality Scouting for your children, week in week out. Providing skills for life, building independence, confidence and

resilience for your children and making this Group the special, amazing, successful Group that it is.

Thank you

Sue Flush - Group Lead Volunteer

# 1st Thursaston Scout Group

Year  
31/03/2024

Year  
31/03/2025

Statement of the assets and liabilities at the end of the year

## Cash Funds

Bank current account (Treasurer plus activities)  
Bank deposit accounts  
The Scout Association Short Term Service  
Cash / Floats

Total cash funds

Unrestricted Funds  
£

18033
20488
38521

Unrestricted Funds  
£

12485
20605
0
33090

## Other Monetary assets

Tax claim (Gift Aid claim due)  
Debts due from the county/ area/ district group  
Insurance claims

Sub total

0

0

## Investment Assets

Investment property  
Quoted investments  
Other investments

Sub total

0

0

## Non monetary assets for Groups own use

Badge stock  
shop stock  
other stock  
Land and Buildings  
Motor vehicles  
Scouting equipment / furniture  
other

Sub total

Total Assets

990
180000
4000
6000
190990
229511

990
180000
3500
6000
190490
223580

## Liabilities

Accounts not yet paid  
Expenses incurred but not invoiced  
Subscription not yet paid  
Loan details  
other liabilities

Total liabilities

0

0

The above receipts and payments account and statements of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on  
(The date of the Executive Committee Meeting that approved the accounts)

And signed on behalf by:

Signature

Print name

Chair



NIGEL HOBSON

Treasurer

12/5/25

## 1st Thursaston Scout Group

### Receipts and Payments

Year  
31/03/2024

Year  
31/03/2025

### Receipts

Unrestricted Funds  
£

Unrestricted Funds  
£

### Donations, Legacies and similar income

Members Subscriptions  
Less: Membership Subscriptions paid to District  
Net membership subscription retained  
Donations  
Legacies  
Gift Aid  
Other similar income, Activities  
**Sub total**

27416
11648
15768
106
46141
62015

28660
12255
16405
57
32378
48840

### Grants

Maintenance Grant  
Other Grant (Covis 19)  
**Sub total**

0

0

### Fundraising Gross

General  
Scout Post  
Other fundraising activities (Easy Fundraising)  
**Sub total**

4216
4216

5379
5379

### Investment Income

Bank Interest  
Building Society interest  
The Scout Associations Short Term investment  
Other investment income  
**Sub total**

87
87

126
126

**Total Gross Income**

66318
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54345
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**Total receipts**

66318
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54345
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# 1st Thursaston Scout Group

	Year 31/03/2024	Year 31/01/2025
<b>Receipts and payments</b>		
<b>Payments</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities	38733	42910
Adult support and training		
Rent	1000	1000
Water and sewage	365	382
Electricity and gas	3854	2867
Insurance	5373	5650
Repairs and Renewables	872	980
Materials and Equipment	954	1130
Admin, Printing and photocopying	847	491
Contribution to camp costs		
Uniforms and kit	969	579
AGM and Trustee expenses	60	
Transport	626	465
Badges	3069	2350
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>56722</b>	<b>58804</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
General	2943	972
Other fundraising activities		
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2943</b>	<b>972</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>59665</b>	<b>59776</b>
<b>Net of receipts / payments</b>	<b>6653</b>	<b>-5431</b>
<b>Cash funds last year</b>	<b>45913</b>	<b>38521</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>38521</b>	<b>33090</b>





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

1st Thurstaston Scout Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

1-3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: R. G. Turner.

Date: 1st June 2025

Name: Richard Glegg Turner

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

A.C.I.B.

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