

# 1ST CONSETT SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 520349

## Details

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**Other names** 1ST CONSETT BOY SCOUT GROUP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1965-11-10

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1ST CONSETT BOY SCOUT GROUP

**Activities:** Range of educational, training, sport and recreational activities - indoor and outdoor - for young people aged 6 to 14

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** CONSETT
- Durham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£46,507	£51,741	-	-
2024-03-31	£54,504	£51,587	-	-
2023-03-31	£34,679	£45,325	-	-
2022-03-31	£38,916	£27,100	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,726	£12,655	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>PHILIP HARNBY</b>	Chair	2022-11-29
Alistair Constable		2022-11-29
Jennifer Wright		2018-07-31
Kevin Holmes		2023-05-18
Neil Jukes		2019-07-31
Shaun Spence		2022-11-29

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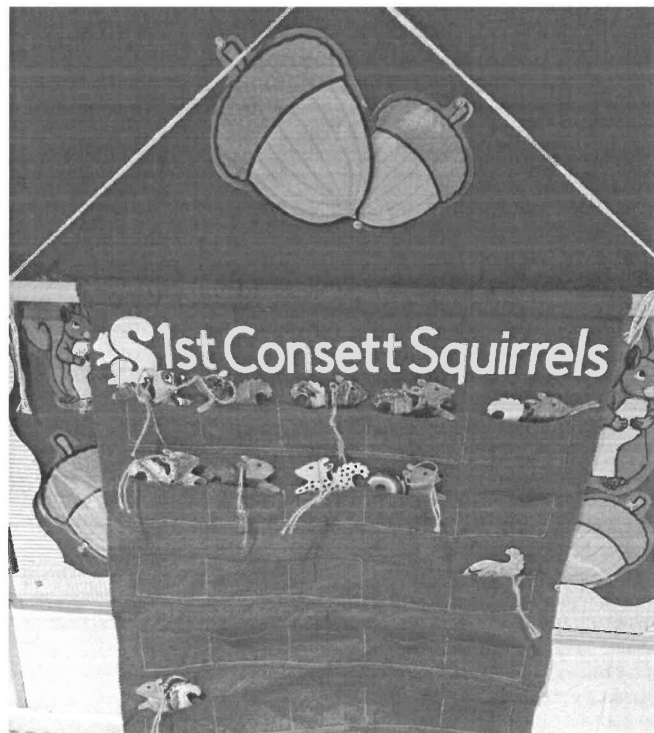
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# Accounts

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A year of firsts!

1st Consett Scout Group  
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**1st Consett Scouts**  
Charity number: 520349

# THE GROUP

It's been another fantastic year at 1st Consett Scout Group — bigger, busier, and more adventurous than ever! Our youth membership continues to grow, and we were proud to launch the first Squirrels section in the area, welcoming 8 enthusiastic 4–5-year-olds into the Consett Scouting family. Alongside this, our team of adult volunteers has grown too, bringing fresh energy and commitment to our thriving group.

Nationally, Scouting has seen significant changes this year, with new digital systems, updated terminology, and a refreshed leadership structure. Training has also evolved, and while these changes take time to embed locally, our team has embraced them with resilience and adaptability.

Our programme remains as exciting and varied as ever, with a strong focus on adventure. Across all sections, young people have taken part in climbing, rifle shooting, lazer tag, skiing, archery, snow tubing, canoeing, paddleboarding, and more. We've taken part in some group events including our Halloween Fun day and Clarty Bairsns. We've also continued our commitment to community service — from food bank collections and litter picks to supporting the Royal British Legion through poppy sales.

Badgework has flourished, with hundreds awarded across the group. Notably, eighteen young people achieved the prestigious Chief Scout Award in their respective sections, with some honoured at the County Awards Ceremony by the County Commissioner — a proud moment for all involved.

This year was record-breaking for nights away, with over 530 completed! From Beavers enjoying their first sleepover at the Scout Hut to older sections heading off on adventurous camps further afield, the experiences have been unforgettable:

- **Beavers** enjoyed several indoor nights away, including a sleepover at Beamish Museum with the Cubs and a Harry Potter themed 2 night adventure. They also camped outdoors at the County Pitch Up alongside hundreds of Durham Beavers.
- **Cubs** took part in a tech-themed camp at the Scout Hut and joined the Beavers at Beamish for their indoor camps. They camped with hundreds of County Cubs at Cubboree, visited the home of Scouting at Gilwell for a three-night national adventure camp, and even attended a two-night international camp at Larkin in

North Yorkshire with Scouts and Guides from around the world.

- **Scouts** embraced adventure with an indoor weekend camp at Great Towers in the Lakes. They completed a survival weekend under the stars (building shelters and cooking over fires), too part in a week-long national adventure camp at Gilwell, and celebrated at Confido with Scouts from across Durham County.

None of this would be possible without our incredible adult volunteers. From section leaders and parent helpers to the behind-the-scenes heroes who maintain our Scout Hut, build our resources, and serve as trustees — your dedication, creativity, and time are the backbone of our success. It's far more than “an hour a week,” and we are endlessly grateful for your inspiration and support.

**Looking ahead, our priorities for the coming year include:**

- Growing and training our adult volunteer team
- Securing funding and grants to support activities and camps
- Developing engaging programmes across all sections and helping more young people achieve top awards

Thank you for being part of our journey — here's to another year of growth, adventure, and community spirit!

**Jennifer Wright  
GLV**



# THE TRUSTEES

1st Consett Scout Group 31 March 2025

## Trustees –

Phil Harnby – Chair  
Kevin Holmes – Treasurer  
Jennifer Wright – Lead Volunteer  
Alistair Constable – Leadership Team Member  
Shaun Spence – Beaver Team leader  
Judith Liddle – Parent Trustee  
Neil Jukes – Parent Trustee  
Andrew Murray - Parent Trustee

## Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc  
Lloyds Bank Plc

## Independent examiner

Mrs C McCormick

## Charity Registration Number

520349

## Contact Name & Address

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#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Group was registered with the charity commission on the 9 April 1965 under the Scout Association Trust Deed 1955. The Group is managed by the Group Executive committee the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees.' Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounting records and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The committee comprises both nominated and elected representatives as required by POR.

#### **Aim and objectives**

The Group's aim, in common with that of the Scout Association, is the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people.

#### **Public benefit**

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

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In partnership with adults, young people take part in fun indoor and outdoor activities. They learn by doing, by sharing in spiritual reflection and by taking responsibility. They make choices, undertake new and challenging activities, and they live their Scout Promise.

The Trustees have complied with the duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and the trustees have paid due regard to this guidance in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Investment policy**

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.

#### **Review of activities and future developments**

It has been another remarkably busy year for the group with lots of activities and overnights. Overall, our accounts remain relatively healthy, and we can continue to subsidise some of the activities within the sections. Over the next year we plan to maximise HQ & Minibus bookings, focus on fundraising within the sections as well as apply for any funding/grants we are eligible for, to generate more income. Clearly problems such as the continuing rise in cost of living means that we need to monitor our finances carefully and an increase in membership fees may have to be considered.

#### **Policy on reserves**

The reserve fund remains the same as last year, at £5,000. 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 12 months building running costs.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees have 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 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 policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

#### **Approval of the trustees' report**

Approved by the trustees on 4 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**Phil Harnby**  
**Group Chair**



## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Consett Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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.

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

- 1 ***the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or***
- 2 ***the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or***
- 3 ***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.***

As Independent Examiner I was unable to obtain any documentary evidence to support the basis on which income, expenditure and cash assets are reported in the 1<sup>st</sup> Consett Accounts in relation to the HQ building shared with 1<sup>st</sup> Blackhill. I would therefore recommend to the Trustees that they ensure that there is a document specifying the allocation of HQ income, expenditure and cash assets on which to base the 2024/25 and future years' Accounts.

I have no further 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.

Mrs C McCormick

Date CMS 18/11/25

Howden Bank Farm, Maiden Law,  
County Durham



# BALANCE SHEET

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cheque account	18,137.34	20,361.82
Deposit account	5,079.06	5,019.55
HQ Account	2,163.39	4,531.52
Stripe account	519.83	1,221.48
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>25,899.62</b>	<b>31,134.37</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>25,899.62</b>	<b>31,134.37</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Brought forward	<b>31,134.37</b>	<b>28,217.35</b>
Incoming resources - page 7	<b>46,506.55</b>	<b>54,504.16</b>
Outgoing resources - page 8	(51,741.30)	(51,587.14)
Carried forward	<b>25,899.62</b>	<b>31,134.37</b>

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The Group also owns a minibus.

The above account and accompanying payments and receipts were approved by the Trustees on 4 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

J Wright  
P Harnby



Group Lead Volunteer  
Group Chair

# RECEIPTS

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	17,477.50	18,257.50
Gift aid	0.00	11,816.82
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,477.50</b>	<b>30,047.32</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
General	500.00	62.78
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>62.78</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Events	3,236.98	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,236.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
General activities and camps	19,238.00	20,355.85
Sundry	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,238.00</b>	<b>20,355.85</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Bank interest	58.88	65.41
HQ Income	4,644.48	2,520.00
Donations	288.31	0.00
Minibus	1,062.40	1,425.80
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,054.07</b>	<b>4,011.21</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>46,506.55</b>	<b>54,504.16</b>
<b>Less total payments (Page 8)</b>	<b>(51,741.30)</b>	<b>(51,587.14)</b>
<b>Net (outgoings) / income for the year</b>	<b>(5,234.75)</b>	<b>2,917.02</b>

# PAYMENTS

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Premises Costs</b>		
Utilities	3,598.57	4,532.40
Insurance	2,142.59	1,748.68
Repairs and cleaning	2,944.45	2,059.53
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,685.61</b>	<b>8,340.61</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	27,014.55	28,423.56
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,562.38	1,412.69
Purchase of Equipment	1,789.50	286.60
Membership fees	8,994.00	7,906.00
Leaders training	0.00	118.30
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>39,360.43</b>	<b>38,147.15</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Miscellaneous	89.37	19.25
County loan	0.00	843.75
Bank charges	1,698.73	1,192.63
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,788.10</b>	<b>2,055.63</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	250.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Minibus Expenses</b>		
Minibus Running Costs	1,907.16	2,793.75
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,907.16</b>	<b>2,793.75</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>51,741.30</b>	<b>51,587.14</b>

# Scouts



## 1st Consett Scouts





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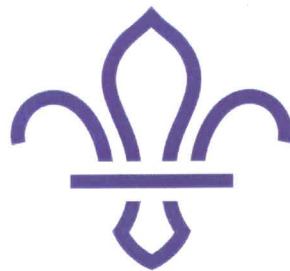
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**A year of adventure**

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# THE TRUSTEES

**1st Consett Scout Group 31 March 2024**

## **Trustees –**

**Chair - Phil Harnby**

**Treasurers – Kevin Holmes**

**Secretary – Sita Allen**

**Beaver leader Rep – Shaun Spence**

**Cub leader Rep – Emma Craig & James Hugarth**

**Scout leader Rep -Rosanna Crolla**

**Parent Rep – Andrew Murry**

**Parent Rep – Judith Liddle**

**Parent Rep - Neil Jukes**

**GLV – Jennifer Wright**

**DGLV - Alastair Constable**

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Mrs C McCormick

Date 14/10/2024

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Cheque account	20,361.82	12,424.34
Deposit account	5,019.55	5,546.44
HQ Account	4,531.52	8,788.65
Stripe account	1,221.48	1,457.92
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>31,134.37</b>	<b>28,217.35</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>31,134.37</b>	<b>28,217.35</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Brought forward	28,217.35	38,863.95
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Gift aid	11,816.82	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,074.32</b>	<b>14,477.50</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
General	62.78	1,064.97
COVID	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>62.78</b>	<b>1,064.97</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Events	0.00	704.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>704.00</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
General activities and camps	20,355.85	15,723.00
Sundry	0.00	147.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,355.85</b>	<b>15,870.00</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Bank interest	65.41	12.10
HQ Income	2,520.00	1,977.00
Minibus	1,425.80	573.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,011.21</b>	<b>2,562.10</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>54,504.16</b>	<b>34,678.57</b>
<b>Less total payments (Page 8)</b>	<b>(51,587.14)</b>	<b>(45,325.17)</b>
<b>Net (outgoings) / income for the year</b>	<b>2,917.02</b>	<b>(10,646.60)</b>

# PAYMENTS

	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
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<b>Premises Costs</b>		
Utilities	4,532.40	1,175.85
Insurance	1,748.68	1,423.19
Repairs and cleaning	2,059.53	2,501.60
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,340.61</b>	<b>5,100.64</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	28,423.56	20,361.63
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,412.69	1,739.42
Purchase of Equipment	286.60	1,129.07
Membership fees	7,906.00	13,010.00
Leaders training	118.30	327.20
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>38,147.15</b>	<b>36,567.32</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Miscellaneous	19.25	299.15
Professional fees	0.00	120.00
County loan	843.75	0.00
Bank charges	1,192.63	954.69
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,055.63</b>	<b>1,373.84</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Fundraising Expenses	250.00	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Minibus Expenses</b>		
Minibus Running Costs	2,793.75	2,283.37
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,793.75</b>	<b>2,283.37</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>51,587.14</b>	<b>45,325.17</b>

# Scouts



## 1st Consett Scouts



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# Accounts

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# Another year working together

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**Scouts** 

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# THE GROUP

**This was another great year for Consett Scout Group.** As predicted after the opening of our second scout group early in 2022 our youth membership increased to 131 members, the largest number of young people in our history and as you would expect our adult membership has also had to increase.. We continue to have a very low attrition rate through the sections and a very long waiting list at over 50 children, which is testament to our great programme and reputation as a successful and active group.

In total the group has completed over 320 nights away across the sections. Our nights away have been incredibly varied from beavers doing their first night away to wild camping expeditions with the scout sections, both indoor and outdoor, local and further afield at national scouting centres like Great Towers. In a first for both the centre and local scouting we even did an overnight stay at Diggerland with our beaver and cubs sections along with with Blackhill Scout group. It was a hugely enjoyable camp with over 70 young people and after a hugely busy and enjoyable day at the attraction the beavers stayed in the indoors play area and the cubs camped at the base of the Spin dizzy ride!

We have continued to deliver an exciting and varied programme with a focus on adventure. Many activities have been completed across the sections such as climbing, crate stacking, rifle shooting, archery, snow tubing as well as water activities like canoeing, wind surfing, paddle boarding and surfing. We have also continued to support the local community with food collections and litter picks as well as supporting other charities with the group selling poppies for the British Legion and the beavers sponsoring a guide dog called pudding! We have awarded over 1200 badges with 25 of our

members gaining the chief scout awards which are the highest awards in each section.

This all thanks to an amazingly dedicated and enthusiastic group of adult volunteers whom I would like to thank both on behalf of all our members but whom I would like to personally thank for their ideas, skills, support and the amazing amount of time they manage to dedicate to the group, despite their busy work and personal lives. They are truly inspirational!

**Jennifer Wright GSL**



# THE TRUSTEES

**1st Consett Scout Group 31 March 2023**

## **Trustees –**

**Chair** - Phil Harnby

**Treasurers** – Jackie Haggat & Tina Townson - Vacant since Nov22

**Secretary** – Sita Allen

**Beaver leader Rep** – Shaun Spence

**Cub leader Rep** – Emma Craig & James Hugarth

**Scout leader Rep** -Rosana Crolla

**Parent Rep** – Andrew Murry

**Parent Rep** – Judith Liddle

**GSL** – Jennifer Wright

**DGSL** - Alastair Constable

## **Bankers**

Barclays Bank Plc

## **Independent examiner**

Mrs C McCormick

## **Charity Registration Number**

520349

## **Contact Name & Address**

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The Trustees have complied with the duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and the trustees have paid due regard to this guidance in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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It has been another remarkably busy year for the group with lots of activities and overnights

Overall, our accounts remain healthy, and we can subsidise many of the activities within the sections.

We have been able to restart HQ and minibus bookings which does generate a small income.

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Clearly problems such as the rise in both cost of living and the energy crisis means that we need to monitor our finances carefully over the next year and a slight increase in membership fees may have to be considered.

### **Policy on reserves**

The reserve fund remains the same as last year, at £5,000. 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 12 months building running costs.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have 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 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 policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Approval of the trustees' report**

Approved by the trustees on 3 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

**Phil Harnby**  
**Group Chair**

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Consett Scout Group

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

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.

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:

- 1 **the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or**
- 2 **the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or**
- 3 **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.**

As Independent Examiner I was unable to obtain any documentary evidence to support the basis on which income, expenditure and cash assets are reported in the 1<sup>st</sup> Consett Accounts in relation to the HQ building shared with 1<sup>st</sup> Blackhill. I would therefore recommend to the Trustees that they ensure that there is a document specifying the allocation of HQ income, expenditure and cash assets on which to base the 2023/24 and future years' Accounts.

I have no further 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.

Mrs C McCormick

Date 12/10/2023

Howden Bank Farm, Maiden Law, County Durham

# BALANCE SHEET

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cheque account	12,424.34	22,328.26
Deposit account	5,546.44	5,534.34
HQ Account	8,788.65	11,001.35
Stripe account	1,457.92	0.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>28,217.35</b>	<b>38,863.95</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>28,217.35</b>	<b>38,863.95</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Brought forward	<b>38,863.95</b>	<b>27,048.16</b>
Incoming resources - page 7	<b>34,678.57</b>	<b>38,915.76</b>
Outgoing resources - page 8	(45,325.17)	(27,099.97)
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**J Wright**  
**P Harnby**

Group Scout Leader  
Group Chair

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	£	£
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	14,477.50	13,095.00
Gift aid	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,477.50</b>	<b>13,095.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
General	1,064.97	102.56
COVID	0.00	10,667.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,064.97</b>	<b>10,769.56</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Events	704.00	1,552.14
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>704.00</b>	<b>1,552.14</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
General activities and camps	15,723.00	10,685.50
Sundry	147.00	296.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,870.00</b>	<b>10,981.50</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Bank interest	12.10	0.56
HQ Income	1,977.00	2,517.00
Minibus	573.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,562.10</b>	<b>2,517.56</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>34,678.57</b>	<b>38,915.76</b>
<b>Less total payments (Page 8)</b>	<b>(45,325.17)</b>	<b>(27,099.97)</b>
<b>Net (outgoings) / income for the year</b>	<b>(10,646.60)</b>	<b>11,815.79</b>

# PAYMENTS

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Premises Costs</b>		
Utilities	1,175.85	1,193.44
Insurance	1,423.19	1,702.18
Repairs and cleaning	2,501.60	1,949.61
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,100.64</b>	<b>4,845.23</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	20,361.63	18,512.48
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,739.42	1,609.68
Purchase of Equipment	1,129.07	725.17
Membership fees	13,010.00	0.00
Leaders training	327.20	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>36,567.32</b>	<b>20,847.33</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Miscellaneous	299.15	307.50
Professional fees	120.00	0.00
Bank charges	954.69	748.48
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,373.84</b>	<b>1,055.98</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Minibus Expenses</b>		
Minibus Running Costs	2,283.37	351.43
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,283.37</b>	<b>351.43</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>45,325.17</b>	<b>27,099.97</b>

# Scouts



## 1st Consett Scouts



**1ST CONSETT SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 520349

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**1st Consett Scouts**  
Charity number: 520349

# THE GROUP

**This was a year of many changes.** It was a year where we started to come out of COVID restrictions in earnest. For the first part of the year COVID restrictions were in place for face to face to meetings, so sections met every week but with half of the youth members meeting alternate weeks.

It was also a year that towards its end, resulted in a change of leadership when in February Gavin Heckles stepped down as GSL, after over 10 years with the group, and I was asked to take on the role. Alistair Constable then stepped into the Deputy GSL role.

For the first time in recent years our youth membership actually decreased, by around 6% from 118 to 110 (from the Jan 2021 to Jan 2022 census) and our leader numbers also slightly decreased in this time. This was likely multifactorial but there was a planned reduction in the number of children being accepted into the beaver sections after the increased numbers last year. Despite this, overall, we have a low attrition rate of members through to scouts and our projected future numbers in the scout section (which is fed from our two cub sections and these in turn by our two beaver sections) meant that in Feb 2022 we also took the step of opening a second Scout section to accommodate our large numbers of young people. This was to ensure that the quality of our programme and delivery was not affected.

This raised some challenges both in terms of leader resources and organization and resulted in a restructure of the leadership teams and when we could deliver these meetings to enable us to fit in six sections across three nights. However, in consultation with parents and leaders the transition went smoothly, and with some movement between the sections we were able to ensure that all youth members could be accommodated within the group. Numbers are predicted to rise throughout next year and we still have approximately sixty young people on the beaver scout waiting list.

Over the summer, COVID restrictions restriction's continued to be relaxed and restrictions on nights away were removed from August 2021 which meant that we could re-start nights away once again. We came back with a bang with a group camp at the end of August at Moor House with sixty beavers and cubs and around twenty scouts camping for 1, 2 and 3 nights, respectively. It was a hugely successful and enjoyable camp and being outdoors meant we could celebrate some freedom from COVID restrictions. In total between August 2021 and March 2022 we delivered around 250 youth member nights away across all the sections

We have continued to deliver an exciting & varied programme throughout the year with an emphasis on adventure. Sessions went back to being delivered to all children weekly. Many activities have been delivered across the sections from first aid to snow tubing, litter picks to night hikes, pioneering to scuba diving and crafts to cookery. Many of our youth members went on to gain their chief scout awards despite the restricted programme for almost two years of their scouting journey because of COVID.

This is all thanks to an amazingly dedicated and enthusiastic group of adult volunteers. I would like to thank them on behalf of all our members but would also like to add my personal thanks for both their patience and their support this year, which has involved such significant change for the group.

**Jennifer Wright GSL**



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1st Consett Scout Group 31 March 2022

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### **Approval of the trustees' report**

Approved by the trustees on 10 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

**Dr J Wright**  
**Group Scout Leader**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Consett Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 March 2022**.

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.

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:

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Mrs C McCormick

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# BALANCE SHEET

	31st March 2022	31st March 2021
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cheque account	22,328.26	9,284.13
Deposit account	5,534.34	5,533.78
HQ Account	11,001.35	12,065.08
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>38,863.95</b>	<b>26,882.99</b>
Cash in hand (Sections)	0.00	146.04
Cash in hand (Group)	0.00	19.13
<b>Total Group Cash</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>27,048.16</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>38,863.95</b>	<b>27,048.16</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Brought forward	<b>27,048.16</b>	<b>8,787.65</b>
Incoming resources - page 7	<b>38,915.76</b>	35,426.77
Outgoing resources - page 8	(27,099.97)	(17,166.26)
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The Group also owns a minibus.

The above account and accompanying payments and receipts were approved by the Trustees on 7 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:-

**Dr J Wright**  
**P Harnby**

Group Scout Leader  
Group Chair

# RECEIPTS

	31st March 2022	31st March 2021
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	13,095.00	11,630.00
Gift aid	0.00	2,669.91
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,095.00</b>	<b>14,299.91</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
General	102.56	245.66
COVID	10667.00	13,342.63
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,769.56</b>	<b>13,588.29</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Events	1,552.14	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,552.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
General activities and camps	10,685.50	810.86
Refunds from prior year	0.00	4,947.00
Sundry	296.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,981.50</b>	<b>5,757.86</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Bank interest	0.56	2.54
HQ Income	2,517.00	1,725.37
Minibus	0.00	52.80
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,517.56</b>	<b>1,780.71</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>38,915.76</b>	<b>35,426.77</b>
<b>Less total payments (Page 8)</b>	<b>(27,099.97)</b>	<b>(17,166.26)</b>
<b>Net income/(outgoings) for the year</b>	<b>11,815.79</b>	<b>18,260.51</b>

# PAYMENTS

	31st March 2022	31st March 2021
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Premises Costs</b>		
Utilities	1,193.44	620.99
Insurance	1,702.18	1,017.21
Repairs and cleaning	1,949.61	2,709.03
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,845.23</b>	<b>4,347.23</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	18,512.48	963.94
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,609.68	1,587.32
Purchase of Equipment	725.17	61.27
Refunds for prior year	0.00	1,573.75
Membership fees	0.00	6,145.50
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>20,847.33</b>	<b>10,331.78</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Miscellaneous	307.50	471.11
Bank charges	748.48	379.28
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,055.98</b>	<b>850.39</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Minibus Expenses</b>		
Minibus Running Costs	351.43	1,636.86
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>351.43</b>	<b>1,636.86</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>27,099.97</b>	<b>17,166.26</b>

# Scouts



## 1st Consett Scouts



**1ST CONSETT SCOUT GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 520349

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**Scouts** 

**1st Consett Scouts**  
Charity number: 520349

# THE GROUP

*This was a year of many challenges.*

*We witnessed a once in a lifetime pandemic, and saw our usual vibrant and exciting face to face to program grind to a halt as we transitioned to online Scouting. Something I think everyone can agree we did with great success. Despite the challenges both the young people and our adult volunteers had many new adventures, whether that be the Camp from Homes or the slow return to our building, we all rose to these and took them in our stride.*

*I am very proud to consider myself a member of 1<sup>st</sup> Consett Scouts and I am sure you are also!!*

**Jennifer Wright GSL**



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**1st Consett Scout Group 31 March 2021**

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Scout leader Rep	Paul Robertson
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GSL	Keith Slater (Resigned Oct20) Gavin Heckles (From Oct20)
Deputy GSL	Gavin Heckles (Resigned Oct20) Jennifer Wright (From Mar21)

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We have been able to restart HQ and minibus bookings which does generate a small income.

We need to claim the last three years gift aid which we are in the process of doing and restart fundraising within the sections as well as apply for funding/grants where we are eligible and able to do so.

Clearly problems such as the rise in both cost of living and the energy crisis means that we need to monitor our finances carefully over the next year and a slight increase in membership fees may have to be considered.

### **Policy on reserves**

The reserve fund remains the same as last year, at £5,000. 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 12 months building running costs.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have 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 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 policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Approval of the trustees' report**

Approved by the trustees on 10 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

**Dr J Wright**  
**Group Scout Leader**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Consett Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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.

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:

- 1 **the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or**
- 2 **the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or**
- 3 **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.

Mrs C McCormick  
17 February 2023  
Howden Bank Farm, Maiden Law, County Durham

# BALANCE SHEET

	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cheque account	9,284.13	2,692.27
Deposit account	5,533.78	5,531.24
HQ Account	12,065.08	
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>26,882.99</b>	<b>8,223.51</b>
Cash in hand (Sections)	146.04	146.04
Cash in hand (Group)	19.13	418.10
<b>Total Group Cash</b>	<b>27,048.16</b>	<b>8,787.65</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>27,048.16</b>	<b>8,787.65</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Brought forward	<b>8,787.65</b>	<b>18,853.34</b>
Incoming resources - page 7	35,426.77	36,827.31
Outgoing resources - page 8	<b>(17,166.26)</b>	<b>(46,893.00)</b>
Carried forward	<b>27,048.16</b>	<b>8,787.65</b>

The Group notes that we own the building that we operate from jointly with 1st Blackhill (St Aiden's) Scout Group. The above Accounts include the 1st Consett Scout Group share of the costs, income and cash funds in relation to the HQ building.

The Group also owns a minibus

The above account and accompanying payments and receipts were approved by the Trustees on 10 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:-

**Dr J Wright**  
**P Harnby**

Group Scout Leader  
Group Chair

# RECEIPTS

	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	11,630.00	13,670.00
Gift aid	2,669.91	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,299.91</b>	<b>13,670.00</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
General	245.66	1,757.23
COVID	13,342.63	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,588.29</b>	<b>1,757.23</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Events	0.00	767.63
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>767.63</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
General activities and camps	810.86	15,718.15
Refunds for prior year	4,947.00	0.00
Sundry	0.00	10.20
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,757.86</b>	<b>15,728.35</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Bank interest	2.54	0.00
HQ Income	1,725.37	4,179.10
Minibus	52.80	725.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,780.71</b>	<b>4,904.10</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>35,426.77</b>	<b>36,827.31</b>
<b>Less total payments (Page 8)</b>	<b>(17,166.26)</b>	<b>(46,893.00)</b>
<b>Net income/(outgoings) for the year</b>	<b>18,260.51</b>	<b>(10,065.69)</b>

# PAYMENTS

	31st March 2021	31st March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Premises Costs</b>		
Utilities	620.99	2,416.84
Insurance	1,017.21	1,406.38
Repairs and cleaning	2,709.03	2,037.50
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>4,347.23</b>	<b>5,860.72</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	963.94	27,553.99
Purchase of Badges & Uniform	1,587.32	1,909.61
Purchase of Equipment	61.27	1,118.90
Membership fees	6,145.50	5,310.00
Refunds for prior year	1,573.75	0.00
Leader training	0.00	1,370.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10,331.78</b>	<b>37,262.50</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>		
Miscellaneous	471.11	295.74
Bank charges	379.28	805.84
County loan		375.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>850.39</b>	<b>1,476.58</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	70.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>Minibus Expenses</b>		
Minibus Running Costs	1,636.86	2,223.20
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,636.86</b>	<b>2,223.20</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>17,166.26</b>	<b>46,893.00</b>

# Scouts



## 1st Consett Scouts

