



## 1<sup>ST</sup> Norbreck Scout Group Trustee Report 2024-2025

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Norbreck Scout Group Report for the Year ended 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2025

The Scout Group present their report for the year ended 31st March 2025. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with standard accounting practice and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed and applicable law.

#### Reference and Administrative details of the Charity, it's Trustees and Advisers:

1<sup>st</sup> Norbreck Scout & Guide Group registered charity number 521556 is an independent charity owned by 1<sup>st</sup> Norbreck Scout Group. Members of the Trustee Board who have served during the year and since the year end are listed below.

Damian Cartwright

Peter Rumley

Richard Scott

Valerie Bradford

Anne Rumley

Steven Platt

Howard Hockey

Lucy McNeill

Michael watkinson

#### Address:

1<sup>st</sup> Norbreck Scout & Guide Group, Carr Road, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 3AG

#### Composition of the Trustee Board:

The Chairman; The Treasurer; The Group Lead Volunteer and 6 appointed members.

#### Independent Examiner:

Paul Smedley

#### Structure, Governance and Management:

The Charity is governed by a trust deed and is operated by the Trustee Board incorporated as a body. Its property is held by the The Scout Association Trust Corporation on behalf of the Charity and 1<sup>st</sup> Norbreck Guide Company jointly and they are subject to covenants set out in The Scout and Guide Joint Trust Deed Of 1<sup>st</sup> October 1975. The Trustee Board acts as the Council of the Charity as defined in the said conveyance. The Trustee Board meet at least four times a year.

#### Objectives and Activities:

To maintain and operate on a day to day basis, the 1<sup>st</sup> Norbreck Scout & Guide HQ within the objectives of the Scout and Guide Associations concerned with the development of young people.

#### Public Benefit:

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### Achievements, Performance & Financial Review

The Scout Group has net income for the year of £26030.07, (2025 net expenditure £25445.27), as shown in the statement of financial activities in the attached accounts.

## Annual Review

Once again the main focus this financial year has been one of improving the facilities the Scout and Guide Group use on a weekly basis so that the young people we have under our care may experience a safe, welcoming environment, conducive to the activities we undertake.

The group runs a comprehensive programme of activities making full use of the hut and grounds. Increased lettings have improved the income and once again rental income covered the running costs of the building.

The Group has been fortunate in having the support of our local ward councillor who provided a substantial sum from her ward budget specifically for the improvement of the building and its facilities. This benefits not only Scouting and Guiding but the local community as it is they who provide the rental income and benefit jointly from the improvements.

The biggest outlay this financial year has been the purchase of new front reception doors replacing the UPVC ones with stronger aluminium. Also the external wooden kitchen door was replaced with UPVC. This work along with some other improvements has been undertaken by the father of one of the Cubs who has kindly provided his and his employees labour free of charge. In addition, working days have provided the opportunity to decorate the internal aspects of the building.

The Group increased rental charges this year by around 5% which meant there would be no increase in the subscriptions paid by the young people. Subscriptions are in line with other Scout & Guide Groups in the area and the Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) meets regularly with the GSL from our neighbouring Scout & Guide Group to discuss finance as well as operational matters.

Membership and attendance are both healthy though as happens in Scouting, membership per section tends to be a rollercoaster as young people reach their age limit for one section and move on, there is not always a cohort in the wings ready to replace them. This is particularly visible in Scouts though in recent months numbers have once again begun to grow. This year we started a Squirrel Drey for 4 to 6 year olds which now has a healthy membership and will hopefully act as a feeder to Beavers.

The rent review with the Local Authority is still underway and is now into its 2nd year. The lack of a lease is hindering the Groups ability to apply for grants which in turn has stalled the major project ideas members have.

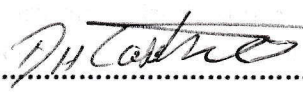
*The charity's policy on reserves is to try and maintain unrestricted liquid funds of £15,000 in order to cover the running costs of the Group HQ over a year.*

*The charity's policy on investments is to adopt a low-risk strategy based on maximising funds. The Charity currently has no investments.*

*The charity's policy on grants is to provide grants for training instruction for the activities we provide.*

*The Headquarters deeds are held by The Scout Association Trust Corporation, a charitable company limited by guarantee.*

This report was approved, for and on behalf of the Trustee Board, and signed on its behalf by:-

Signed.......... Date.....9-9-25.....

Damian Cartwright - Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> Norbreck Scout Group Trustee Board

# 1ST NORBRECK SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP BUILDINGS ACCOUNT 1-4-2024 TO 31-3-2025

## INCOME

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| X Hall Hire - Martial Arts        | 60.00    |
| X Hall Hire - Waggys Dog Training | 4,000.00 |
| X Donations                       | 272.00   |
| X Hall Hire - K9 Dog Training     | 865.00   |
| X Hall Hire - Craft n Chat        | 980.00   |
| X Hall Hire - General Bookings    | 235.00   |
| X Gang Show                       | 850.00   |
| X BBC Ward Councillor Grant       | 2,383.04 |
| X Christmas Fayre                 | 597.55   |
| X Explorer rent                   | 120.00   |
| X PAT testing                     | 100.00   |

Uncashed Cheque

Total Income all sources **10,462.59**

B/F From 23/24 Bank Account **28,844.08**

**£ 39306.67**

## EXPENDITURE

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Electric               | 1,014.28 |
| Gas                    | 782.98   |
| Business Rates         | 204.59   |
| Rent                   | 403.48   |
| Insurance              | 2,473.88 |
| Water                  | 514.38   |
| Gas Servicing          | 435.00   |
| Cleaning materials     | 207.56   |
| General Maintenance    | 477.78   |
| Fire Alarm & Equipment | 389.22   |
| Major Projects         | 3,297.57 |
| Grounds Maintenance    | 12.00    |
| Internet               | 342.00   |
| 23/24 Late cheque      | 250.00   |

Total Expenditure **10,804.72**

C/F to 24/25 Bank Account **28,501.95**

**£ 39306.67**

**FOUND TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

**AUDITOR**

**DATE:**

*Paul Smedley* PAUL SMEDLEY 9 JUN 25



# 1ST NORBRECK SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT 1-4-2024 TO 31-3-2025

## INCOME

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| X Subscriptions  | 7,154.50  |
| X Cubs Camp      | 1,005.00  |
| X District Cubs  | 35.00     |
| X Scouts Caving  | 55.00     |
| X Clothing sales | 50.00     |
| X Cubs Gangshow  | 116.00    |
| X Cubs LWM       | 310.00    |
| X Cubs Aab       | 777.00    |
| X Scout UCLAN    | 3.50      |
| X Scouts C Rally | 55.00     |
| X Cub Sealife    | 455.00    |
| X Cub Sleepover  | 15.00     |
| Sub Total        | 10,031.00 |

## EXPENDITURE

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Beaver Activities       | 689.37   |
| Cub Activities          | 2,751.94 |
| Scout Activities        | 376.00   |
| Quartermaster           | 342.21   |
| Group Badges/Activities | 339.97   |
| Scouts Petty cash       | 400.00   |
| Courses                 | 165.00   |
| Capitation              | 3,050.00 |
| AGM                     | 62.65    |
| Refund                  | 693.00   |
| Squirrels               | 179.11   |
| Sub Total               | 9,049.25 |

Uncashed Cheques Year 2024-2025 68.48

Cheques 101101&101102 23/24 30.00

Scout Section Income 5,468.00

Scout Section Expenditure 5,561.30

Total Income all sources **15,567.48**

Total Expenditure **14,640.55**

B/F From 23/24 Group Bank Account **19,666.17**

C/F to 25/26 Group Bank Account **20,686.40**

B/F From 23/24 Scout Section Account **1,283.62**

C/F to 25/26 Scout Section Account **1,190.32**

£ 36,517.27

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FOUND TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

AUDITOR

DATE:

Paul Smalley PAUL SMALLEY

9 JUN 25

**1st Norbreck Scout & Guide Group**  
**Trustee Report 2024-2025**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE 1st NORBRECK SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are attached.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP AND EXAMINER**

The Trustee Board are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- to state whether specific matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 or 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed: Paul Smalley

Date: 9 Jul 25