



1st Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group
Registered Charity Number 521673

**Trustees' Report and Accounts for
year ending 31 December 2024**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statement of the Charity for the year ending 31 December 2024.

Legal and administrative information is set out in Appendix A and forms part of this report. The financial statement complies with current statutory requirements, Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (hereafter referred to as POR) and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Objects of the Charity

The Charity is a registered member of the Scout Association, which is part of a world-wide educational youth movement and is committed to equality of opportunity for all young people.

The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Scout Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult Leadership.

The main objective of the Charity is the application of this method.

Organisation

1st Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group is an Open Scout Group forming part of the Sefton North District of Merseyside County within the Scout Association of the United Kingdom. The Charity as a part of the Scout Association is governed by its POR (<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por>).

The Trustees of the Charity are the Board of Trustees and the method of appointing/ electing members of Board is contained within POR. The Trustees confirm that the Board of Trustees has been constituted in accordance with POR.

The Group Council is the body to which the Board of Trustees is accountable and the role and constitution of the Group Council can be found in POR.

Investment Powers

Powers of investment are conferred upon the Scout Association by its Royal Charter and limit the manner in which funds may be invested. Any investments held must be registered in such a way as to show that they are held on trust for the Charity and that they are not the private property of individuals including those appointed as trustees.

Review of the Activities and Future Developments

Scouting

The year commenced with the Group having some 147 young persons as members of the various training units and 37 volunteer leaders and helpers. At the end of the year the number of members of the training units had decreased slightly to 145 and the volunteer leaders/ helpers had remained at 37.

The Scout Association continues to review its Programme and structures to ensure that Scouting remains relevant and continues to be a driving force in the 21st century and so the activities of the Charity continue to evolve.

Work continued on the building of a car port type structure at the back of the property to act as a shelter to enable us to offer more adventurous outdoor activities to our young people.

Future Developments

The Board of Trustees maintained its commitment to subsidise Group Day Trips and Camps until such time as there is an appetite amongst the membership for an International Camp at which point the Board of Trustees will look to reinstate the experience.

The Group continues to support Sefton North District by providing accommodation for an Explorer Unit in the south of Southport.

With the introduction in 2023 of the provision for a Squirrel Drey we are near the capacity of the existing premises for the accommodation of additional Scouting provision. In the future the Board of Trustees may be requested to consider options to generate the necessary funds to enable development/ extension of our Headquarters to enable the Group to extend its Scouting provision further.

Reserves Policy & Risk Management

The Board of Trustees constantly monitors the Charity's activities in order to determine future policies and to assess the risks to which it is exposed.

As indicated previously the Charity is part of the Scout Association and as such is governed by POR. The Board of Trustees are satisfied that the Charity operates within POR and by virtue of compliance with POR the Charity is provided with the security that exposure to major risks has been mitigated. In addition, the Board of Trustees have an approved Financial Control in place, which further mitigates the risks associated with cash handling by individual training units and designated Trustees.

Financial statement

The financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2024 is attached to this report. It has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is accompanied by the associated Independent Examiner's Report. This Independent Examiner's Report does not indicate any problems associated with the finances of the Charity.

The balance of income over expenditure was a deficit of £6,584.94

The Group's cash and bank balances at the end of the Financial Year include £18,674.28 in the Rothwell Account, £7,010.63 as a provision to date in respect of the annual subscription payable to the Sefton North District Scout Council at 31 March 2025 and a provision of £5,000.00 to provide subsidies/ assistance to families suffering financial hardship to ensure their children do not miss out on the Scouting experience and adventure.

The Rothwell Account exists to subsidise Group Day Trips and Camps as mentioned above. This account is primarily sourced by Gift Aid recoveries from HMRC.

This report together with the information contained within the financial statement was approved by the Board of Trustees and was signed on behalf of the Trustees by the Group Chair.

V O'Malley
Group Chair
For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of 1st Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group.
June 2025

1st SOUTHPORT (AINSDALE) SCOUT GROUP

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

(1) Name of Charity: 1st Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group

(2) Registration: The Charity is registered with the Scout Association and its registered number is 35904.

The Scout Association is governed by a Council of between 300 and 500 members as determined by the Royal Charter of 1912 and the Supplemental Royal Charters of 1949, 1959, 1967 and 1991.

1st Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group is a registered charity (Registration No 521673)

(3) (a) Board of Trustees on the date the Report was approved.

Victoria O'Malley	Group Chair	
Samuel Robinson	Group Treasurer	
Elizabeth Thomson	Group Assistant Treasurer	wef 14 July 2024
Julie Johnson	Group Secretary	
Mark Furness	Group Lead Volunteer	
Margaret Lawler	Team Leader	
Margaret Marshall	Team Leader	
Bethan Kiernan	Team Leader	
Laura Reevey	Team Leader	
Lydia Dawbarn	Team Leader	
Harriet Gillespie	Team Leader	wef 01 May 2025
Oliver Bedwell		
Sam O'Malley		
Amanda McCarter		
Trevor White		
Stephanie Morgan		
Harry O'Malley		

(b) Trustees who served during the period of this Report.

Diane Tierney	01 January 2024 to 02 June 2024
Margaret Lawler	01 January 2024 to 02 June 2024
John Cosgrove	02 June 2024 to 31 December 2024

(c) Method of appointment or election of Board of Trustees.

The Charity is part of the Scout Association and as such is governed by its Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

The Trustees of the Charity are the Board of Trustees and the method of appointing/ electing members to the Board of Trustees is contained within POR.

The Board of Trustees confirm that it has been constituted in accordance with POR.

(4) Address of the principal office of the Charity

Pinfold Hall,
Pinfold Lane
Ainsdale
Southport
MERSEYSIDE
PR8 3QH

(5) Bankers

The principal bankers of the Charity are:

HSBC
331 Lord Street
Southport
PR8 1NJ

(6) Independent Examiner

Mr M Glover
6 Stockham Lane
Halton Village
RUNCORN
WA7 2PS

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Income and Expenditure Account Year Ending 31 December 2024

Income	2024	2023	Expenditure	2024	2023
SCOUT ACTIVITIES			SCOUT ACTIVITIES		
Subscriptions	15,762.50	13,024.50	Subscriptions to District	8,893.50	8,236.00
Camps/ Comps/ Trips	8,533.00	8,813.00	Books Badges Engraving	2,305.98	2,182.42
Unit Specific Scouting Activities	460.00	0.00	Equipment Hire/ Purchase/ Repair	2,228.34	1,431.48
			Leader Training/ Uniforms	187.97	180.98
			International Camp	0.00	152.47
			Camps/ Comps/ Trips	11,422.70	8,452.42
			Transport/ Petrol	205.00	40.00
			Unit Specific Scouting Activities	963.49	995.63
	24,755.50	21,837.50		26,206.98	21,671.40
OTHER INCOME			GROUP MAINTENANCE		
Social and Fund Raising	804.30	1,080.20	Social and Fund Raising	0.00	185.00
Gift Aid Repayment	4,072.55	0.00	Telephone Post Stationery	1,061.88	949.61
Bank Interest/ Charges/ Dividends	845.85	793.95	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	817.03	817.95
Hall Hire	5,570.00	10,540.00	Building & Grounds Maintenance	4,180.58	6,668.32
Donations	735.40	0.00	Cleaning	1,571.72	1,748.78
			Refuse Collection	276.86	259.50
			Electricity	3,432.00	3,580.58
			Insurance	4,277.20	3,977.20
			Water Charges	532.61	476.89
			Business Rates	146.20	155.68
	12,028.10	12,414.15		16,296.08	18,819.51
			OTHER OUTGO		
			AGM & Audit	293.89	323.48
			Bank Charges	501.60	540.80
			Sundry Outgo	69.99	27.50
				865.48	891.78
TOTAL INCOME	<u>36,783.60</u>	<u>34,251.65</u>	TOTAL OUTGO	<u>43,368.54</u>	<u>41,382.69</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	<u>(6,584.94)</u>	<u>(7,131.04)</u>			

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Balance Sheet Year Ending 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Balance Brought Forward	60,174.66	67,305.70
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(6,584.94)	(7,131.04)
Balance Carried Forward	<u>53,589.72</u>	<u>60,174.66</u>
represented by:-		
INVESTMENTS		
GROUP TREASURER OPERATED ACCOUNTS		
HSBC - Current Account No.31440780	856.93	2,946.93
HSBC - Deposit Account No.71440799	35,220.29	53,093.47
	36,077.22	56,040.40
INDIVIDUAL UNIT TREASURER OPERATED ACCOUNTS (See Note 3)		
HSBC - GSL Account No 01440810	806.17	357.99
HSBC - Willow Beavers Account No 41440853	2,774.20	586.08
HSBC - Maple Beavers Account No 82063328	2,647.33	528.83
HSBC - Tiger Cub Account No 71500600	1,909.05	553.13
HSBC - Panther Cub Account No 91440829	2,534.63	515.94
HSBC - Lockhart Scout Account No 21462687	1,799.65	532.39
HSBC - Peake Scout Account No 91440845	3,193.06	491.19
HSBC - Fundraising Account No 01550683	1,848.41	568.71
	17,512.50	4,134.26
SHARES		
BARCLAYS Plc (See Note 4)	622.11	356.77
	622.11	356.77
CASH BALANCES		
Treasurers Cash/Cheques	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
DEBTORS/CREDITORS		
Debtors (See Note 5)	0.00	0.00
Creditors (See Note 5)	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
SHARES (at Book Value)		
BARCLAYS Plc (See Note 4)	(622.11)	(356.77)
	(622.11)	(356.77)
	<u>53,589.72</u>	<u>60,174.66</u>

V O'MALLEY
GROUP CHAIR

S. F. ROBINSON.
GROUP TREASURER.

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account and have issued an Examination Report dated

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

(1) Scout Headquarters (Buildings).

In line with previous accounting practice the value of the Scout Headquarters is treated as fully depreciated for the purposes of producing the Balance Sheet.

The Building is currently insured for a value of £941,350

(2) Scout Headquarters (Contents) and Group Equipment.

Previously adopted accounting policy showed all Contents of the Scout Headquarters and Group equipment held by the Group at 1st January 2024 as being fully depreciated for the purposes of producing the Balance Sheet at the end of the last financial year.

Consequently, all Contents and Equipment added during the current period have been fully depreciated for the purposes of producing the current Balance Sheet.

The Contents and General Equipment are insured for a value of £140,528

The Group Treasurer and Unit Leaders are maintaining a full inventory of all property owned by the Group.

(3) Individual Unit Treasurer Operated Accounts.

The Group Treasurer holds details of all the Bank and Building Society Accounts operated by Unit Treasurers at 01 January 2024 and 31 December 2024.

(4) Shares.

During the period covered by these accounts the Group held windfall shares in Barclays Plc. The number of shares throughout the period was 232. The details of the holding are as follows:-

Name of Company	Number of Shares	Original Date Received	Book Value	Market Value at 01 January 2024	Market Value at 31 December 2024
Barclays Plc	232	20 Oct. 2001	£0.00	£356.77	£622.11

(5) Creditors/ Debtors.

There were no Creditors or Debtors at the end of the Financial Year.

(6) Rothwell Account.

The Rothwell Account exists to make provision for Group Day Trips.

At 31 December 2024 the balance of this account was £18,674.28

(7) Member Support Fund.

The Member Support Fund exists to make provision for subsidies/ assistance to families suffering financial hardship to ensure their children do not miss out on the Scouting Experience and Adventure.

At 31 December 2024 the balance of this account was £5,000.00

(7) District Subscriptions.

The Subscriptions collected throughout the year include an element to cover the annual Subscription payable to District.

At 31 December 2024 the amount held in respect of the annual District Subscription was £7,010.63