

1ST BOWDENS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521767

Details

Other names	5TH MARKET HARBOROUGH (LITTLE BOWDEN) SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	2012-08-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address 1st Bowdens Scouts
Scout Hut
Rectory Lane
Market Harborough
Leicestershire
LE16 8AS

Phone 07850989603

Email info@1stbowdens.org.uk

Website www.1stbowdens.org.uk

Activities

Objects: SCOUT GROUP (UNIT OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION)

Activities: To promote the development of young people aged 4 to 14 years and enable them to achieve their full potential.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MARKET HARBOROUGH
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£106,653	£49,976	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,268	£54,839	-	-
2023-03-31	£35,426	£93,383	-	-
2022-03-31	£60,439	£30,919	-	-
2021-03-31	£40,508	£14,060	-	-
2020-03-31	£73,475	£37,943	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN COOPER	Chair	2012-08-30
Chris Gilliam		2022-10-13
Dani Harrison		2022-10-13
Elizabeth Claire Riley		2024-11-28
Ian Birch		2022-10-13
Johanna Osborne		2018-04-01
Martyn John Houghton		2022-06-17

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Accounts

1ST Bowden's Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended
31 March 2025

1st Bowden's Scout Group

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	24		31	03	25

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut, Rectory Lane	
Little Bowden	
Market Harborough	
Postcode	LE16 8AS

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	John Cooper	Chairman		
2	Liz McMillan	Treasurer	Until 28/11/25	
3	Martyn Houghton	Assistant Group Scout Leader		
4	Johanna Osborne	Group Scout Leader		
5	Elizabeth Riley	Treasurer	From 28/11/25	
6	Chris Gilliam	Elected Member		
7	Ian Birch	Elected Member		
8	Dani Harrison	Elected Member		
9	Isabel Dupey	Elected Member	Until 28/11/25	
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	Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)	
	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

	Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)	
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Eddie Harman	7 Coleridge Way, LE16 8FL

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; ● the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; ● relationship with any related parties; ● trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.</p> <p>The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and Trustees (including 5 Elected Members) and normally meets every 3 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete a training module - '<i>Being a Scouts Trustee</i>' within the first 6 months of joining the Board.</p> <p>This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.</p> <p>Risk and Internal Control</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

A full programme of activities for all sections is implemented incorporating all aims of The Scout Association in the development of young people.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Reserves Policy
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Amounts in excess of the reserves policy will be used to fund the construction of the new scout hut for which planning and development are currently being sourced.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Financial Position
 The financial results for the year are set out on the attached

Investment Policy
 The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

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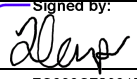
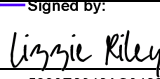
Going Concern
 At the time of approving the accounts the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Scout Group has adequate resources to continue in operations for the foreseeable future.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Signed by:  7C339C72891E4D0...	Signed by:  5938E0840AC8409...
	Full name(s) John Cooper	Elizabeth Riley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	5/18/2026	5/18/2026



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
1st Bowdens Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

521767

Set out on pages

3 & 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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: *E. J. Harman*

Date: 1st April 2026

Name: Edward Harman

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

MAAT

Address: 7 Coleridge Way, LE16 8FL

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name 1st Bowdens Scout Group	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-24	To	Period end date 31-Mar-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Net membership subscriptions retained	25,568	-	-	25,568	15,065
Trips and activities	60,352	-	-	60,352	20,439
Donations	8,157	-	-	8,157	-
Fundraising	1,577	-	-	1,577	-
Sales of Goods	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid and repayment interest	10,203	-	-	10,203	-
Interest received	796	-	-	796	764
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	106,653	-	-	106,653	36,268
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	106,653	-	-	106,653	36,268
A3 Payments					
Badges	2,192	-	-	2,192	4,943
Uniforms	180	-	-	180	766
Training	-	-	-	-	120
Utilities	1,576	-	-	1,576	2,106
Maintenance	1,043	-	-	1,043	2,136
Squirrel Expenses	245	-	-	245	195
Beaver Expenses	814	-	-	814	362
Cub Expenses	195	-	-	195	169
Scout Expenses	94	-	-	94	1,266
Group Expenses	1,023	-	-	1,023	-
Capitation	10,920	-	-	10,920	10,680
Administration Expenses	140	-	-	140	710
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	936	-	-	936	1,381
Rent	100	-	-	100	100
Legal & professional - lease costs	-	-	-	-	10,690
Trip, activities and camp expenses	27,470	-	-	27,470	18,825
Bank Charges	1,860	-	-	1,860	390
Profit or loss on foreign exchange	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	48,788	-	-	48,788	54,839
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Equipment for activities	1,188	-	-	1,188	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,188	-	-	1,188	-
Total payments	49,976	-	-	49,976	54,839
Net of receipts/(payments)	56,677	-	-	56,677	18,571
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,891	-	-	70,891	89,462
Cash funds this year end	127,568	-	-	127,568	70,891

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	WISE Current Account	2,085	-	-
	WISE KISC 2026	32,963	-	-
	WISE Memorial Fund	2,037	-	-
	CAF Cash Account	14,626	-	-
	CAF Gold Reserve Account (hut)	70,855	-	-
	WISE Camp Contingency	5,000	-	-
	Total cash funds		127,566	-
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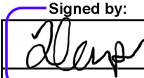
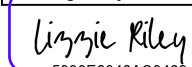
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid due but not all claimed yet	5,012	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed by:  <small>7C339C72891E4D0...</small> Signed by:	John Cooper	5/18/2026
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Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report and
Accounts**

**For the year ended
31 March 2024**

1st Bowdens Scout Group

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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1st Bowdens Scout Group

Registered charity number

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Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut, Rectory Lane							
Little Bowden							
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Postcode	L	E	1	6	8	A	S

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Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Paul Barnett of Newby Castleman LLP	110 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 7LT

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Further financial review details (optional information)

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Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

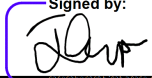
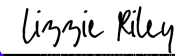
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Signed by:  <small>929b033b0624402...</small>	Signed by:  <small>70e40a0337e847e...</small>
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Full name(s)

John Cooper	Lizzie Riley
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman	Treasurer
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Date

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22-11-2025

22-11-2025

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/
members of** 1st Bowdens Scout Group

**On accounts for the
year ended** 31 March 2024 **Charity no** 521767

Set out on pages 8 to 9

**Responsibilities and
basis of independent
examiner's report** As the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by 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.

Signed: **Date:**

Name: Paul Barnett of Newby Castleman LLP

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

Address: 110 Regent Road
Leicester
LE1 7LT

1st Bowdens Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Net membership subscriptions retained	15,065	-	15,065	18,729
Trips and activities	20,439	-	20,439	10,417
Donations	-	-	-	80
Fundraising	-	-	-	1,764
Sale of goods	-	-	-	-
Gift aid and repayment interest	-	-	-	-
Interest received	764	-	764	36
Grants	-	-	-	4,400
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	36,268	-	36,268	35,426
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,268	-	36,268	35,426
A3 Payments				
Badges	4,943	-	4,943	3,705
Uniforms	766	-	766	1,492
Training	120	-	120	558
Utilities	2,106	-	2,106	1,665
Maintenance	2,136	-	2,136	669
Squirrel expenses	195	-	195	266
Beaver expenses	362	-	362	543
Cub expenses	169	-	169	192
Scout expenses	1,266	-	1,266	1,325
Group expenses	-	-	-	5,378
Capitation	10,680	-	10,680	9,542
Administration expenses	710	-	710	781
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Merchandise	-	-	-	-
Insurance	1,381	-	1,381	796
Rent	100	-	100	100
Legal & professional - lease costs	10,690	-	10,690	-
Trips, activities and camp expenses	18,825	-	18,825	67,241
Bank charges	390	-	390	265
Profit or loss on foreign exchange	-	-	0	(1,135)
<i>Sub total</i>	54,839	-	54,839	93,383
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Equipment for activities	-	-	-	2,262
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	2,262
Total payments	54,839	-	54,839	95,645
Net of receipts/(payments)	(18,571)	-	(18,571)	(60,219)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	89,462	-	89,462	149,681
Cash funds this year end	70,891	-	70,891	89,462

1st Bowdens Scout Group Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	2,668	-
	Business reserve account	56,829	-
	Wise GBP account	24	-
	Wise reserve account	1,737	-
	Wise "Hut" account	3,986	-
	Wise "KISC 2026" account	5,626	-
	Camp cash account	21	-
	Total cash funds	70,891	-

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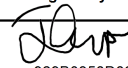
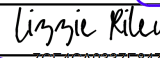
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid due but not all claimed yet	14,540	-
	Subscriptions debtor	16,099	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Unrestricted	11,063	-
	Professional fees regarding new hut	Unrestricted	1,194	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Fees on subscription income	Unrestricted	495	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signed by:	Print Name	Date of approval
 Signed by: 929B0350B024402...	John Cooper (Chairman)	22-11-2025
 Signed by: 7CE4CA0337E847E...	Lizzie Riley (Treasurer)	22-11-2025

1ST BOWDENS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521767

Accounts

1st Bowdens Scout Group

**Trustees' Annual Report and
Accounts**

**For the year ended
31 March 2023**

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Bowdens Scout Group

Registered charity number

5 2 1 7 6 7

Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut, Rectory Lane

Little Bowden

Market Harborough, Leicestershire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Cooper	Chairman	
2	Liz McMillan	Treasurer	
3	Simon Ingram-Hawkes	Elected member	until 13 October 2022
4	Martyn Houghton	Assistant Scout Leader	
5	Johanna Osborne	Group Scout Leader	
6	David Sawford	Elected Member	from 13 October 2022
7	Chris Gilliam	Elected member	from 13 October 2022
8	Daniela Harrison	Elected member	from 13 October 2022
9	David Boulton	Elected member	from 13 October 2022
10	Ian Birch	Elected member	from 13 October 2022
11	Isabel Dupey	Elected member	from 13 October 2022
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14			
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Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Paul Barnett of Newby Castleman LLP	110 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 7LT

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For the period

From (start date)

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and Trustees (including 5 Elected Members) and normally meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete a training module - '*Being a Scouts Trustee*' within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Group, through the capitation fees contribute to The Scout Association national insurance policy.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

A full programme of activities for all sections is implemented incorporating all aims of The Scout Association in the development of young people.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1st Bowdens has grown yet again after successfully launching our second squirrel drey in March of this year. We currently have 30 Squirrels, 36 Beaver Scouts, 45 Cub Scouts, 68 Scouts and 48 adult volunteers, which makes us the biggest group in the Harborough District.

Our youth members are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing. But, they also get to hang out with their friends every week - having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

Every week our leaders give their time to help run a diverse programme of activities giving our young people the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 6 months average running costs, circa £10,000.

Amounts in excess of the reserves policy will be used to fund the construction of the new scout hut for which planning and development are currently being sourced.

Further financial review details (optional information)

Financial Position

The financial results for the year are set out on pages 8 to 9.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Scout Group has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Cooper

L Riley

Full name(s)

John Cooper

Lizzie Riley

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman

Treasurer

Date

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

**On accounts for the
year ended** **Charity no**

Set out on pages

**Responsibilities and
basis of independent
examiner's report**

As the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by 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.

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

1st Bowdens Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Net membership subscriptions retained	18,729	-	18,729	15,837
Trips and activities	10,417	-	10,417	36,543
Donations	80	-	80	-
Fundraising	1,764	-	1,764	3,393
Sale of goods	-	-	-	-
Gift aid and repayment interest	-	-	-	4,665
Interest received	36	-	36	1
Grants	-	4,400	4,400	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	31,026	4,400	35,426	60,439
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,026	4,400	35,426	60,439
A3 Payments				
Badges	3,705	-	3,705	2,197
Uniforms	1,492	-	1,492	-
Training	558	-	558	-
Utilities	1,665	-	1,665	1,290
Maintenance	669	-	669	759
Squirrel expenses	266	-	266	194
Beaver expenses	543	-	543	570
Cub expenses	192	-	192	468
Scout expenses	1,325	-	1,325	699
Group expenses	5,378	-	5,378	3,756
Capitation	9,542	-	9,542	8,537
Administration expenses	781	-	781	131
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Merchandise	-	-	-	-
Insurance	796	-	796	1,032
Rent	100	-	100	-
Trips, activities and camp expenses	64,041	3,200	67,241	11,286
Bank charges	265	-	265	-
Profit or loss on foreign exchange	(1,135)	-	(1,135)	-
<i>Sub total</i>	90,183	3,200	93,383	30,919
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Equipment for activities	398	1,864	2,262	-
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	398	1,864	2,262	-
Total payments	90,581	5,064	95,645	30,919
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(59,555)	(664)	(60,219)	29,520
A5 Transfers between funds	(664)	664	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	149,681	-	149,681	120,161
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	89,462	-	89,462	149,681

1st Bowdens Scout Group

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	71,262	-
	Business reserve account	10,080	-
	Wise reserve account	8,099	-
	Camp cash account	21	-
	Total cash funds	89,462	-

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid due but not all claimed yet	9,524	-
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		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	11,063	-
	Professional fees regarding new hut	1,194	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J Cooper	John Cooper (Chairman)	4 April 2025
L Riley	Lizzie Riley (Treasurer)	6 April 2025

1ST BOWDENS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521767

Accounts

1st Bowdens Scout Group

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**For the year ended
31 March 2022**

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Bowdens Scout Group

Registered charity number

5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 7

Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut, Rectory Lane

Little Bowden

Market Harborough, Leicestershire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Cooper	Chairman	
2	Liz McMillan	Treasurer	
3	Simon Ingram-Hawkes	Elected member	
4	Martyn Houghton	Assistant Scout Leader	
5	Johanna Osborne	Group Scout Leader	
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Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Paul Barnett of Newby Castleman LLP	110 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 7LT

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For the period

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 5 independent representatives: Chairman, Treasurer, Elected Member and the 2 Group Scout Leaders together with individual section leaders and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete a training module - '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Group, through the capitation fees contribute to The Scout Association national insurance policy.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

The purpose of the Group is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by adult leadership.

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.

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The Scout Method

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- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

A full programme of activities for all sections is implemented incorporating all aims of The Scout Association in the development of young people.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We are delighted to report that following the return to scouting since September 2021, as a group, we have returned stronger finding ourselves expanding our age range to include our youngest members ever, and at the top end retaining a fantastic amount of young leaders wishing to share their own scouting experience with the other youth members within the group across all sections.

This year the group has continued to be successful in district events and retaining the Fraser Shield was a notable achievement, not only winning but all the 1st Bowdens teams entered were amazing.

We were finally able to enjoy our postponed international trip to KISC which was another brilliant experience for our youth members. While all the adventures are being enjoyed the support for governance and financial management of the group are provided by our wonderful executive team. We have had some new volunteers over the last 24 months too which has helped.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 6 months average running costs, circa £10,000.

Amounts in excess of the reserves policy will be used to fund the construction of the new scout hut for which planning and development are currently being sourced.

Further financial review details (optional information)

Financial Position

The financial results for the year are set out on pages 8 to 9.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Scout Group has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Cooper

L McMillan

Full name(s)

John Cooper

Liz McMillan

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman

Treasurer

Date

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of **1st Bowdens Scout Group**

On accounts for the
year ended **31 March 2022** Charity no **521767**

Set out on pages **8 to 9**

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's report

As the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by 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.

Signed: **P Barnett** Date: **11 August 2023**

Name: **Paul Barnett of Newby Castleman LLP**

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

Address: **110 Regent Road
Leicester
LE1 7LT**

1st Bowdens Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-21	To	Period end date 31-Mar-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Net membership subscriptions retained	15,837	-	15,837	16,188
Trips and activities	36,543	-	36,543	3,002
Donations	-	-	-	50
Fundraising	3,393	-	3,393	4,730
Sale of goods	-	-	-	660
Gift aid and repayment interest	4,665	-	4,665	4,609
Interest received	1	-	1	4
Grants	-	-	-	11,265
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	60,439	-	60,439	40,508
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,439	-	60,439	40,508
A3 Payments				
Badges	2,197	-	2,197	1,442
Uniforms	-	-	-	27
Training	-	-	-	-
Utilities	1,290	-	1,290	917
Maintenance	759	-	759	631
Squirrel expenses	194	-	194	-
Beaver expenses	570	-	570	-
Cub expenses	468	-	468	368
Scout expenses	699	-	699	104
Group expenses	3,756	-	3,756	581
Capitation	8,537	-	8,537	7,769
Administration expenses	131	-	131	143
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Merchandise	-	-	-	703
Insurance	1,032	-	1,032	959
Rent	-	-	-	100
Trips, activities and camp expenses	11,286	-	11,286	316
<i>Sub total</i>	30,919	-	30,919	14,060
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Professional fees regarding new hut	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,919	-	30,919	14,060
Net of receipts/(payments)	29,520	-	29,520	26,448
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	120,161	-	120,161	93,713
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	149,681	-	149,681	120,161

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-21	To	Period end date 31-Mar-22
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	139,637	-
	Business reserve account	10,044	-
	Total cash funds	149,681	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid due but not all claimed yet	4,344	-
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		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Unrestricted	10,000	-
	Professional fees regarding new hut	Unrestricted	5,289	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J Cooper	John Cooper (Chairman)	27-Jul-23
L McMillan	Liz McMillan (Treasurer)	10-Aug-23

1ST BOWDENS SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 521767

Accounts

1st Bowdens Scout Group

**Trustees' Annual Report and
Accounts**

**For the year ended
31 March 2021**

1st Bowdens Scout Group

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) **0 1 0 4 2 0** to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Bowdens Scout Group

Registered charity number

5 2 1 7 6 7

Charity's principal address

The Scout Hut, Rectory Lane

Little Bowden

Market Harborough, Leicestershire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	John Cooper	Chairman	
2	Madie Bransby	Treasurer	
3	Simon Ingram-Hawkes	Elected member	
4	David Sawford	Assistant Scout Leader	
5	Johanna Osborne	Group Scout Leader	
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Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Paul Barnett of Newby Castleman LLP	110 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 7LT
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc	21 St Mary's Road, Market Harborough, LE16 7DY

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For the period

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 5 independent representatives: Chairman, Treasurer, Elected Member and the 2 Group Scout Leaders together with individual section leaders and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete a training module - '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Group, through the capitation fees contribute to The Scout Association national insurance policy.

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For the period

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

The purpose of the Group is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The Scout Method provides an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law, which is guided by adult leadership.

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.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- 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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

A full programme of activities for all sections is implemented incorporating all aims of The Scout Association in the development of young people.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our youth numbers remain strong and we are full to capacity. Our adult volunteers are consistent.

The pandemic caused a major issue, with face to face meetings suspended. The leadership team continued to deliver a scouting programme and virtual camping through an online programme and WhatsApp groups. The group feared it would lose several youth members during this period however it appears the group actually grew in overall terms which was a real credit to the leadership team.

Most of the annual events were cancelled and our international trip was postponed for twelve months, this is now planned for summer 2022.

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For the period

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Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 6 months average running costs, circa £10,000.

Amounts in excess of the reserves policy will be used to fund the construction of the new scout hut for which planning and development are currently being sourced.

Further financial review details (optional information)

Financial Position

The financial results for the year are set out on pages 8 to 9.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Scout Group has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Cooper

M Bransby

Full name(s)

John Cooper

Madie Bransby

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chairman

Treasurer

Date

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/
members of** 1st Bowdens Scout Group

**On accounts for the
year ended** 31 March 2021 **Charity no** 521767

Set out on pages 8 to 9

**Responsibilities and
basis of independent
examiner's report**

As the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by 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.

Signed: P T Barnett **Date:** 27-May-22

Name: Paul Barnett of Newby Castleman LLP

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

Address: 110 Regent Road
Leicester
LE1 7LT

1st Bowdens Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Net membership subscriptions retained	16,188	-	16,188	17,653
Trips and activities	3,002	-	3,002	42,939
Donations	50	-	50	1,000
Fundraising	4,730	-	4,730	5,888
Sale of goods	660	-	660	1,089
Gift aid and repayment interest	4,609	-	4,609	4,471
Interest received	4	-	4	20
Lettings	-	-	-	415
Grants	11,265	-	11,265	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	40,508	-	40,508	73,475
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,508	-	40,508	73,475
A3 Payments				
Badges	1,442	-	1,442	1,925
Uniforms	27	-	27	41
Training	-	-	-	260
Utilities	917	-	917	1,622
Maintenance	631	-	631	1,103
Beaver expenses	-	-	-	148
Cub expenses	368	-	368	625
Scout expenses	104	-	104	252
Group expenses	581	-	581	1,128
Capitation	7,769	-	7,769	7,808
Administration expenses	143	-	143	398
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	398
Merchandise	703	-	703	915
Insurance	959	-	959	955
Rent	100	-	100	100
Trips, activities and camp expenses	316	-	316	19,071
<i>Sub total</i>	14,060	-	14,060	36,749
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Professional fees regarding new hut	-	-	-	1,194
	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	1,194
Total payments	14,060	-	14,060	37,943
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,448	-	26,448	35,532
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	93,713	-	93,713	58,181
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	120,161	-	120,161	93,713

1st Bowdens Scout Group

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	110,118	-
	Business reserve account	10,043	-
			-
	Total cash funds	120,161	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid due but not all claimed yet	4,646	-
		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J Cooper	John Cooper (Chairman)	26-May-22
M Bransbury	Madie Bransby (Treasurer)	26-May-22