

1st Bowdens Scout Group

**Trustees' Annual Report and
Accounts**

**For the year ended
31 March 2024**

1st Bowdens Scout Group

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Section A	Reference and administration details
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Charity name

1st Bowdens Scout Group									
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Registered charity number

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Charity's principal address

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

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	Martyn Houghton	Assistant Scout Leader	
4	Johanna Osborne	Group Scout Leader	
5	David Sawford	Elected Member	until 15/09/2023
6	David Boulton	Elected Member	until 15/09/2023
7	Daniela Harrison	Elected Member	
8	Ian Birch	Elected Member	
9	Chris Gillam	Elected Member	
10	Isabel Dupey	Elected Member	
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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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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.

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Section C	Objectives and activities
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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.

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Section D	Achievements and performance
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Promoting the development of young people aged 4 to 14 years and enabling them to achieve their full potential.

We are all volunteers, both the young leaders and the adults. Each week we deliver a varied and exciting programme to scouts from the age of 4 to 14, five nights a week. These young leaders and adults serve as role models and provide life-changing opportunities to children and teens while inspiring them to become their best selves.

Our Skills for Life approach, include both physical and mental activities to help promote better well being, as well as awareness of our community and environment.

Our youth members also include vulnerable members including those with both physical and mental health challenges.

One measure of our success is the number of youth members whom then become Young Leaders and even then stay with us to become adult leaders themselves.

We have section meetings every night of the week for our 177 youth members whom range from 4 through to 14 years old, with over 91% of these youth members living in Harborough, Little and Great Bowden. 16% of our youth members having either complex medical, mental, sensory and development needs. We also have 19 young leaders, aged 14 to 18 years old, whom have chosen to volunteer with our younger sections to help pass on their Scouting experience. Along with 47 Adult volunteers.

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Section E	Financial Review
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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.

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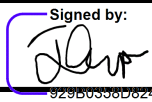
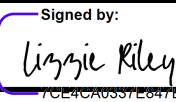
Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<div>Signed by:  929b053b0624402...</div>	<div>Signed by:  7CE4CA0537E647E...</div>												
Full name(s)	John Cooper	Lizzie Riley												
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	Treasurer												
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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 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):**

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Address:

**110 Regent Road
Leicester
LE1 7LT**

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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
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,268	-	36,268	35,426
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
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)
Sub total	54,839	-	54,839	93,383
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Equipment for activities	-	-	-	2,262
Sub total	-	-	-	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

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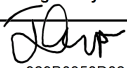
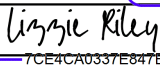
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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	-	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Gift aid due but not all claimed yet	14,540	-	
	Subscriptions debtor	16,099	-	
		-	-	
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment	Unrestricted	11,063	-
	Professional fees regarding new hut	Unrestricted	1,194	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	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: 029B0350B024402...	John Cooper (Chairman)	22-11-2025
 Signed by: 7CE4CA0337E847E...	Lizzie Riley (Treasurer)	22-11-2025