

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 1st Bowden's Scout Group

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 521767

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)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	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 (eg. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	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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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.

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 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

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 188 youth members whom range from 4 through to 14 years old, with most 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 22 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 60 adult volunteers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit</p>	

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.

<p>Financial Position</p> <p>The financial results for the year are set out on the attached</p> <p>Investment Policy</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Going Concern</p> <p>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.</p>

Section F


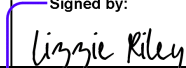
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<div>Signed by:  7C339C72891E4D0...</div>	<div>Signed by:  5938E0840AC8409...</div>
	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
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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)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Apr-24

To

Period end date
31-Mar-25

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	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

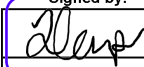
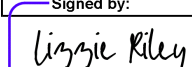
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid due but not all claimed yet	5,012	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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
Signed by: 	John Cooper	5/18/2026
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