

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1ST BOSTON SEA SCOUT GROUP

Other names the charity is known by

1st Boston Scout Group

Registered charity number (if any)

5 2 2 3 5 4

HQ registration number

3 0 6 1 0 1

Charity's principal address

Witham Bank East

Boston

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Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard J Atterby		
2	Graham J Chester		
3	Sue Chester	Treasurer	
4	Martin Chapman		
5	Stephen Chapman		24.4.24-31.12.24

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address
N/A		

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. Deed of gift dated 12.9.61 upon the trusts of the boys scouts association trust deed 1955

How the charity is constituted

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 3 Trustees

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning 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.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from building hire, subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in

<p>income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p>
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Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

All sections undertake badge work, with the aim of achieving the relevant chief scout awards.
Camps were held at Woodhall, Hebden Bridge and Sudbroke.

Boston Woods opening of Dion's.
Weekly kayaking during summer months. Kayaking taster days to other groups within the district.
External activity days eg Care home crafts, litter picking, wide games and camp fire, martial arts, bowling, hikes, farm visit.
External visit from small animal rescue, Evolve flowers
Attendance at St Georges day parade and annual carol service.

Additional details of the objectives and activities

There have been no grant applications during this current year.
The trustees will continue to review any applications and requests.
Volunteers continue to aid in fund raising - primarily through manning the turnstiles at a local football club in return for a donation to group funds. A Race night was organised for all sections in April.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At the start of the year the group had 34 members, but throughout the year membership numbers increased to 47. This was largely due to the closure of 2nd Boston Scout Group, who merged with 1st Boston in Septmeber. There has been significant movement to explorer units. In line with other groups within the district, recruitment of younger members continues to be a concern. We currently have 19 leaders and 1 young leader. 2 young leaders have now progressed to leader roles.
5 gold chief scout awards presented.
Maintain statutory health and safety requirements.

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 Trustee Board will prepare and review budgets during the next financial year.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only a mainstream bank.

By lease arrangements, the building is also used by other users. Income received supports the maintenance and running costs of the building.

Gift aid is applied for in respect of membership subscriptions collected

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods

The Trustees will continue to support the Group through recruitment and membership with Playgroup.
The aim of the group is not for profit or to establish a large recruitment of volunteers and youth members
Maintain current revenue streams
Fund raise where applicable and relevant

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></div>
Full name(s)	<div>Susan Chester</div>
Position (eg Treasurer, Chair)	<div>Treasurer</div>
Date	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>

1ST BOSTON SCOUT GROUP
ACCOUNT SUMMARY
YEAR 01.01.24 – 31.12.24

OPENING BALANCE £7500.45
CLOSING BALANCE £11762.87

Credits £30,295.72
Debits £26033.30 = profit/growth £4262.42

EQUALS DEBIT CARDS Balance @ 31.12.24 = £432.86

Income transferred from Group account = £800.00

Expenditure on cards £367.14

(Section activities £220.00, Minibus £90.50, Repairs £8.64, Equals cards £48.00)

I confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that the balance statements are a true record of the 1st Boston Scout Group Account

Signed Sue Chester (treasurer)

Dated 17 May 2025

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 01.01.24-31.12.2024

INCOME	
SUBS	2530.00
PLAYGROUP HIRE	5700.00
WITHAM EXPLORERS	320.00
CANOE CLUB HIRE	450.00
FUND RAISING	867.70
ROOM HIRE	0.00
GROUP SECTION ACTIVITY	7789.82
DONATION	4079.86
TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	22.50
KAYAK SESSIONS	20.00
PLAYGROUP RECHARGES	7440.84
GIFT AID	895.00
MINIBUS DONATION USE	180.00
TOTAL	30295.72

EXPENDITURE	
WATER RATES	944.77
ELECTRICITY	7080.67
EQUIPMENT	125.93
GROUP ACTIVITIES/BADGES	9243.45
FUNDRAISING	287.54
MEMBERSHIP/CAPITATION	1908.00
MINIBUS	1770.05
ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATION	0.00
LEADER TRAINING/ACTIVITIES	89.20
INSURANCE	1667.89
FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICE	750.43
DONATION	250.00
REPAIS & MAINTENANCE	836.53
UNIFORM	915.24
RATES	27.13
ADVERTISING/MISCELLANEOUS	136.47
	26033.30

APPROVED BY DATED

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Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the
1st Boston Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages to

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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