

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Ellesmere Town Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Ellesmere Town Scout Hut

Wharf Road

Ellesmere

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	Robert McBride	Chair	
2	Louise Hudson	Treasurer	July 2024 - present
3	Louise Schafer	Ex-officio	
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Section B

Structure, governance and management

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.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are

common to all Scouts.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

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

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 up to 10 Trustees (including 4 Ex Officio Trustees, and up to 4 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3 months. 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.

Risk and Internal Control

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

Damage to the building, property and equipment.

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.

Insufficient income. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group strives to hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders or members. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group and provides activities for young people aged 6-14. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders or members 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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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.

During 2023-2024 all young people have had the opportunity for two nights away experiences: Taster Camp & Shirejam.

Weekly Colony, Pack & Troop meetings mostly cover Challenge Badges but also other activities of interest to the young people, based on Beaver log chews and Cub Pack & Scout Troop forums.

Attendance / engagement with local Community events is integral to our programme: King's Coronation celebrations; Remembrance Day Parade; Winter Festival Lantern Parade etc

New Scout Section restarted via a Levelling up Grant received from the Scout Association

Scout hut is now operational after many years of devoted working by key individuals and generous donations / grants

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

- Opening up of a new scout section & recruitment of 6 new leaders
- Completion of scout hut building (groundworks & landscaping still ongoing)
- Provision of fun, challenging programme to 16 Beavers, 22 Cubs and 12 Scouts: weekly meetings; events and nights away. 6 Bronze Chief Scouts Awards achieved
- Inaugural May Fayre held; Christmas Hamper raffle and Christmas Fayre stalls provided much needed additional income for programme delivery

Section E

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

To be defined by new Trustee Board during 2024

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence 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.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Future plans

- Completion of Scout Hut groundworks & landscaping
- Increased roll numbers for Beaver & Scout Sections
- Increased fundraising income
- Increased opportunities for nights away & events
- at least 50% of Beavers, Cubs & Scouts attaining Chief Scouts Award
- Recruit additional Trustees
- Establish / review governance objectives & setup sub committees to deliver

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Robert

McBride

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Robert McBride

Date

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Ellesmere Town Scouts
Accounts 2023 & 2024
Profit and Loss Comparison
April 2023 - March 2024

	Total	
	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023 (PY)
Income		
Fete income	1,832	-
Gift aid	572	-
other income	350	-
Subscriptions/camp/uniform income	-	-
Beavers subs	3,911	230
Cub subs	3,122	2,337
Scouts subs	2,970	748
Total Subscriptions/camp/uniform income	10,003	3,315
Total Income	12,756	3,315
Expenses		
Beaver/Cub/Scout programme expenses	2,323	152
Camps and trips expenditure	2,042	1,577
Electricity	172	96
Fete expenses	1,234	-
Hall hire & rent	1,167	1,092
Insurance	568	353
Membership fees	2,671	1,568
Miscellaneous	25	25
Uniform and clothing	1,543	255
Total Expenses	11,745	5,117
Net Operating Income	1,010 -	1,802
Other Income		
Fundraising and donations	11,045	13,893
Grant income	9,127	4,500
Total Other Income	20,173	18,393
Other Expenses		
Equipment	3,220	-
Scout hut building costs	16,611	20,381
Total Other Expenses	19,831	20,381
Net Other Income	342 -	1,988
Net Income	1,352 -	3,790

Ellesmere Town Scouts
Balance Sheet Comparison
As of March 31, 2024

	Total	
	As of Mar 31, 2024	As of Mar 31, 2023 (PY)
Cash at bank and in hand		
Beavers account - 2060	1,953	397
Building account - 6860	7,961	5,032
Cub account - 4390 (not linked online)	1,678	1,511
Executive account - 0568	2,341	2,496
Scouts account - 1660	1,785	4,930
Total Cash at bank and in hand	15,718	14,366
Net current assets	15,718	14,366
Net current assets (liabilities)	15,718	14,366
Total assets less current liabilities	15,718	14,366
Total net assets (liabilities)	15,718	14,366
Capital and Reserves		
Opening Balance Equity	17,874	17,874
Retained Earnings	- 3,507	283
Profit for the year	1,352 -	3,790
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Treasurers Report

I have prepared the above accounts from information and explanation provided by Ellesmere Town Scouts without the need for an audit to be carried out.

Louise Hudson F.C.A F.C.C.A.
18-Sep-24

Note of independent scrutiny

The accounts have been reviewed in limited detail by another accountant, who is independent of ETS, to confirm year start and year end bank balances along with an overall review of the allocation of income and expenditure, without review of detailed supporting invoices and receipts.

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