

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Reference and administration details

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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	Mr Austin Tovey	Chair	Until - 28.09.24
2	Mrs Jennifer McClellan	Chair	Chair From – 28.09.24
3	Mr Mark Riddington	Treasurer	
4	Mr Michael Dean	Membership Secretary	
5	Mr Stephen Bennett		
6	Mr Timothy Cronin		
7	Mr Miroslaw Sztramski		Until - 30.06.25
8	Mrs Kelly Ronnenburg	Secretary	Until - 28.09.24
9	Mrs Jane Tovey		Until - 28.09.24
10	Mrs Sue Berry		Until - 28.09.24
11	Mr Mark Berry		Until - 28.09.24
12	Mrs Tina Bennett		Until - 28.09.24
13	Mr David Smith		Until - 28.09.24
14	Mr Richard Clark		Until - 28.09.24
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of 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.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

a) the induction and training of trustees;

b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee) 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 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 such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 subscriptions and fundraising. The group does 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. 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.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. 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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<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 cooperate 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>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>	<p>The objectives of the Charity are achieved through a weekly programme of engaging activities, camps, charitable and community service activities throughout the year designed to further the young people's personal development</p>
<p>Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)</p> <p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	<p>To support and subsidise activities within the Group an Activity Fund is in place where sections can draw down funds from it to help with the costs of the activities they run. The value of the fund for each section is based on £30 per member per year.</p> <p>The Group invests in a combination of an instant access savings account and a 95 day notice savings account an amount of money to be agreed each year as a way of earning a return on the capital it holds</p>

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

Opening of our first Squirrels Drey for 4-6 year olds
Dovetrek 2025 - District Scout Walking challenge
Beavers Hut Camp and Activity Day at Blackwell Adventure
France Camp 2024 for Panthers Cubs and Macleans Scouts
Back to Basics Camp – Macleans Scouts
Shooting Camp 2024
Youlbury Camp – Pumas Cubs and United Scouts
People's Postcode Lottery Grant of £10,000
Family Fun Day for the 2023-24 AGM

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 considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £21,000 in addition to a long term reserve of at least £30,000 within a combination of an instant access savings account and a 95 day notice savings account.

Quantify and explain any designations

The Group held reserves of approximately £54,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by this also includes the £10,000 grant from the People's Postcode Lottery which is a restricted fund.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

n/a

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);

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.

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives;

The Group Trustee Board 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

In the 2025-26 financial year, the Group is holding a large international trip to Kandersteg jointly between the Alcester United Scouts and the West Warwickshire District Monkeys Fist Explorer Unit. This trip has resulted in a large amount of funds being received by the Group in the 2024-25 financial year in preparation for the trip. However, the bulk of the expenditure for the trip will be in the 2025-26 financial year.

Although a £10,000 grant from the People’s Postcode Lottery was received within the 2024-25 financial year, the majority of the money was unspent within the financial year, largely due to capacity of members of the Group to organise how to spend the money. Plans are now in place to spend this money within the first half of the 2025-26 financial year. We will also be receiving a further £10,000 grant from the People’s Postcode Lottery in the 2025-26 financial year as part of a staged £20,000 grant. Plans are also in place now for the spending of this second £10,000 as well.

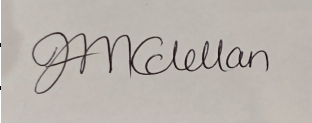
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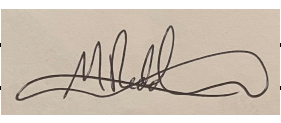
Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)





Full name(s)

Jennifer McClellan

Mark Riddington

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

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1st Alcester Scout Group (Charity no. 524560)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01.04.2024	To	31.03.2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	16,830	-	-	14,970
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	-	-	-
Donations	8,352	10,000	-	100
Events	49,271	-	-	29,960
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	3,064	-	-	3,016
Admin (Payment in error, not reversed in same year)	79	-	-	-
Other similar income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	77,597	10,000	-	48,046
Grants				
Maintenenance grant	-	-	-	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)				
Academy Summer Bash (July 2023)	-	-	-	905
Street Market BBQ	1,386	-	-	1,201
Christmas Post	603	-	-	497
Santa Run	250	-	-	200
St Nicholas Night BBQ	1,013	-	-	1,290
France Trip (2024) Promise Auction	-	-	-	2,012
Terracycle	-	-	-	26
Easy Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Kandersteg Trip	1,626	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,878	-	-	6,130
Scout hut income				
Hire of building	150	-	-	-
Hire of equipment	100	-	-	45
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	250	-	-	45
Investment income				
Bank interest	2,269	-	-	930
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,269	-	-	930
Total Gross Income	84,994	10,000	-	55,151
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,994	10,000	-	55,151

1st Alcester Scout Group (Charity no. 524560)

Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01.04.2024	To	31.03.2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on to District (Capitation)	7,544	-	-	7,544
Youth programme and activities	1,990	-	-	1,990
Events and Camps	32,771	-	-	32,771
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
Rent	4,000	-	-	4,000
Water and Sewerage	-	-	-	-
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-
Broadband Internet	498	-	-	498
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Repairs and Renewals	-	-	-	-
Activity Equipment	805	-	-	805
Camping Equipment	2,471	-	-	2,471
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-
Badges	1,522	-	-	1,522
Uniforms	252	-	-	252
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	-	-
Donations	265	-	-	265
Admin	60	-	-	60
Bank Fees	192	-	-	192
Theft	-	-	-	-
Venue Maintenance	488	-	-	488
Sub total	52,856	-	-	52,856
Fundraising expenses				
Academy Summer Bash (July 2023)	-	-	-	-
Street Market BBQ	574	-	-	574
Christmas Post	-	-	-	-
Santa Run	-	-	-	-
St Nicholas Night BBQ	418	-	-	418
France Trip (2024) Promise Auction	-	-	-	-
Terracycle	-	-	-	-
Easy Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Kandersteg Trip	189	-	-	189
	-	-	-	-
Detail 2	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,181	-	-	1,181
Total Gross Expenditure	54,037	-	-	54,037
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,037	-	-	54,037
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,957	10,000	-	40,957
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	80,184	-	-	80,184
Cash funds this year end	111,141	10,000	-	121,141

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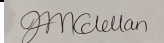
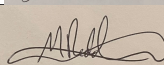
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01.04.2024	To	31.03.2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025			31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Group - Treasurers Account	1,965	-	-	4,806
Group - Membership Account	1,194	-	-	2,059
Cubs - Pumas (Belgium)	12,008	-	-	3,751
Cubs - Panthers (France)	3,560	-	-	11,959
Squirrels	401	-	-	500
Beavers	1,831	-	-	1,201
Cubs - Panthers	7,173	-	-	3,594
Cubs - Pumas	3,847	-	-	3,545
Scouts - Macleans	660	-	-	930
Scouts - United	3,194	-	-	3,579
OSM Expense Cards Account	2,637	-	-	1,478
Group - 95 Day Notice Account	34,415	10,000	-	10,069
Group - Instant Access Savings	9,723	-	-	12,712
Group - Fixed Term (6m) Deposit A/C (Feb-Aug 24)	-	-	-	20,000
Cash/Floats	69	-	-	-
Cubs - 95 Day Withdrawal (Kandersteg)	28,465	-	-	-
Total cash funds	111,141	10,000	-	80,184
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	ok	ok	ok	ok
Other monetary assets				
Interest in JV (Alcester Guide & Scout Centre)	26,903	-	-	27,460
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,903	-	-	27,460
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	-	-	-	-
Shop stock	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	2,863	-	-	2,588
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,863	-	-	2,588
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	140,906	10,000	-	110,232

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 9th January 2026 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name
	Jennifer McClellan Chair
	Mark Riddington Treasurer

1st Alcester Scout Group (Charity no. 524560)
Receipts and payments account

Fixed Asset Schedule (Over £100)

		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Assets Purchased	Gas triple burners	£ 131.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	2x Vango Skye 500 tents	£ 345.95	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	1x Vango refurbished Apollo 500 tent	£ 110.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	1x Vango refurbished Apollo 500 tent	£ 130.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	Hammocks	£ -	£ 387.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	4x Silva Expedition 4 Compasses	£ -	£ 115.60	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	Lego Sets	£ -	£ 271.15	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	2x Gazebos	£ -	£ 1,336.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	14x Silva Expedition 4 Compasses	£ -	£ -	£ 342.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	Coleman Event Shelters + Sides	£ -	£ -	£ 649.92	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	20ltr Water Boiler	£ -	£ -	£ 225.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
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	Total Assets Purchased in Year	£ 717.45	£ 2,109.75	£ 1,216.92	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Depreciating Value	2022/23	£ 717.45	£ 717.45							
	2023/24	£ 2,588.05	£ 478.30	£ 2,109.75						
	2024/25	£ 2,862.57	£ 239.15	£ 1,406.50	£ 1,216.92					
	2025/26	£ 1,514.53		£ 703.25	£ 811.28	£ -				
	2026/27	£ 405.64		£ 405.64	£ -	£ -				
	2027/28	£ -			£ -	£ -	£ -			
	2028/29	£ -				£ -	£ -	£ -		
	2029/30	£ -					£ -	£ -	£ -	
	2030/31	£ -						£ -	£ -	£ -
	2031/32	£ -							£ -	£ -
	2032/33	£ -								£ -

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Alcester Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Alcester Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Alcester Scout Group, 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 1st Alcester Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Alcester Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Alan Halidan

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACCA Advanced Diploma in Accounting and Business

Address: 112 Abbotswood Close, Winyates Green, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 0QF

Date: 30.09.2025