



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 **Period start date** To 31st March 2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: 1st Wall Heath Scout Group

Charity registration number: 5244622

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1st Wall Heath Scouts exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>As scouts, we are guided by our values which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Integrity: Scouts act with integrity: they are honest, trustworthy and loyal▪ Respect: Scouts have self-respect and respect for others▪ Care: Scouts support others and take care of the world in which we live▪ Belief: Scouts explore their faiths, beliefs and attitudes▪ Co-operation: Scouts make a positive difference; they co-operate with others and make friends.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the accounting period April 2024 to March 2025, 1st Wall Heath Scout Group provided scouting activities for the benefit of its local community.</p> <p>This included running weekly section meetings, section and group camps, section and group activities, and fundraising events.</p> <p>It also provided meeting spaces for community groups and other charities.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have adhered to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission through the financial period.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the financial period, April 2024 to March 2025, 1st Wall Heath Scout Group continued to provide scouting activities to the young people (aged between 4 to 14), and residents of Wall Heath, Kingswinford and the surrounding areas.</p> <p>The activities have been provided weekly and have been designed to support the personal development of the young people in each section (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts). They are designed to develop transferable skills, such as team working, communication and leadership, build confidence and resilience, and improve mental health.</p> <p>Beyond the immediate beneficiaries, the Group has also added value to the wider community by undertaking activities such as litter picking, fundraising and providing a meeting place for other charities and community groups.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The Group continues to be in a strong financial position.</p> <p>Income increased on the previous year by 32.7%, £4,386, driven mainly by the sustained growth of the sections, by more people paying subscriptions on a regular basis and by payments for camps and section activities being collected alongside subscriptions rather than separately as in previous returns.</p> <p>Receipts were inflated by payments received for an overseas camp due to take place in August 2025. These payments total nearly £23,000 and will be paid to the travel company in the next financial year. In the summer of 2024, the Group held a fundraising event which generated over £2,000. This money will be used to offset some of the costs associated with holding the overseas camp.</p> <p>The value of donations received has improved by nearly 20%, on the previous year. This was due to the Group receiving donations from two new benefactors.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the receipts generated by hiring the hut continued to decline as more users either stopped using the hut or reduced their contributions. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and amend the rental agreements, if necessary.</p> <p>The costs of running and maintaining the hut have increased significantly over the last year. Energy costs rose by 32.3%, internet provision by 26% and water and sewerage by 14%. Contracts with each provider will be renegotiated in the next financial year to achieve cost savings.</p> <p>In the Autumn, the Group started a major refurbishment programme that included a new kitchen and toilets block. The total cost of these repairs was nearly £66,000 including equipment and was the primary reason the Group made a loss in this financial year. The loss was covered using cash reserves and will have no lasting impact on the operations or financial security of the Group.</p>
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<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>In line with the Charity Commission's statement of Recommended Practice, and its CC19 Charity Reserves: Building Resilience guidelines; the trustees of 1st Wall Heath Scout Group have set the level of reserves it will keep during the current financial period. It will continuously monitor these reserves to ensure they are sufficient to protect the ongoing interests of the Group.</p> <p>The aim of holding reserves is to ensure 1st Wall Heath Scouts is able to withstand any short-term changes in its financial circumstances, without compromising its activities, and that the level of reserves set by the Group is necessary and will not be retained for any longer than required. It is also to warrant that the 1st Wall Heath Scouts is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acting in the best interests of the Group and its beneficiaries ▪ Protecting and safeguarding the assets of the Group ▪ Operating with reasonable care and skills ▪ Accountable to its stakeholders. <p>Reserves are derived from subscriptions, the hiring of the hut and from donations, which is available to spent on any aspect of the Group's activities.</p> <p>The trustees have set a reserves level equivalent to 12 months of operating costs: the expenditure related to running the hut; plus 10% to cover the costs of delivering a basic youth programme.</p> <p>Based on current levels, reserves will be no less than £15,500.</p> <p>When required, reserves will be used as a contingency fund to meet the ongoing costs of running the Group where income declines to a level that is insufficient to cover expenditure.</p> <p>The order in which the reserves will be allocated is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost of utilities ▪ Insurance ▪ Capitation ▪ Essential hut maintenance and repairs ▪ Essential equipment purchases.
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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£49,357
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter which gives authority to the bye-laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated education charity.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>The Group Lead Volunteer (previously called the Group Scout Leader) is selected by the District Commissioner and remains in post, subject to performance reviews, for a period not exceeding nine years. After this time, the Group Lead Volunteer is required to step down and a new Lead Volunteer will be selected by the District Commissioner.</p> <p>The Chair of the Board of Trustees is selected by the Group Scout Leader and seconded by a member of the Board of Trustees. All other members are elected by the Chair and seconded by existing trustees or the Group Scout Leader.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Wall Heath Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	524622
Charity's principal address	1 st Wall Heath Scout Group, Enville Road, Wall Heath, DY6 0JT

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	Ant Mullen	Group Lead Volunteer		District Commissioner
2	Karen Shaw	Chair		Group Lead Volunteer
3	Andrea Pryce	Treasurer		Chair
4	Ian Bagley	Elected Committee Member		Chair
5	Lynn Davis	Elected Committee Member	Until September 2024	Chair
6	Jane Lewis	Elected Committee Member		Chair
7	Claire Markham	Elected Committee Member		Chair
8	Josh Markham	Section Team Leader – Scouts		Chair
9	Lindsay Poulding	Section Team Leader – Beavers		Chair
10	Liliana Rose	Section Team Leader - Beavers		Chair
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Karen Shaw

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date

24th January 2026

1ST WALL HEATH SCOUT GROUP (524622)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	FOR THE YEAR FROM	YEAR START DATE 1ST APRIL 2024	
Receipts			
	Unrestricted funds £	2024/2025 Restricted funds £	
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	17,773.95	0.00	
Donations	1,288.04	0.00	
Legacies	0.00	0.00	
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	
Other similar income - Camp payments	30,504.85	0.00	
Other similar income - Youth Programme	505.00	0.00	
Investiture	0.00	0.00	
Outstanding payment	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	50,071.84	0.00	
Grants			
Maintenance grant	0.00	0.00	
Other grants	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	0.00	0.00	
Fundraising events (gross)			
Raffle	30.00	0.00	
Summer Fayre	2,271.31	0.00	
Other fundraising activities	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	2,301.31	0.00	
Scout hut income			
Hire of building	2,595.00	0.00	
Hire of equipment	0.00	0.00	
Other Scout hut income	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	2,595.00	0.00	
Investment income			
Bank interest	950.41	0.00	
Building Society interest	0.00	0.00	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00	
Other investment income	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	950.41	0.00	
Total Gross Income	55,918.56	0.00	
Asset and investment sales	0.00	0.00	
Total receipts	55,918.56	0.00	

PAYMENTS

	2024/2025		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total
Payments			
Charitable Payments			
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	5,874.00	0.00	5,874.00
Youth programme and activities - General	7,553.43	0.00	7,553.43
Adult support and training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water and Sewerage	798.51	0.00	798.51
Electricity and Gas	5,222.44	0.00	5,222.44
Insurance	808.91	0.00	808.91
Repairs and Renewals	53,573.83	0.00	53,573.83
Maintenance costs	212.40	0.00	212.40
Materials and equipment	704.00	0.00	704.00
Printing and photocopying	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contribution to camp costs	12,406.20	0.00	12,406.20
Camp refunds	1,217.80	0.00	1,217.80
Uniforms	0.00	0.00	0.00
AGM and trustee expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone and internet	715.35	0.00	715.35
Cleaning	902.50	0.00	902.50
Sundries	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	89,989.37	0.00	89,989.37
Fundraising expenses			
Fayre expenses	1,246.60	0.00	1,246.60
Other fundraising costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	1,246.60	0.00	1,246.60
Total Gross Expenditure	91,235.97	0.00	91,235.97
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	91,235.97	0.00	91,235.97
Net of receipts/(payments)	-35,317.41	0.00	-35,317.41

Cash funds last year end	86,291.23	0.00	86,291.23
Deposit account adjustment (Error in accounts)			
Cash funds this year end	50,973.82	0.00	50,973.82
Less cash float accounted for last year			
Cash funds this year end			

Scout Group (Charity no. if applicable)	524622		
Receipts and Payments Account		YEAR START DATE	YEAR END DATE
	For the year from	1ST APRIL 2024	31ST MARCH 2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/2025		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds			
Bank current account	1,616.08	0.00	1,616.08
Bank deposit account	49,357.74	0.00	49,357.74
Deposit account adjustment			
Building society account	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total cash funds	50,973.82	0.00	50,973.82
(Agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	OK	OK	
Other monetary assets		1,288	1,288
Tax claim	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment assets			
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-monetary assets for charity's own use			

Badge stock	0.00	0.00	
Shop stock	0.00	0.00	
Other stock	0.00	0.00	
Land and buildings	0.00	0.00	
Motor vehicles	0.00	0.00	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00	0.00	
Other	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	0.00	0.00	
Liabilities			
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	0.00	0.00	
Subscriptions not yet paid	0.00	0.00	
Loan - detail	0.00	0.00	
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00	
Sub total	0.00	0.00	
Total net assets	50,973.82	0.00	50,973.82

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Executive Committee on 15th July 2025 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed by

Signature

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

1ST WALL HEATH SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no (if any)

524622

Set out on pages

12 to 17

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

As the charity's 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 Trust's 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.

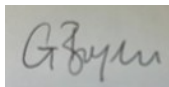
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:



Date:

22 January 2026

Name:

George Boylin

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ACCA

Address:

10 Storrs Hall Road

Sheffield

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

N/A