



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 05/04/2024 To 04/04/2025

Charity name: 1st Keswick Scout Group

Charity registration number: 702898

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
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>Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All members of the 1 st Keswick Scout Group board of trustees are Scout trustees and act within the rules of the Scout association as well as the rules and guidance from the charity commission including the definition of public benefit. Those named within this document are included in the capacity as charitable trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not currently provide external grants to other bodies and have no policy in place
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Scouting prides itself on being and aims to be a diverse movement and membership is open to all those who share our fundamental values.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Keswick Scout Group and its trustees are made entirely of volunteers who ensure that an active and inclusive scouting program is delivered to young people. Without the support of volunteers this Group would not function
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>Scouting in Keswick has continued to operate in the year (24/25). We have been able to complete remediation works on the Scout Hall and resumed hiring this facility for the use of other Scouting groups. We have continued to support a wide program that Scouting can offer. We continue to focus on the outdoors and run kayaking and canoeing as well as some highly enjoyable camping for the Scouts, and an away camp for the Cubs.</p> <p>In the summer of 2025, the Group is planning to host a Group wide camp to include all sections, this will be the first such event since before the Covid pandemic in 2020.</p> <p>We have had an active fundraising campaign within our local community, participating in Christmas markets and other events. In keeping with the Scout objectives, we supported events such as Remembrance Day services on November 11th and supported the D Day commemoration in June (2024)</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Attached annual accounts for the year 2024-25</p> <p>The Scout Hall has incurred ongoing costs remediation costs from the exposed asbestos in the ceiling (initial costs included in 23/24 annual return) The works are now complete, and no significant additional costs are expected. The Group balance has benefited from a Gift Aid rebate from HMRC for 3 financial year (21/22, 22/23 and 23/24). The sum of £3,688 included some interest and has supported the overall balance.</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Following a Group Trustee Board meeting (29 April 2025) the charity refreshed and restated the Group approach to reserves. It was agreed that 1 st Keswick Scout Group should aim to hold sufficient contingency money to ensure that the group can continue to deliver the charitable activities and aims of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group continues to fundraise annually to secure income to support the equipment and buildings, which have an ongoing maintenance schedule. It should be further noted that this contingency is not a restricted fund, and money can be used when needed for the ongoing benefit of the organisation.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	For the period ending April 2025, this contingency money was £5,000. As per the charity commission guidelines and to maintain good financial oversight of the Group, this amount will continue to be reviewed and assessed and if felt necessary a more detailed reserves policy statement would be prepared and implemented
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 relevant for this reporting period

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Not applicable currently.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	1 st Keswick Scouts Groups governing documents are those of the Scout Association, which is overseen by a board of Trustees who manages the business of The Scout Association in accordance with the Royal Charter and the Bye-laws of the Association
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The group is a trust established under the rules which are common to all Scouts
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g.	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of the Scout association.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1 st Keswick Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	1 st Keswick Scouts
Registered charity number	702898
Charity's principal address	Keswick Scout Hall Museum Square KESWICK Cumbria CA12 5DZ

Names of the charity trustees as of date of Trustee Annual Report 1st July 2025

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Ainsworth	Chair		
2	Elizabeth Watson	Treasurer		
3	Claudia Walker	Trustee		
4	Bob Reader	Trustee	Reappointed to Trustee Board 26/9/24	
5	Norman Tonkin	Trustee		
6	Ken Swift	Trustee	Appointed at AGM 26/9/24	
7	Andrew Triggs Hodge	Trustee	Co-opted at Trustee board meeting 29/04/25	

Changes to Charitable Trustees over the 12-month period

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Bob Reader	Trustee	Resignation date 25/04/24	
2	Gillian Hodgson	Cub Leader	Stood down at AGM 26/9/24	
3	Martin Love	Scout Leader	Appointed 25/4/23 Resignation date 29/6/24	
4	Trudi Ford	Beaver Leader	Stood down at AGM 26/9/24	
5	Job Foster	Group Scout Leader	Appointed 04/07/23 Resignation date 15/04/24	

Included for Reference only

Nigel Harling	Scout Association District Lead Volunteer	15/04/24 to 25/11/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note served as a trustee under the Scout Association guidelines but was not appointed as a charity trustee.
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	No funds held in custodian capacity
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	No assets held in this capacity
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable, no such assets held

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

See Trustee Board members

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details – not applicable

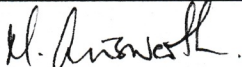
Other optional information

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Declarations

Approved by the (charitable) trustees of 1st Keswick Scout Group at the meeting on 1st July 2025 and authorised the following trustees to sign on their behalf

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	M. AINSWORTH	
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	

Date

29/7/25.

1st Keswick Scout Group (Charity no. 702898)

Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	05/04/2024	To	04/04/2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership Subscription	7,436.15	8,211.84
Donations (incl Fundraising and Ashness a/c)	1,359.37	1,956.68
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	3,688.65	0.00
Other similar income	0.00	0.00
Sub total	12,484.17	10,168.52
Grants		
Insurance Grant from Keswick Town Council	2,500.00	2,000.00
Other grants	0.00	0.00
Sub total	2,500.00	2,000.00
Fundraising events (gross)		
Keswick Show & Fayres etc	4,812.25	2,432.10
Ashness Fundraising	1,387.24	784.38
Sub total	6,199.49	3,216.48
Scout hut income		
Hire of building (Scout Hall and Ashness)	3,435.00	1,972.50
Sub total	3,435.00	1,972.50
Other Income		
Activity Events /Uniform related Income	2,094.36	2,553.89
Credit Rebate for Business Rate (over payment)	116.94	0.00
Insurance donation to support asbestos work (N.B not covered under insurance)	0.00	1,000.00
Credit rebate for electricity	0.00	314.60
Sub total	2,211.30	3,868.49
Total Gross Income	26,829.96	21,225.99
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	26,829.96	21,225.99

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For the year from	05/04/2024	To	04/04/2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	3,448.50	3,459.50
Youth programme and activities (incl weekends/camps)	3,566.05	4,194.36
Adult support and training	0.00	0.00
Rent (Bam)	1,320.00	2,749.69
Water and Sewerage	339.65	317.02
Electricity	860.67	779.35
Insurance	3,751.26	2,949.41
Repairs and Renewals (Scout Hall)	9,221.00	25,248.50
Hall Costs (wifi and safety)	0.00	309.44
Scout Hall Upgrade	0.00	192.00
Materials and Equipment (Group)	601.50	168.45
Stationery and OSM Costs	33.31	39.24
Other (Equals Card load 23/24 & business rates 24/25)	116.94	141.75
Uniforms incl badges	915.27	1,184.82
AGM/Trustee Board and Trustee expenses	191.07	119.98
Staff Wages (Scout Hall cleaning)	600.00	600.00
Repairs and maintenance (Ashness)	149.56	413.61
Ashness Utilities	255.00	192.00
Ashness Upgrade	0.00	0.00
Sub total	25,369.78	43,059.12
Fundraising expenses		
Fundraising costs	209.15	278.70
Sub total	209.15	278.70
Total Gross Expenditure	25,578.93	43,337.82
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	25,578.93	43,337.82
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,251.03	-22,111.83
Cash funds last year end	36,149.53	58,261.36
Cash funds this year end	37,400.56	36,149.53

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Receipts and payments account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	05/04/2024	To	04/04/2025
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account (Main a/c)	11,284.50	10,912.55
Bank deposit account (Fundraising)	1,578.47	1,578.47
Bank Deposit account (Ashness)	24,538.00	23,658.51
Total cash funds	37,400.97	36,149.53
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Investment assets		
	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Scout Hall	381,000.00	381,000.00
Ashness Hut	20,000.00	20,000.00
Equipment inc contents and trailer	32,086.00	32,086.00
Kayaks etc	11,132.00	11,132.00
Sub total	444,218.00	444,218.00
Liabilities		
	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Total net assets	481,618.97	480,367.53

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 1st July 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

U. [Signature]

E. [Signature]

Print Name

M. AINSWORTH Chair

E. E. F. WATSON, Treasurer

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

1st Keswick Scout Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

04 April 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

702898

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 04/04/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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:

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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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date:

28.3.25

Name:

Philip Pridmore

**Relevant professional
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(if any):**

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Address:

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