



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2019

To 31 March 2020

Charity name: 1st Stocksfield Scout Group

Charity registration number: 522405

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Scouting 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 these values:</p> <p>Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.</p> <p>Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.</p> <p>Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.</p> <p>Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p>
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>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.</p> <p>The Scouting Movement complies with two key principles set by the Commission regarding public benefit:</p> <p>1. Identifiable benefit The way in which Scouting is carried out helps young people develop towards their full potential; this benefit is directly linked to the Purpose of Scouting.</p> <p>2. Public benefit Scouting is a national movement open to young people aged 6-25 and adults. Full membership is restricted to young people and adults who are willing to make the Scout Promise. The Association enables those in poverty to benefit from Scouting; while the Association charges a subscription to its members, the benefits of Scouting are not constrained by the member's inability to pay. Locally, there are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for those</p>

		<p>who cannot afford to pay. Nationally, there are funds available for uniform and activities so that young people are not excluded from activities if they are unable to pay. Any private benefits of Scouting are incidental.</p> <p>The 1st Stocksfield Scout Group has provided opportunities for young people in the local area to participate in Scouting through the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. It has also provided opportunities to participate as leaders, executive committee members or other volunteer roles.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have received guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit via the Charity Commission News email which is distributed to members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Scout Group does not award grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Scout Group does not undertake social/program related investments
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Scout Group is entirely dependent on volunteer contributions. Uniformed adult leaders, members of the Group Executive and Occasional Helpers are all adult volunteers, managed using the standard Scout Association processes.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Group has provided opportunities for over 80 young people to participate in Scouting during this period. Members have achieved the highest award (Chief Scout's Gold Award) indicating that the Group is able to deliver a balanced programme, aligned to the aims of the Scout Association.</p> <p>It has also continued work to raise funds and construct a new accessible Scout Hut to permit indoor meetings. When not in use by the Group, the hut will be made available to other local community groups (e.g. art classes, parent groups, etc.)</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>As detailed in the supplied accounts, total income for the financial year was £62,855.15 and total expenditure £91,432.31. The vast majority of expenditure this year was exceptional (relating to the ongoing construction work). When looking at normal income and expenditure the Group covers its costs.</p> <p>The Scout Group remains in a strong position, having continued to maintain a positive bank balance throughout the period. As in any construction project it is important to retain adequate cash flow. As such the Group took the decision to accept a 0% interest loan from one of the Trustees of £3000 to ensure that there was always sufficient funds in place to cover construction costs whilst we continued to apply for grants. This loan was repaid in full in October 2020.</p> <p>The Group has managed to raise sufficient income to continue construction of the new hut and deliver a challenging, engaging and rewarding programme for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts during this period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable actions of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold in reserve a sum equivalent to two-months running costs, circa £1,500.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the financial year the Group held £2,270.01 in its current account and a further £261.49 in the dedicated hut fund. As such it met the required reserve level.
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)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Individual members contribute a termly subscription three times a year (though arrangements are in place should this prove a barrier to individual membership). During the period of new hut building, we have undertaken a major programme of fund-raising and grant applications.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in long term investments. It has therefore adopted a risk averse investment strategy. All funds are held in cash using mainstream banks or building societies. Where possible accounts are selected that provide interest.

<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The Group Executive Committee 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:</p> <p>1. Damage to the building, property and equipment The Group would request temporary use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as local churches, schools and other Scout Groups. The use of these alternative venues may limit the range of activities the Group is able to offer.</p> <p>The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>2. Injury to leaders, helpers and members The Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy (through capitation fees). Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>3. Reduced fundraising income 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 Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the Group on an on-going basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>4. Reduction or loss of leaders Like all other voluntary organisations, the Scout Group is totally reliant on having sufficient trained adult volunteers to run and administer its activities. The Scout Association defines minimum adult to child ratios. If the number of leaders fell to an unacceptable level in a particular Section, or the Group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or a closure of a Section.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

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 <i>The Scout Association</i> . They consist of a Royal charter, which in turn gives authority to the <i>Bye Laws of the Association</i> and the <i>Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association</i> .
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
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	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the <i>Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association</i>

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	Trustee induction and training follows the process defined in the <i>Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association</i> . This includes a dedicated Introductory Module for Group Executive Members, GDPR, Safety, Safeguarding and Trustee Introduction.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Group's organisational structure follows that outlined in the <i>Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association</i>. It comprises three sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) each led by adult volunteers. These in turn are managed by a Group Scout Leader. The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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.</p> <p>The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parents' representatives. It meets every 3 months.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maintenance of Group property; • The raising of funds and administration of Group finances; • The insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Group public occasions; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointing any sub committees that may be required; • Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected. <p>The Group is a member of the wider Scouting family – organised into Districts, Counties and National Scout Councils.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	1st Stocksfield Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	522405
Charity's principal address	The Scout Hut Guessburn Stocksfield Northumberland NE43 7QP

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
District Commissioner	Bruce Lenton	Hadrian District Scouts

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

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Other optional information

The title of the land that comprises the 1st Stocksfield Scout Hut (Title Number ND114717) is held by the Official Custodian.

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)	Dr Malcolm Murray	Mrs June Hunter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Group Scout Leader	Chair
Date	16 th December 2020	