

Trustee Annual Report and Group Lead Volunteer Report

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Dresden Scouts



6th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle (1st Longton) Scout Council

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 31st May 2025

6th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle (1st Longton) Scouts HQ

1. **Introduction and welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in 2024.
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
4. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
5. **Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
6. **Closing remarks**



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Group Scout Leader's Report

My report highlights the fantastic achievements and activities of the Dresden Scout group throughout 2024. What a year it has been.

My report celebrates the dedication of our Scouts, Volunteers, and Parents who made this a successful year.

Throughout 2024 we have taken part in lots of activities across the group.

- Throughout the year, Beavers participated in several events. Highlights included the Pantomime and Beaver Space Camp. The visit to the fire station provided a practical insight into community services. Events such as the District awards celebration and Adventure Fest offered the Beavers the chance to celebrate their achievements. The year was also marked by opportunities for fun activities which included drumming sessions, bell boating, and visits to Caverswall creamery. The end of term Drumming event provided a great activity to our youngest members.
- In addition to the events, various meetings facilitated essential skills development through engaging themes. Activities ranged from learning about recycling and sustainability to practical skills like cooking and fire lighting, all of which contributed to the children's growth and development. Special activities, such as the Mother's Day crafts and the Easter activity party, allowed for creativity and expression, which were enjoyed by both Beavers and leaders alike.
- The Cubs group has had another active year, filled with a variety of meetings and events provided great skills and experiences to our young people. Throughout the year, the Cubs engaged in a range of activities, from working on their communicators badges, to participating in various safety and environmental awareness sessions. Sessions like the Egg Drop Challenge and Backwards Cooking brought opportunities for fun and creativity, while topics covered, such as personal safety and water safety, provided valuable learning experiences.
- Additionally, the Cubs took part in events such as the Adventure Fest, bell boating on Trentham Lake, and a memorable sleepover in March. The St George's Day Parade and the end of term drumming session.
- Throughout the year, meetings were held regularly, covering topics such as skills development, local knowledge, and even a games night at the park. These gatherings provided an opportunity for Scouts to engage with one another while also enhancing their knowledge in various fields. Notable meetings included exciting activities like archery and first aid, alongside themed events such as Patrol Night and Young Leader Night, which encouraged leadership and teamwork among the youth.
- In terms of events, the Scouts had a number of engaging and enjoyable outings. The awards celebration was a chance to recognise and celebrate the accomplishments of the members. Another highlight was the target shooting event, which allowed Scouts to learn and practice their shooting skills in a controlled environment. The Three Towns District Scouts Adventure Fest was also a significant occasion, providing a fun-filled experience spanning several days for many participants.
- Several camps took place, including a two-night stay at Barnswood where Scouts got to experience outdoor adventure and learn essential expedition skills. They also enjoyed a one-night camp and took part in recreational water activities such as boating and dragon boating. Other events included a hiking weekend and the annual Christmas camp, which were both well-received by the Scouts.





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Volunteers provide all these activities. This is just a snapshot of what was provided last year. I just want to say thank you to all Adult Volunteers for all their hard work and commitment.

Thank You

A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers both adults and young leader volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to providing our scouts with life changing experiences. Your commitment makes scouting possible for our young people and you are truly providing Skills For Life.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to all the parents and guardians for your unwavering support throughout the term. Your encouragement and involvement are invaluable to the success of the Dresden Scouts.

Looking Ahead

We are excited about the upcoming term and the new opportunities it will bring. We look forward to continuing to provide our scouts with a fun and rewarding scouting experience.

Tom Moss

Group Lead Volunteer





Trustees Annual Report

(1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024)

Charity Name:

6th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle (1st Longton) Scout Group

Charities Principle Address:

6th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle (1st Longton) Scout HQ
Wise Street,
Dresden,
Stoke on Trent
ST3 4LR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.

(Trustees served for the full year unless otherwise stated)

Trustee name	Appointment	Dates	Person/body who appoints
Lilian Dodd	Group Chair	Whole Period	6 th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle Trustee Board
Tom Moss	Group Lead Volunteer	Whole Period	Three Towns District Lead Volunteer
Semina Hanif	Group Treasurer	Whole Period	6 th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle Trustee Board
Christine Mcgrath	Trustee	Whole Period	6 th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle Trustee Board
Amanda Gardside	Trustee	Whole Period	6 th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle Trustee Board
Tom Johnson	Trustee	Whole Period	6 th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle Trustee Board
Chris Voisey	Trustee	Whole Period	6 th Stoke on Trent and Newcastle Trustee Board

Structure, governance and management

Governing document	Our 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 ("POR").
How the charity is constituted	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts
Trustee selection methods	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 Trustees (including Ex Officio Trustees, and 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.

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing documents</p>	<p>Our Purpose Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>Our Values 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.</p> <p>The Scout Method 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.
<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects</p>	<p>Our activities for the year are in line with the Scout Association national strategy “Skills for Life: Our plan to deliver better futures”</p> <p>The focus of our activities was to deliver a quality programme of youth-oriented activities, Top Awards for young people and to provide support to adult volunteers through training and development. The programme benefits our young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills alongside practical and life skills.</p> <p>We welcome all young people regardless of background, faith, gender, or personal circumstances.</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>A great contribution is made by our adult volunteers, and we are grateful for the many hours our volunteers have spent listening to and encouraging our young people and working with them. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.</p>

Achievements and performance

I am very pleased to present our Scout Group's annual chair report, highlighting the amazing achievements of our Scouts and volunteers over the past 12 months.

The groups continue to grow in numbers, and I believe that is all through the hard work and dedication of our Group Leaders and Volunteers who set out an amazing programme of activities and new adventures throughout the year.

This year's plans are no exception, with some amazing and activities planned throughout the summer months.

They work tirelessly to ensure that the young people in their care are safe and enjoying all the activities and learning new skills to achieve their huge range of badges and rewards.

My thanks to Tom Moss for his Leadership, hard work and dedication in ensuring that all the Scouting Organisations ever changing policies and procedures are kept up to date and that the group continues to operate safely and securely.

Thanks also to Chris Voisey who, for many, many years has continued to look after and maintain our building and its contents. Also, for managing the lettings, for private functions and weekly activities, which bring in much needed funds for the group.

The Archery and Shooting Sessions which Chris facilitates are great fun for all ages and also bring in much needed income that goes towards the many Scouting activities throughout the year.

Sadly, we will be saying Goodbye to our Treasurer Semina this year but along with all the Executive Committee, I would like to say a huge thank you for all your help and support in managing the Groups Finances during her time in the role. It is never an easy role, and Semina has done an excellent job for us.

Has we continued our discussions with the Diocese regarding the ongoing saga of the lease I of the land, I am ever hopeful that a successful conclusion will be met very soon.

When this happens, I will personally organise and lead the celebrations, following our planned improvements for the building.

Thank you Leaders and Volunteers you are truly amazing and I am proud to play a small part in the ongoing success of the Group.

Financial review

Basis of Preparation	The accounts have been prepared on a payments and receipts basis inclusive of VAT.
Other financial policies	<p>Our main source of funds has been the monthly subscription fee, a subscription paid by all youth members (i.e. those aged 6 – 14)</p> <p>The majority of our income is applied to the activities which we provide for our young people and the running costs associated with running the Scout Group.</p> <p>POR sets out the manner in which our funds may be invested. We have adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of our funds.</p>

Summary

The group ended 2024 with a balance of £49,452.96 making a loss of £3,316.62. The loss is made up of equipment purchase. The total income was £17,381.41 whilst expenditure was £20,698.03. This showing that the group is operating with a good income compared to it's expenditure.

Most of the income is made up of the membership income totalling £5867.87 and activities and events provided to young people, totalling £6812.78. The expenditure was mostly made up of group activities and events totalling £6365.24, capitation totalling £2,600, equipment at £3,399.92 and utilities at £4,562.85.

The group maintains a healthy balance in the bank account, ensuring the groups account holds at least twelve months' worth of expenditure. In 2024 the Scout Group's expenditure was £20,698.03 therefore the group should hold the same amount for expenses. The remaining funds are to be saved and used for renovations on the Scout HQ once the issue with the Lease has been resolved in line with POR and for any new equipment throughout 2025.

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Accounts - Year Ended 31st Dec 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	2024
Account balance brought forward from 2023	£ 52,769.58
Total income	£ 17,381.41
Total expenditure	£ 20,698.03
Net income	-£ 3,316.62
Account balance carried forward	£ 49,452.96

1.1 Basis of Accounts

The Accounts have been prepared on a payments and receipts basis

1.2 Change of Basis of Accounting

There has been no changes to the accounting policies since last year

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

There have been no changes to the previous accounts

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Recognition of incoming resources

These are including in the Statement of Financial Activities

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Accounts - Year Ended 31st Dec 2024

3 Income

2024

Membership Income

Membership Fees from monthly subscriptions £ 5,867.87

Activities and Events Provided to Young People

Events (Group) £ 186.78

Events - Beavers £ 1,293.00

Events - Cubs £ 2,948.00

Events - Scouts £ 2,385.00

Rent and HQ Income

Rent £ 725.00

Archery/Shooting Cash Payments £ 2,938.55

HQ Maintenance £ 40.00

Shooting Sessions £ 76.00

Uniform for Young People

Uniform £ 102.00

Uniform Accessories £ 77.00

Donations

Donation from Reverend Angela to support young peoples membership subscriptions £ 88.00

Other Income

Internet Bill Refund £ 634.21

OSM Card Error Purchase £ 20.00

£ 17,381.41

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Accounts - Year Ended 31st Dec 2024

4 Expense

2024

Activities and Events Provided to Young People

Events	-£	6,365.24
Events - Beavers	-£	23.96
Events - Cubs	-£	87.99
Events - Scouts	-£	385.38
Weekly Meetings	-£	4.00
Weekly Meetings - Beavers	-£	100.94
Weekly Meetings - Cubs	-£	60.63
Weekly Meetings - Scouts	-£	275.50
Activity Equipment	-£	112.74
Badges	-£	355.03

Membership Costs

Membership Costs - Capitation	-£	2,600.00
Membership Fee Refund for Duplicated Fees	-£	132.00

Headquarters

HQ Maintenance	-£	1,071.36
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Activities Provided to other Scout Groups

Shooting	-£	30.30
Archery Other	-£	12.40

Volunteer Training

First Aid Training	-£	75.00
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Uniform for Young People

Group Uniform - Hoodies Purchases	-£	167.00
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Bank Fees

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Equipment

New Kyham Tents	-£	3,399.92
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Utilities

Utilities - Gas, Electric, Water and Internet	-£	4,562.85
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Websites

New Website Construction	-£	360.00
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Other Expense

Admin	-£	81.14
OSM Card Error Purchase	-£	20.00

-£20,698.03

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Accounts - Year Ended 31st Dec 2024

5 Account balances

	2024
Expense Account (OSM Expense Cards)	£ 136.47
Lloyds Bank	£ 49,316.49
	£ 49,452.96

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.	
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature	<i>Lilian Dodd</i>
Full names	Lilian Dodd
Position	Group Chair
Date	01/06/2024