



**1<sup>st</sup> Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group**  
*Registered Charity Number 521673*

**Trustees' Report and Accounts for  
year ending 31 December 2020**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statement of the Charity for the year ending 31 December 2020.

Legal and administrative information is set out in Appendix A and forms part of this report. The financial statement complies with current statutory requirements, Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (hereafter referred to as POR) and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

### **Objects of the Charity**

The Charity is a registered member of the Scout Association, which is part of a world-wide educational youth movement and is committed to equality of opportunity for all young people.

The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Scout Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult Leadership.

The main objective of the Charity is the application of this method.

### **Organisation**

1<sup>st</sup> Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group is an Open Scout Group forming part of the Sefton North District of Merseyside County within the Scout Association of the United Kingdom. The Charity as a part of the Scout Association is governed by its POR (<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por>).

The Group Executive are the Trustees of the Charity and the method of appointing/ electing members of the Group Executive Committee is contained within POR. The Trustees confirm that the Group Executive Committee has been constituted in accordance with POR.

The Group Council is the body to which the Group Executive Committee is accountable and the role and constitution of the Group Council can be found in POR.

### **Investment Powers**

Powers of investment are conferred upon the Scout Association by its Royal Charter and limit the manner in which funds may be invested. Any investments held must be registered in such a way as to show that they are held on trust for the Charity and that they are not the private property of individuals including those appointed as trustees.

### **Review of the Activities and Future Developments**

#### **Scouting**

The year commenced with the Group having some 163 boys and girls as members of the various training units and 44 warranted leaders and helpers. At the end of the year the number of members of the training units had decreased to 154 and the warranted leaders/ helpers had increased to 45.

The Scout Association continues to review its Programme and structure to ensure that Scouting remains relevant and continues to be a driving force in the 21st century and so the activities of the Charity continue to evolve. The Scout Association has produced its vision for Scouting in 2023 and the Group is involved as a part of Sefton North District in working towards embracing this vision.

2020 was a challenging year for Scouting due to the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. We were unable to hold face to face meetings or events after 23<sup>rd</sup> March and had to find online solutions to continue providing a scouting experience for our members.

### ***Future Developments***

The trustees are committed to continuing to support the provision of an International Camp for its Scout section members once every four years and the next International Camp which was scheduled to be held in 2022 will take place once the rules relating to Scouts travelling abroad are relaxed.

The Group continue to support Sefton North District by providing accommodation for an Explorer Unit in the south of Southport. Once face to face scouting recommences this will continue to place a strain upon the space available within our Headquarters for other Scouting activities and consequently the trustees are looking at options to develop/ extend our Headquarters in the future.

### **Reserves Policy & Risk Management**

The Trustees constantly monitor the Charity's activities in order to determine future policies and to assess the risks to which it is exposed.

As indicated previously the Charity is part of the Scout Association and as such is governed by POR. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity operates within POR and by virtue of compliance with POR the Charity is provided with the security that exposure to major risks has been mitigated. In addition, the Trustees have an approved Financial Control in place, which further mitigates the risks associated with cash handling by individual training units and designated Trustees.

### **Financial statement**

The financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2020 is attached to this report. It has been approved by the Trustees and is accompanied by the associated Independent Examiner's Report. This Independent Examiner's Report does not indicate any problems associated with the finances of the Charity.

The balance of income over expenditure was a surplus of £7,870.55.

The Group's cash and bank balances at the end of the Financial Year include £13,407.40 in the Rothwell Account and £8,206.42 as a provision to date in respect of the annual subscription payable to the Sefton North District Scout Council at 31 March 2021.

The Rothwell Account exists to make provision for an International Camp as mentioned above. This account is primarily sourced by Gift Aid recoveries from HMRC.

This report together with the information contained within financial statement was approved by the Trustees and was signed on behalf of the Trustees by the Group Chair.

V O'Malley  
Group Chair  
For and on behalf of the Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group.  
October 2021

## 1<sup>st</sup> SOUTHPORT (AINSDALE) SCOUT GROUP

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**(1) Name of Charity:** 1<sup>st</sup> Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group

**(2) Registration:** The Charity is registered with the Scout Association and its registered number is 35904.

The Scout Association is governed by a Council of between 300 and 500 members as determined by the Royal Charter of 1912 and the Supplemental Royal Charters of 1949, 1959, 1967 and 1991.

1<sup>st</sup> Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group is a registered charity (Registration No 521673)

**(3) (a) Trustees on the date the Report was approved.**

Victoria O'Malley	Group Chairman
Samuel Robinson	Group Treasurer
Julie Johnson	Group Secretary
Mark Furness	Group Scout Leader
Diane Tierney	Assistant Group Scout Leader
Bethan Kiernan	Section Leader
Margaret Lawler	Section Leader
Laura Reevey	Section Leader
Lydia Dawbarn	Section Leader
Amanda McCarter	
Anneliese Rimmer	Section Leader
Trevor White	
Stephanie Morgan	
Kristine Jarman	
Tracy Nicols	

From 07 June 2020

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**(b) Trustees who also served during the period covered by the Report.**

Carole Priestner                      Until 21 February 2020

**(c) Method of appointment or election of Trustees.**

The Charity is part of the Scout Association and as such is governed by its Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

The Group Executive Committee of the Charity are the Trustees and the method of appointing/ electing members to the Executive Committee is contained within POR. The Trustees confirm that the Group Executive Committee has been constituted in accordance with POR.

**(4) Address of the principal office of the Charity**

Pinfold Hall,  
Pinfold Lane  
Ainsdale  
Southport  
MERSEYSIDE  
PR8 3QH

**(5) Bankers**

The principal bankers of the Charity are:

HSBC  
Chapel Lane  
Formby  
L37 4DN

**(6) Independent Examiner**

Mr M Glover  
6 Stockham Lane  
Halton Village  
RUNCORN  
WA7 2PS

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Charity Registration No. 521673**

**Income and Expenditure Account Year Ending 31 December 2020**

Income	2020	2019	Expenditure	2020	2019
SCOUT ACTIVITIES			SCOUT ACTIVITIES		
Subscriptions	8,799.75	18,564.00	Subscriptions to District	8,085.00	8,394.50
International Camp	0.00	0.00	Books Badges Engraving	1,000.30	3,540.22
Camps/ Comps/ Trips	1,411.00	13,381.25	Equipment Hire/ Purchase/ Repair	519.82	3,060.62
Unit Specific Scouting Activities	0.00	446.00	Leader Training/ Uniforms	185.00	129.98
			International Camp	0.00	0.00
			Camps/ Comps/ Trips	685.48	13,877.64
			Transport/ Petrol	0.00	851.97
			Unit Specific Scouting Activities	837.72	2,223.05
	10,210.75	32,391.25		11,313.32	32,077.98
OTHER INCOME			GROUP MAINTENANCE		
Social and Fund Raising	458.20	2,484.93	Telephone Post Stationery	594.85	661.07
Gift Aid Repayment	7,244.97	5,311.42	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	618.00	640.36
Bank Interest/ Charges/ Dividends	22.18	59.04	Building & Grounds Maintenance	2,687.34	1,004.31
Hall Hire	1,755.00	3,440.00	Cleaning	561.22	781.57
Donations	40.00	604.10	Refuse Collection	239.00	235.00
Covid-19 Leisure Grant	10,000.00	0.00	Electricity	2,014.00	1,372.00
Equipment Hire/ Sale	83.95	0.00	Insurance	3,667.20	3,667.20
			Water Charges	219.63	305.50
			Business Rates	0.00	534.24
	19,604.30	11,899.49		10,601.24	9,201.25
			OTHER OUTGO		
			MPLC Licence	0.00	19.00
			AGM & Audit	0.00	0.00
			Sundry Outgo	29.94	0.00
				29.94	19.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>29,815.05</u>	<u>44,290.74</u>	TOTAL OUTGO	<u>21,944.50</u>	<u>41,298.23</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	<u>7,870.55</u>	<u>2,992.51</u>			

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**Balance Sheet Year Ending 31 December 2020**

	2020	2019
Balance Brought Forward	41,314.50	38,321.99
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	7,870.55	2,992.51
Balance Carried Forward	<u>49,185.05</u>	<u>41,314.50</u>
represented by:-		
INVESTMENTS		
GROUP TREASURER OPERATED ACCOUNTS		
HSBC - Current Account No.31440780	14,653.69	7,885.85
HSBC - Deposit Account No.71440799	30,024.54	29,902.36
	44,678.23	37,788.21
INDIVIDUAL UNIT TREASURER OPERATED ACCOUNTS (See Note 3)		
HSBC - GSL Account No 01440810	851.33	540.40
HSBC - Willow Beavers Account No 41440853	506.55	417.55
HSBC - Maple Beavers Account No 82063328	507.27	539.47
HSBC - Panther Cub Account No 91440829	497.56	78.25
HSBC - Tiger Cub Account No 71500600	504.31	553.23
HSBC - Lockhart Scout Account No 21462687	571.82	547.98
HSBC - Peake Scout Account No 91440845	502.43	479.74
HSBC - Fundraising Account No 01550683	355.20	0.00
	4,296.47	3,156.62
SHARES		
BARCLAYS Plc (See Note 4)	340.30	416.76
	340.30	416.76
CASH BALANCES		
Treasurers Cash/Cheques	210.35	369.67
	210.35	369.67
DEBTORS/CREDITORS		
Debtors (See Note 5)	0.00	0.00
Creditors (See Note 5)	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
SHARES ( at Book Value)		
BARCLAYS Plc (See Note 4)	(340.30)	(416.76)
	(340.30)	(416.76)
	<u>49,185.05</u>	<u>41,314.50</u>

V O'MALLEY  
GROUP CHAIR

S. F. ROBINSON.  
GROUP TREASURER.

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account and have issued an Examination Report dated

M GLOVER

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## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

### **(1) Scout Headquarters (Buildings).**

In line with previous accounting practice the value of the Scout Headquarters is treated as fully depreciated for the purposes of producing the Balance Sheet.

The Building is currently insured for a value of £642,500

### **(2) Scout Headquarters (Contents) and Group Equipment.**

Previously adopted accounting policy showed all Contents of the Scout Headquarters and Group equipment held by the Group at 1st January 2020 as being fully depreciated for the purposes of producing the Balance Sheet at the end of the last financial year.

Consequently, all Contents and Equipment added during the current period have been fully depreciated for the purposes of producing the current Balance Sheet.

The Contents and General Equipment are insured for a value of £109,793

In addition the Trailer is insured for a value of £3,000.

The Group Treasurer and Unit Leaders are maintaining a full inventory of all property owned by the Group.

### **(3) Individual Unit Treasurer Operated Accounts.**

The Group Treasurer holds details of all the Bank and Building Society Accounts operated by Unit Treasurers at 01 January 2020 and 31 December 2020.

### **(4) Shares.**

During the period covered by these accounts the Group held windfall shares in Barclays Plc. The number of shares throughout the period was 232. The details of the holding are as follows:-

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Original Date Received</b>	<b>Book Value</b>	<b>Market Value at 01 January 2020</b>	<b>Market Value at 31 December 2020</b>
Barclays Plc	232	20 Oct. 2001	£0.00	£416.76	£340.30

### **(5) Creditors/ Debtors.**

There were no Creditors or Debtors at the end of the Financial Year.

### **(6) Rothwell Account.**

The Rothwell Account exists to make provision for an International Camp to be held approximately once every four years.

At 31 December 2020 the balance of this account was £13,407.40

### **(7) District Subscriptions.**

The Subscriptions collected throughout the year include an element to cover the annual Subscription payable to District.

At 31 December 2020 the amount held in respect of the annual District Subscription was £8,206.42



## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Southport (Ainsdale) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1 to 3.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: MALCOLM W GLOVER

Qualification: .....

Address: 6 STOCKHAM LANE,

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021