



1ST MORTIMER SCOUT GROUP

Education Charity No 1192605
Birch Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3UB

Established in 1910

Trustees Report for the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24

Names of Charity Trustees

Neil Johnson	Group Scout Master / Chair
Julian Dodson	Trustee
Lindsey Hood	Trustee

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a CIO registered on 1st December 2020.

The trustees are appointed / reappointed annually at the AGM held in November.

Application for adult membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who undertakes to affirm the Law and Promise as appropriate to Scouts and who, by applying for membership, has indicated his, her or its agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members. Warranted leaders and non-uniformed instructors are voting members.

Youth membership of the Group is open to anyone up to the age of 18 who is prepared to accept the Law and Promise of the section (Beavers, Wolf Cubs, Scouts) that they join.

Safety and safeguarding policies are in place.

All adult members give their time entirely voluntarily.

Objectives and activities

The aim of the Group is to develop good citizenship and character among young people who are both self-reliant and useful to others.

This is delivered through progressive training based on the principles and values of Scouting as laid down by Lord Baden-Powell and the Law and Promise given by him in "Scouting for Boys".

We are grateful for the time, dedication and commitment of all adult members of the Group who help growing numbers of young people in their personal development.

Achievements and performance

During the year we have seen a growth in total membership, and growth in all sections of the Group except for Beavers – an active recruitment programme is in place to boost the numbers in this youngest section.

All sections have continued to run active and enjoyable programmes of progressive training, proficiency badges, camps and outings.

Work to refurbish the HQ building and grounds is continuing and we are grateful to West Berkshire Council for their matched funding, and to the continued dedication of the Rover Crew who have provided labour and expertise.

We continue to have good relationships with other Scout Groups within the Phoenix Independent Scouts Association, and other UK Scout Associations as well as our friends from the World Federation of Independent Scouts, and particularly our Hungarian friends who use our HQ for their meetings.

Financial Review

We are pleased to report that the Group remains in a stable financial position with our ongoing running costs being adequately covered by subscriptions, hall and equipment hire, and fundraising.

All camps and excursions are planned to be self-financing.

Our HQ refurbishment has been made possible by grants and the use of our own reserves.

Our balance at year end of £26,491.25 is inflated by grants received but not yet expended on the HQ refurbishment project.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature

Neil Johnson

Neil Johnson
Chairman of Trustees

Date 12/1/25

Accounting Year 2023 - 2024

PROFIT & LOSS

	Debit	Credit
Income		£ 38,485.63
Sales		£ 13,310.97
Grants		£ 24,977.27
Interest Received		£ 197.39
less Expenses	£ 23,242.93	
Refurbishment	£ 11,104.86	
Running Costs	£ 1,008.56	
Licenses and Permits	£ 91.40	
Camps / Outings	£ 7,240.70	
Activity expenses	£ 594.93	
Uniform	£ 1,998.53	
Badges	£ 285.07	
Poppy Wreaths	£ 65.00	
Insurance	£ 853.88	
Operating Surplus		£ 15,242.70