



Annual Report 2024

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Welcome

Katie Jameson (Group Chair)

What an exciting year it's been for 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts! Established in 2022, we began with Beavers, quickly followed by Cubs, and celebrated the launch of our Squirrels section in 2023. In 2024, we proudly opened our Scouts section, making us the second group in the district to offer Scouting opportunities for all age groups!

It is with great pride that we see each section thriving, with all age groups bringing enthusiasm and energy to everything they do - both indoors and outdoors. Highlights this year included unforgettable camp experiences and participation in the Larkin International Jamboree, where their teamwork and spirit were nothing short of inspiring.

None of this would be possible without the time, energy, generosity and unwavering positivity of our volunteers. Alongside the enthusiasm of our young members, it's our volunteers, who make it all happen, whether leading sessions or working behind the scenes. We're so grateful for your flexibility and support - every contribution, big or small means the world to us.

At Scouts, we deeply value the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, who are essential to the success of our programs and the development of young people. However, we are always looking for more individuals to join us, whether by supporting a section, helping with activities, or becoming a Trustee.

As we look to 2025, our focus remains on creating memorable experiences for each section and every individual who joins us. Fundraising for camps and events will be a key priority so we'll be able to offer an even wider range of exciting activities for our members to enjoy.

How You Can Help: Call for Volunteers! 🌟

We offer a range of volunteering opportunities to suit different levels of time and commitment, ensuring that there's something for everyone. Volunteering with us is not only rewarding, but it also provides a chance to make a real difference in the lives of young people, while developing new skills and building lasting connections within the community. If you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you!

2024 was an incredible year, and we can't wait to see what 2025 has in store.

Please enjoy reading the section reports below!

2024 Overview

Overview from our Group Scout Leader – Laura Sobala

2024 has been another exciting year of growth for 1st Embsay and Eastby.

In January 2024 we opened our Scouts section for ages 10-14, making us a complete group and only the second group in the district to offer Scouting to all age groups. Starting with 12 Scouts, by December this had grown to 16 with further growth expected as our older Cubs move up. We have spent this year developing key Scouting skills like wood carving, map reading, fire lighting and camp cooking.

I'm delighted to report that our other sections have also been thriving. Beavers celebrated their second birthday in March, Cubs in September, and Squirrels turned one in May. All our children continue to embrace activities with enthusiasm, both indoors and outdoors, and I'm sure you will enjoy reading the section reports below.

I was, as always, incredibly proud of all our young people who participated in St George's Day and Remembrance Day. As Duty Troop at St George's Day, our young people led the whole service, from readings and prayers to an exciting play about St George and the Dragon! On Remembrance Sunday our young people led the prayers and readings, processed in silence and laid wreaths at the war memorial, gaining praise from lots of people in the village for their respectful involvement.

Of course our highlights of the year were our camps. Our group family camp in May brought together around 90 people at Sconce campsite, taking part in a range of activities from fire lighting and team games to axe throwing and grass sledging, and of course a proper Scouts campfire and singsong! Thankfully the weather was kind (the thunderstorm waited until we'd returned home!) and everyone had a great time. Both Heather and myself gained our camping permits, allowing us to plan future events, including individual section camps in 2025 and another family camp in 2026.

In the summer, all sections attended Larkin International Jamboree. Scouts enjoyed a full week of activities, with Cubs joining for 3 days, Beavers for 2 days and Squirrels for a day. It was an incredible experience, bringing together thousands of Scouts and Guides from around the world to celebrate the Scouting movement.

Fundraising has also been a success this year. We received a £3,500 Scouts start-up grant, a grant from Bupa to purchase a mess tent, and raised additional funds through the village fete and school fair - and even produced our own calendar with the help of our talented young photographers. Having smashed our £5,000 target, we'll continue focusing on fundraising for camps and events in 2025 and beyond. If you can help us think of

fundraising ideas, or you'd be interested in helping to organise a fundraiser for our group, please get in touch.

We will begin 2025 with around 72 young people, which is an amazing achievement in under 3 years. This could not be achieved without the hard work of all our volunteers, especially our wonderful leaders who inspire and challenge our young people every week. In 2024 we have once again welcomed some fantastic new volunteers, but we have also had to say some sad goodbyes to leaders whose volunteering has had to give way to other commitments. This means that we are very much in need of some new volunteers across all our sections, but especially in Cubs and Scouts. If you enjoy adventures and the outdoors and would be willing to give up some time to help with one of our sections, please get in touch for a chat. The more of us who help, the more we can share out the planning and running of our meetings so that everyone can be more flexible in their volunteering.

Thank you once again to all our parents and carers who continue to support our group. We couldn't do it without your support! We're very much looking forward to 2025, when we are planning a camp for every single section (yes, including Squirrels!) and some more brilliant activities for everyone to enjoy.



Squirrels Update

Joanne Preece - Section Leader

Badge Highlights 2024 - 11 of our Squirrels have achieved their Chief Scouts Acorn Award. A wonderful accomplishment for the group!

We are fortunate to have a dedicated leadership team of four regular leaders. Their hard work, commitment, and passion are essential to the success of the group. We are also deeply grateful for the continuous support of our parents, who play an integral role during sessions. The leaders collaborate exceptionally well, sharing responsibilities for planning, preparation, and delivery. With each leader contributing their unique strengths, interests, and experiences, we are able to offer a wide variety of activities, enriching the experience for our Squirrels.

In May 2024, we held our first "family camp," which was attended by 10 Squirrels and received excellent feedback. This event provided a fantastic opportunity for families to bond and create lasting memories.

Six of our Squirrels attended the Larkin International Jamboree and had an unforgettable experience, learning new skills and meeting new friends.

Over the course of the year, our Squirrels earned a variety of activity badges, including Super Chef, Let's Celebrate, Space Explorer, Musician, and Emergency First Aid. They particularly enjoy the hands-on activities and active sessions, especially in the winter months, which are always a highlight of the programme.

In March 2025, we are excited to arrange an overnight camp with 3rd Skipton Squirrels. This will be the first time our Squirrels will have the opportunity to camp overnight without parents, helping them develop independence, build friendships, and strengthen bonds with children outside of their own "drey."



Beavers Update

Alison Krickham - Section Leader

Badge Highlights 2024 - We are incredibly proud of our Beavers, who have achieved a grand total of 219 badges this year! This demonstrates their dedication and enthusiasm for the activities and challenges they've undertaken.

In addition, four Beavers have earned their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, a prestigious recognition. To earn this award, they completed all their challenge badges and participated in an overnight camp—an impressive feat that showcases their hard work and commitment.

The Beavers have had another busy year. We continued to learn about our local area with a visit from the RNLI about water safety and a hike along a section of the Leeds Liverpool canal where the Beavers learnt about the wildlife on the canal, with a special trip in one of the canal boats to round off the fun.

The Beavers enjoyed spending plenty of time outdoors in the summer months, with fire lighting and cooking at Manby Castle as well as hikes in Skipton Woods and den building in Embsay Woods, where the Beavers were faced with the challenge of trying to shelter in their dens to stay dry whilst leaders used water pistols to test how well constructed the shelters were!

Some of our Beavers were able to put their camping skills to the test with the family camp in May and over the summer a group of Beavers took part in Larkin, the big International camp near Helmsley where they joined in with all the other Embsay & Eastby sections to make new friends and take part in a variety of fun activities. The weather was glorious and all the Beavers had a wonderful time.

Once again the Beavers did us proud at the Remembrance Day service in Embsay helping all the other sections to run the service at St Mary's before marching down to the Cenotaph. Now it's dark earlier we have managed a night hike round Embsay and a trip to the Fire station as well as several meetings in the hall where Beavers have been busy making gifts for the community as well as working on skills such as knots in preparation for next season's camping.



Cubs Update

Caroline Thornborrow - Section Leader

Badge Highlights 2024 - This year the cubs have been working hard to achieve a total of 185 badges.

During the summer months we got outside at every opportunity; practising pitching tents, lighting and cooking on campfires. We walked up Embsay crag and did a winter night hike around the village. Cubs were also involved in a Platforms for Change where they helped railway volunteers to brighten up Skipton Railway Station.

Additionally they had enjoyable and informative visits to Craven museum and Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue and a session at Clip and Climb.

Indoor meetings remain varied with cubs welcoming guest speakers for a fencing lesson, bike maintenance and an Alpkite hiking and camping kit expert.

The cubs held a very successful chocolate bingo evening, raising £366 for Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue.

Yet again many Cubs enjoyed participating in the District 5 a side football where they earned second place and also in the swimming gala.

What another busy year for cubs, thanks to parents and carers for your support and to the young children for your enthusiasm each week. Here's to the next 12 months.



Scouts Update

Heather Best - Section Leader

In January 2024 we opened our new Scout section with 12 Scouts. Throughout 2024 they have developed as a group, learning new skills and having fun! We have focussed on the Scouting basics this year, covering elements of their teamwork and outdoor challenge awards. Scouts have enjoyed activities such as visiting Bog Wood to light fires and do camp cooking, learning about astronomy and watching the moon through a telescope, going on night hikes and learning some basic navigation skills, completing their first aid stage 3 badge and taking part in their first knife skills session. We also enjoyed a visit from Paralympian Gregg Stevenson to talk about his gold medal in rowing at Paris 2024. Creative activities included a circus skills workshop and a drumming session.

A highlight for Scouts this year has been the camps. Several of our Scouts attended Larkin International Jamboree in July, staying in Helmsley for a whole week and taking part in a huge range of activities as well as meeting Scouts from other parts of the UK and around the world. In September we had a complete change with our Back to Basics camp – a 24 hour camp at Low Wood campsite, where the Scouts did pioneering to build camp gadgets (including a table which they used for food prep!), sawed their own logs and cooked their own evening meal.

The group is now growing and we finish 2024 with 17 Scouts and lots more fun activities planned for 2025!



Trustee' Annual Report

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

HQ registration number

1 2 1 8 0 4 4 1

Charity's principal address

42 Millholme Rise

Embsay

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Katie Jameson	Chair	19/05/24 - present
2	Andrew Sobala	Treasurer	
3	Laura Sobala	Group Scout Leader	
4	Sarah Siddons	Trustee	
5	Erika Wormald	Trustee	
6	Caroline Thornborrow	Trustee	
7	Jo Preece	Trustee	until 19/05/24
7	Heather Best	Trustee	until 19/05/24
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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

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 4 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee and 3 elected 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control</p> <p>The Group Trustee Board 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>Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the Village Institute, other childcare groups and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Change of ownership of the Methodist Hall. The meeting place is in the process of being sold by the Skipton & Grassington Methodist Circuit. If it stopped being used for community use, the Group would be left without a meeting place. The Group is participating in the community effort to transfer the meeting place to community ownership and is actively supporting this effort. In the event of the Hall being lost for community use, the Group would attempt to identify and use an alternative meeting place.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to The Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>Reduced income from fund raising. 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 ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section; in the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p>Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for young people aged 4 to 14. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or in the worst case scenario the Group.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting 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: - 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 in relation to these objectives	<p>Members have taken part in a range of activities for their Challenge Awards which promote our Scout values, including: - Campfire cooking, den building and trail following - Investitures, Remembrance Day and St George's Day - Teambuilding activities and team games - Active sessions including sports and agility activities - Community aid sessions where young people help others in their community.</p> <p>Members have also attended overnight and weekend camps and an international jamboree, and taken part in a range of adventurous activities</p>
Additional details of the objectives and activities	<p>In addition to the above, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are organised into Lodges, Sixes and Patrols, which allows them to work together constructively and take responsibility within a small group. -Sixers, Seconders, Lodge Leaders and Patrol Leaders often take responsibility for others in their group.</p>
Public benefit statement	<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>

Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>The Group has opened a fourth section (Scouts, for ages 4-14). The group now serves over 70 children from Embsay, Eastby and the surrounding area.</p> <p>The Group held a very successful family camp in May 2024 with around 90 people (children and families).</p> <p>Members have achieved badges and awards, reflecting the many new activities they have undertaken and skills they have learned. Members have taken part in a wide range of activities, including competitions with other District Scout groups. Young people have attended camps including an international jamboree.</p>
Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, which the Trustees estimate at £9,000.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of just below £12,000 at year end. Excess funds are for capital expenditure projects and plans to subsidise future activities.</p>
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	n/a
Further financial review details	<p>Sources and uses of funds</p> <p>The Group obtains the majority of its funds through membership subscriptions. Additionally grants are applied for and fundraising opportunities taken advantage of where appropriate.</p> <p>Funds are spent on activity equipment, meeting equipment and events for the young members of the Group to support them in their personal development, as determined by the section teams.</p> <p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p>
Section F	Other Optional Information
Plans for future periods	<p>Future plans for the Group include section camps for all sections (including the Squirrels' first overnight indoor camp) in 2025. This includes a Scout camp in the Lake District during the summer holidays.</p> <p>All sections will continue to take part in a range of adventurous activities and we hope to partner with other organisations including Skipton Men's Shed, Holme Grown Eastby and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to expand our range of activities.</p>

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Katie Jameson</i>	<i>A Sobala</i>						
Full name(s)	Katie Jameson	Andrew Sobala						
Position	Chair	Treasurer						
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Statement of Accounts

Andrew Sobala - Group Treasurer

The Group continues to be in good financial health, and we have been in receipt of a £3,500 grant from The Scout Association to support equipment purchases with the start of our Scouts section. In addition to membership subscriptions, other key sources of funding for the group are gift aid and fundraising activities. The 'Dales Calendar' fundraising project was a particularly good source of revenue.

Our costs continue to increase, in particular the membership subscriptions paid to South Craven District Scouts, North Yorkshire Scouts and The Scout Association, partly due to the increased number of young people in the group. However, we are able to maintain subscriptions at their current level for 2025. If you are able to Gift Aid your membership subscriptions, this helps us keep our subscription costs low.

The Trustees actively monitor the financial health of the Group and, wherever possible, plan to use excess funds to subsidise future events such as camps in order to keep costs low for members.

1st Embsay and Eastby Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Receipts

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	11,300	-	11,300	7,705
Donations	20	-	20	-
Gift Aid	1,710	-	1,710	1,087
Other similar income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,029	-	13,029	8,792
Events				
Squirrels	190	-	190	20
Beavers	501	-	501	919
Cubs	1,126	-	1,126	1,066
Scouts	2,640	-	2,640	-
Group-wide	3,849	-	3,849	-
Sub total	8,306	-	8,306	2,005
Sales				
Online shop sales	612	-	612	95
Sub total	612	-	612	95
Grants				
Startup grants	-	3,500	3,500	250
Other grants	-	-	-	1,962
Sub total	-	3,500	3,500	2,212
Fundraising events (gross)				
Embsay School Fair	101	-	101	137
Embsay Fete	228	-	228	222
Other fundraising activities	689	-	689	2
Sub total	1,018	-	1,018	361
Investment income				
Interest	1	-	1	14
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1	-	1	14
Total Gross Income	22,966	3,500	26,466	13,478
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,966	3,500	26,466	13,478

1st Embsay and Eastby Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Charitable Payments				
Activity equipment	979	-	979	225
Badges	879	36	915	662
Camping equipment	78	3,751	3,830	-
Insurance	161	-	161	114
Meetings - Squirrels	374	-	374	308
Meetings - Beavers	375	-	375	385
Meetings - Cubs	583	-	583	238
Meetings - Scouts	303	31	335	-
Membership subscriptions paid to Scouts Headquarters/Country/District	3,299	146	3,445	1,736
Rent	1,296	120	1,416	1,158
Training	107	-	107	-
Uniforms (young people)	39	119	158	145
Uniforms (adults)	317	38	355	596
Web	202	14	216	188
Sub total	8,992	4,256	13,248	5,756
Fundraising expenses				
Promotional materials	195	-	195	-
Other fundraising costs	234	-	234	21
Sub total	429	-	429	21
Events				
Squirrels	156	-	156	101
Beavers	675	-	675	951
Cubs	1,373	-	1,373	868
Scouts	2,494	-	2,494	-
Group-wide	3,533	-	3,533	128
Sub total	8,231	-	8,231	2,047
Sales				
Online shop stock	722	-	722	336
Sub total	722	-	722	336
Administration				
Administration costs	233	-	233	112
Bank fees	-	-	-	-
Membership subscription processing costs	447	-	447	304
Sub total	679	-	679	415
Total Gross Expenditure	19,054	4,256	23,310	8,575
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,054	4,256	23,310	8,575
Net of receipts	3,912	- 756	3,156	4,903
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	8,075	756	8,830	3,927
Cash funds this year end	11,986	-	11,986	8,830

1st Embsay and Eastby Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Dec 2024			31st Dec 2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	9,439	-	9,439	8,175
Expense cards account	2,424	-	2,424	605
Card payment provider	-	-	-	20
Card transactions to be reversed	83	-	83	-
Cash/Floats	41	-	41	30
Total cash funds	11,986	-	11,986	8,830
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	431	-	431	243
Shop stock	372	-	372	275
Camping equipment	3,700	-	3,700	-
Scouting equipment for meetings etc.	775	-	775	1,332
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,278	-	5,278	1,850
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	157
Loans	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	154
Sub total	-	-	-	311
Total net assets	17,264	-	17,264	10,368

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 28th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
<i>Katie Jameson</i>	Katie Jameson Chair
<i>A Sobala</i>	Andrew Sobala Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts 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 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of 1st Embsay and Eastby Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Joseph George Walshaw-Scott

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ICAEW member no 2472892

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Date: 10th February 2025