

Group Scout Leader's Report 2024-25

This year has been one of collaboration, growth, and celebration for our Group. I am delighted that last November Sara Daines, previously Deputy Group Scout Leader, stepped up to become Joint Group Lead Volunteer, sharing the leadership responsibilities with me. Sara has been a fantastic partner in leading the Group, dedicating her time and energy to volunteer recruitment and providing exceptional support to all sections, but in particular our Cubs sections. Her enthusiasm, organisation, and commitment have made a real difference, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to her for all her hard work and positivity.

Earlier this year, the 183rd Hillsborough Trinity Scout Group was at risk of closure. However, we are proud to say that the 150th Group has stepped in to support them through shared leadership and volunteer resources. This collaboration has ensured that Scouting continues in the area, offering young people the opportunities and experiences they deserve. A huge thank you goes to everyone involved in making this possible, especially to the sections who have welcomed the 183rd and shared programme ideas, activities, and joint camps to help them thrive.

Across the wider Scouts organisation, a national restructure has taken place, moving towards a team-based volunteering model. Alongside this, we have seen the introduction of a new adult membership system. We would like to express our gratitude to all our volunteers who have dedicated time to learning these new systems, adapting to change, and ensuring that everything continues to run smoothly for our young people.

Finally, this year marks an incredible milestone, our Group's 100th year! We have already celebrated with a wonderful Group Camp, and we're looking forward to holding a few more events to mark this special occasion. What a fantastic achievement for everyone involved, past and present.

Membership

This year, we saw a 5.2% increase in youth membership, with a total membership increase of 3.5%. Our current numbers are:

- **Beavers:** 48
- **Cubs:** 85
- **Scouts:** 92
- **Adults:** 68

While this growth is encouraging, we remain limited by the need for more regular volunteers. At present, 63 young people are on our waiting list, and our youth sections could welcome even more

members if we had additional adult leaders. Although it's been great to see increased parent engagement and more occasional helpers stepping forward, recruiting regular volunteers for key roles continues to be a challenge.

Attached to this report are graphs taken from the January 2025 census, which highlight our Group's growth and trends over recent years. There is also a comparison with the national averages for Scout Groups across the UK. Notably, our Group size remains nearly four times larger than the national average, with each of our sections almost double the size of the average Scout section. We continue to be one of the largest groups in South Yorkshire.

This significant achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our volunteers to deliver engaging and impactful programmes. It also underscores the invaluable support of our Trustee Board and support volunteers, who play a critical role in the successful management and growth of the Group. Their combined efforts ensure we continue to provide enriching experiences for our young members.

In terms of diversity, our group's demographics show areas of strength and some gaps when compared to national averages:

- **Gender:** Nationally, around 26% of Scouts members are female. Which is 1% lower than the previous year. This is broken down into 21.3% for youth and 31.5% for adults, showing a higher male-to-female ratio.
- **Ethnicity:** Nationally, about 6% of Scouts members identify as from minority ethnic backgrounds. This has fallen in the past year, while our group's numbers are slightly higher, with 8.4% of youth and just 3.5% of adults from non-White British backgrounds.
- **Disabilities:** Approximately 12% of Scouts nationally identify as having a disability, which has increased by 4%. In contrast, 23% of our youth members (up by 7%) and 11% of our adult members report having disabilities or health issues, reflecting our group's inclusive approach.

These figures demonstrate our successes in inclusivity and also highlight the areas where we can focus on further diversity and recruitment efforts.

Programmes & Nightsaway

Our Leaders have continued to deliver engaging and inclusive programmes. Their dedication has ensured our young people enjoy the adventures of Scouting. Some highlights from our activities this year include:

- **Beavers:** Fire Lighting, Highland Games, Food for Thought Night, Teddy Bear Hospital, Panto Day, and visits to Holly Hagg Farm.
- **Cubs:** World Faith Night, Disability Awareness Nights, Den building, Cubs takeover!, and Lazer Tag.
- **Scouts:** Pioneering Project, Museum of Curiosities, Henryteering, Ultimate Frisbee, and competing in the Loxley Cup, Hallam Trophy and Marksman competition.

These activities not only provided fun and learning opportunities but also fostered the development of essential life skills.

We were thrilled to offer a wide range of Nights Away experiences, with 13 different events totalling 1132 Nights Away experiences for our members. Highlights included:

- **Scouts:** Annual Summer Camp at Black Dub, Expedition Challenge, Unearthed camp, Scouts JOTA-JOTI, Sleepovers, Westbourne Cup and Winter Weekend.
- **Cubs:** Charity camp out, and the hugely successful Autumn Adventure at Kingswood.
- **Beavers:** Time Travel Adventure Sleepover, Operation Global Mayhem and Christmas at Hogwarts.
- **The Big 100 camp:** which saw 215 young people, plus parents and volunteers attend our Group camp to celebrate 100 years of 150th.

The dedication of our leaders in organising these events has been outstanding, enabling our members to create lifelong memories and friendships.

Community Engagement & Fundraising

The annual bonfire event has now become a well-established and much-anticipated fixture in the local community calendar. Last year's event attracted nearly 1,000 attendees and raised over £4,000, making it both a highly successful community occasion and a significant fundraiser for the Group. The proceeds will support the continued enhancement of our programmes and resources for young people. The event also plays an important role in strengthening our relationship with the local community, and we extend our sincere thanks to all volunteers whose efforts made it such a success.

Over the past year, the dedication and commitment of our adult volunteers have been outstanding. The countless hours spent planning and running weekly sessions, organising events, and supporting camps have been invaluable. In addition, our youth members have actively contributed to their communities through various projects and activities. Collectively, the time and effort put in by both adults and young people have created a significant social impact, with the estimated social value of these contributions amounting to £31,286. This highlights not only the importance of our volunteer team but also the positive difference our group makes within the wider community.

Facilities & Maintenance

We would like to extend our thanks to Aaron King, our dedicated handy person, for his ongoing support in maintaining our Scout hut. Our gratitude also goes to Craig Smith, who sourced a grant and managed the project to install solar power and LED lighting. Thank you as well to the volunteers who helped tidy and organise our Quartermaster (QM) store in the absence of a QM volunteer. We are excited to welcome our new QM team, who have just formed and will be taking on the responsibility of organising and looking after our equipment.

We have identified areas of our HQ that are in need of refurbishment, and plans are already in place to address these over the next year, ensuring our facilities continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all members.

Gratitude & Acknowledgements

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our leaders, occasional helpers, and behind-the-scenes volunteers for their unwavering support and dedication. Your commitment is what makes the 150th Sheffield Scout Group such a vibrant and successful community.

A special mention goes to Aaron King, who received his 25-year service award. Aaron was also responsible for pulling everything together to make the Big 100 camp happen. We would also like to say a huge Thank You to all the incredible volunteers who supported this unforgettable weekend! From the countless hours of planning, to the mountains of cooking, to the non-stop energy running activities, their commitment and creativity brought our 100 year celebration to life in the most spectacular way. They gave their time, their talents, and their heart, and it showed in every smile, every game, and every shared moment. We would also like to our fabulous Explorer: they were everywhere, stepping up, leading with confidence, and making magic happen. They were not just helping — they were inspiring.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to addressing the ongoing challenges of volunteer recruitment and expanding our membership, while continuing to deliver outstanding programmes that enrich the lives of our young members. We are delighted to have recently opened our first Squirrels Drey, welcoming children aged 4 to 5 years old, and we're already seeing the positive impact this has on both the young people and the Group as a whole. The section is proving to be very popular, and we would love to open more in the future — though this will only be possible with the support of additional volunteers.

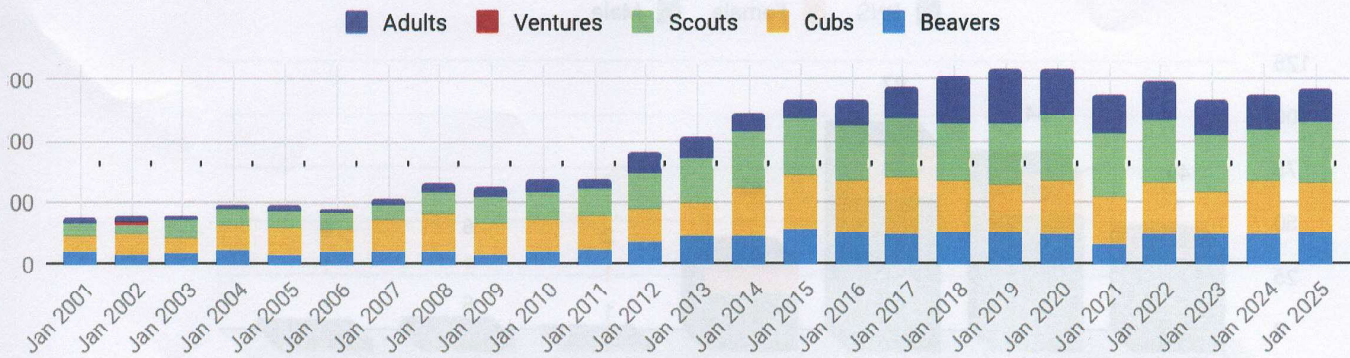
In the year ahead, we are also looking to improve our facilities, ensuring our HQ continues to meet the needs of our growing Group. In addition, we are considering how best to formalise our support for the 183rd Hillsborough Trinity Scout Group, to ensure a sustainable and effective structure for the future.

As we celebrate our 100th year, it is inspiring to see the continued dedication of our volunteers and the enthusiasm of our young members. With this momentum, we are confident that Scouting in our local area will continue to thrive and grow for many years to come.

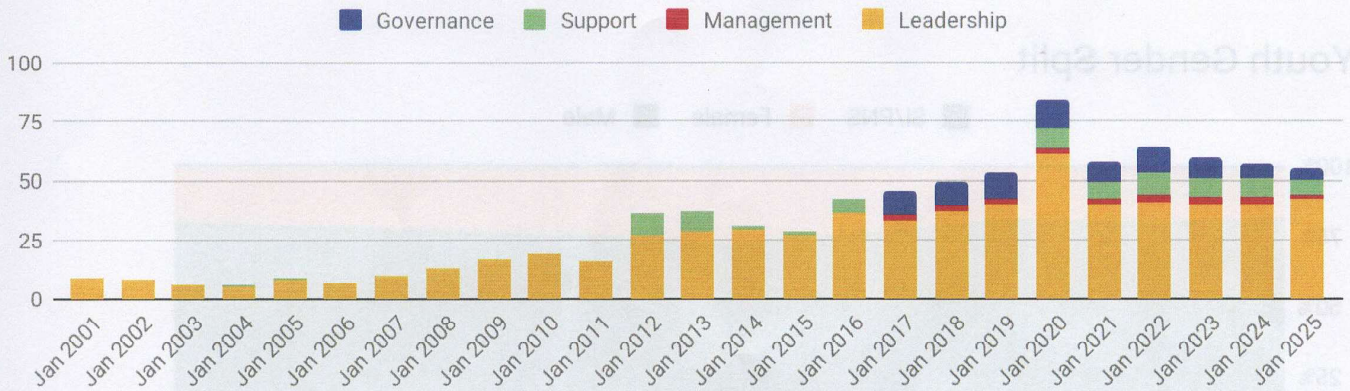


Henry Bryan & Sara Daines
Group Lead Volunteers
150th Sheffield (Wadsley Church) &
183rd Sheffield (Hillsborough Trinity)

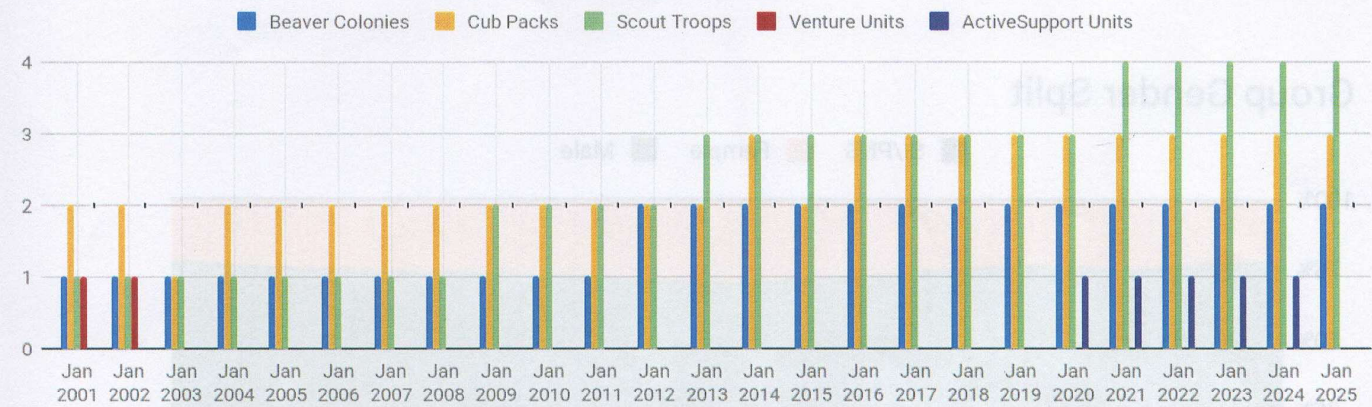
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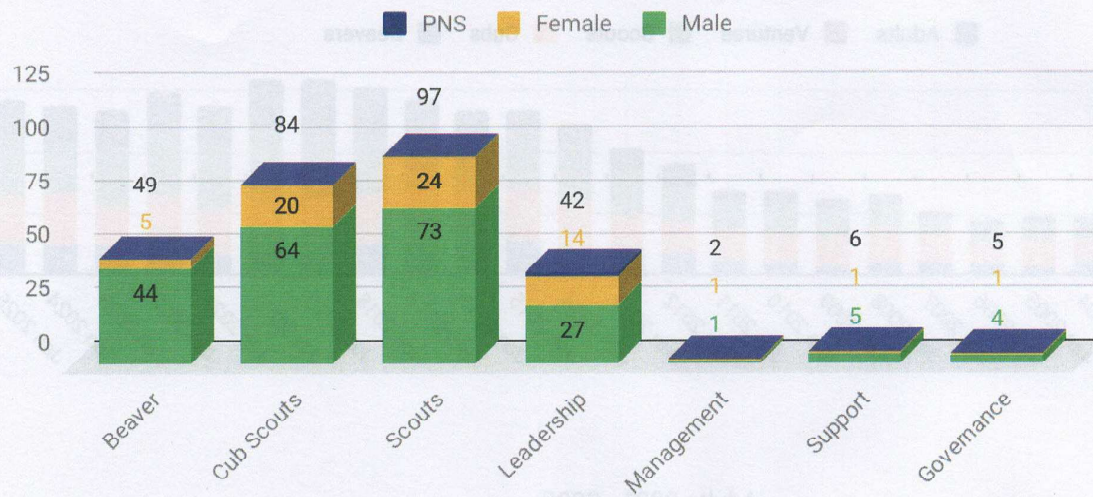
Adults 2001 - 2025



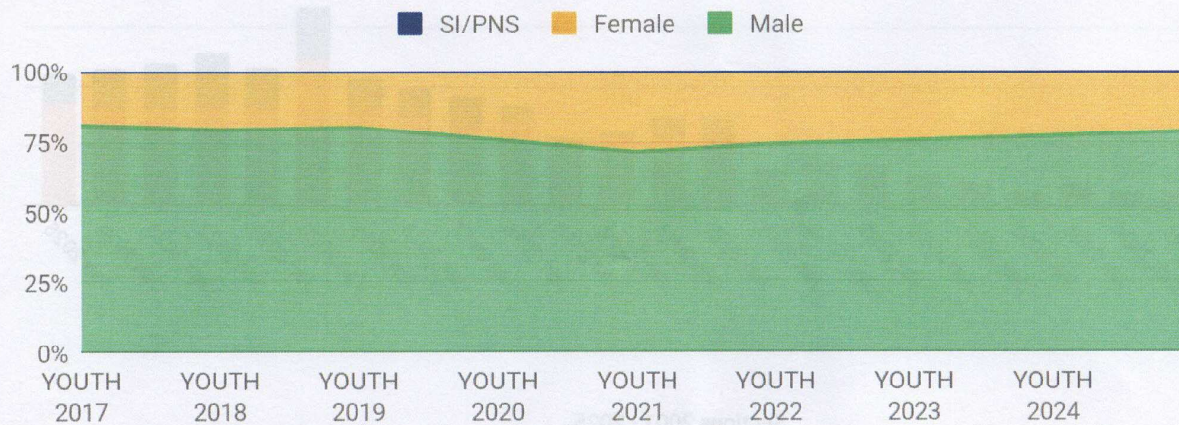
Sections 2001 - 2025



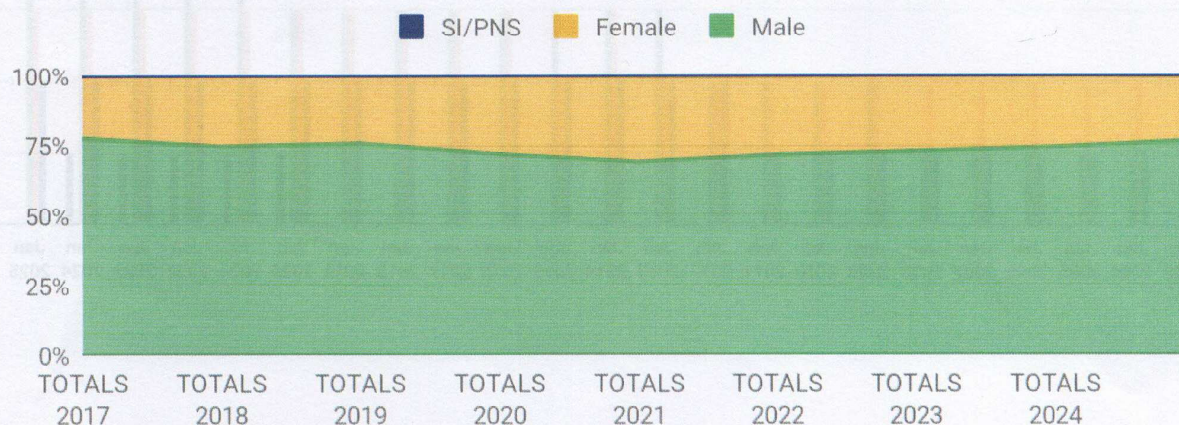
Section Gender Split



Youth Gender Split



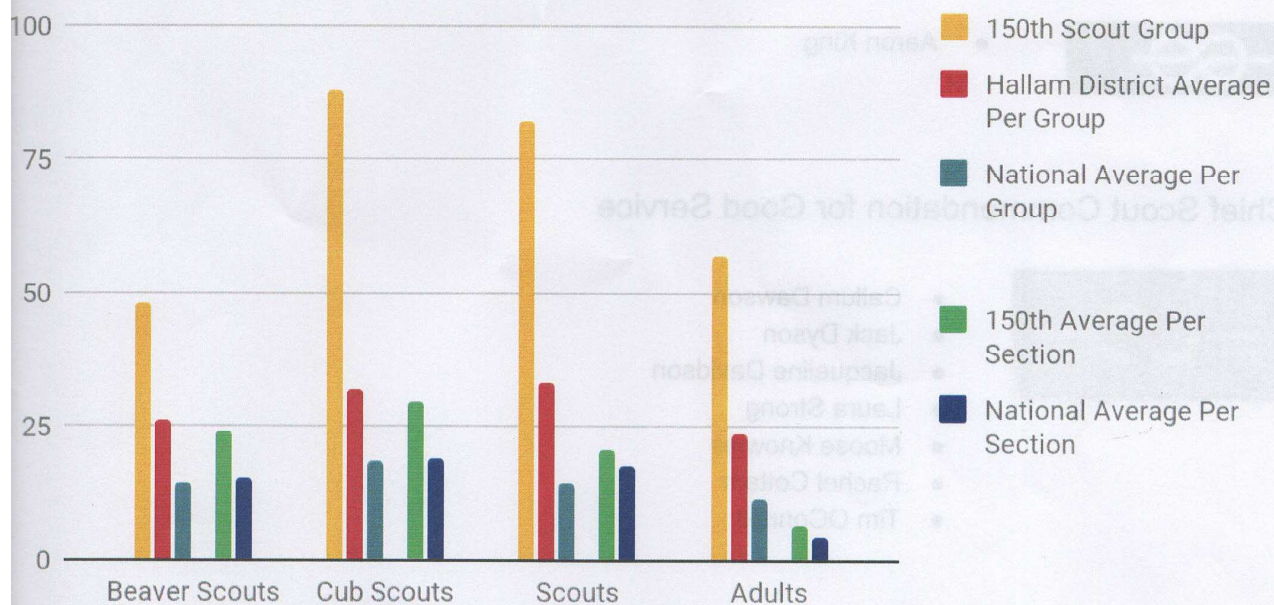
Group Gender Split



Age distribution



Hallam District and UK National Average



Group Volunteer Awards 2024-2025

Long Service Award



- Becky Austin
- Craig Smith
- Josh Allen
- Mark Whitley
- Matthew Moran
- Stephen Mulhall



- Dorrien Peters
- Laura Strong
- Moose Knowles
- Pavlinka Fialova
- Rachel Cottam



- Henry Bryan
- Mark Marshall



- Aaron King

Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service



- Callum Dawson
- Jack Dyson
- Jacqueline Davidson
- Laura Strong
- Moose Knowles
- Rachel Cottam
- Tim OConnell

Group Members Awards 2024-2025

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Tuesday Beavers x 16 (total 324 badges)

Thursday Beavers x 10 (total 488 badges)

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Monday Cubs x 1 (total 402 badges)

Wednesday Cubs x 9 (total 481 badges)

Friday Cubs x 1 (total 213 badges)

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Monday Scouts x 1 (total 38 badges)

Tuesday Scouts x 5 (total 219 badges)

Thursday Scouts x 2 (total 167 badges)

Friday Scouts x 1 (total 172 badges)

Total Chief Scout's Awards = **46**

Total badges awarded = **2,525**

150th Sheffield (Wadsley Church) Scout Group (Charity no. 1007932)

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 2025
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted £	2024/25 Restricted £	Total funds £	2023/24 Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	£ 26,456.90		£ 26,456.90	£ 24,080.10
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	£ -			
Donations inc use of HQ by Church	£ 584.97		£ 584.97	£ 694.00
Legacies	£ -			
Gift Aid	£ 5,299.42		£ 5,299.42	£ 4,671.33
miscellaneous Income	£ 1,904.71		£ 1,904.71	
Other similar income	£ -			
Sub total	£ 34,246.00	£ -	£ 34,246.00	£ 29,445.43
Scouting Activities				
Events/Camps - Beavers	£ 2,753.75	£ 96.25	£ 2,850.00	£ 1,776.67
Events/Camps - Cubs	£ 8,344.80	£ 115.20	£ 8,460.00	£ 4,792.29
Events/Camps - Scouts	£ 15,609.95	£ 404.25	£ 16,014.20	£ 12,434.75
Other camps/activities			£ -	£ 1,314.56
Sub total	£ 26,708.50	£ 615.70	£ 27,324.20	£ 20,318.27
Grants				
Solar Panel Grant	£ 10,990.23			
Sub total	£ 10,990.23	£ -	£ 10,990.23	£ -
Fundraising events (gross)				
Bonfire Night	£ 6,884.43		£ 6,884.43	£ 3,976.20
Easy Fundraising	£ 108.31		£ 108.31	£ 70.65
Just Giving	£ 11.14		£ 11.14	£ 860.97
Other fundraising activities	£ -		£ -	£ 1,054.02
Sub total	£ 7,003.88	£ -	£ 7,003.88	£ 5,961.84
Investment income				
Bank interest	£ 221.37		£ 221.37	£ 72.52
Sub total	£ 221.37	£ -	£ 221.37	£ 72.52
Total Gross Income	£ 79,169.98	£ 615.70	£ 79,785.68	£ 55,798.06
Asset and investment sales, etc.				
Total receipts	£ 79,169.98	£ 615.70	79,785.68	55,798.06

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Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Running Funds to Sections	£ 6,004.91		£ 6,004.91	£ 6,392.00
Scout/District Membership Fees	£ 12,305.00		£ 12,305.00	£ 10,815.50
Adult support and training inc volunteer recruitment	£ 837.08	7	£ 837.08	£ 338.63
Rent payable to Wadsley Church	£ 156.00	6	£ 156.00	
Utilities (gas elec, water, internet, waste)	£ 1,901.04		£ 1,901.04	£ 2,443.90
Insurance	£ 994.73		£ 994.73	£ 1,055.48
Bank Fees	£ 85.54		£ 85.54	£ 74.72
OSM Subscripton Cost	£ 430.00		£ 430.00	£ 452.89
Licences and Subscriptions inc Easy Souting	£ 98.99		£ 98.99	
Go Cardless/OSM fees for membership payments	£ 910.47		£ 910.47	
HQ Repairs and Renewals	£ 2,887.35		£ 2,887.35	£ 1,684.67
HQ Cleaning Costs	£ 1,050.16		£ 1,050.16	
HQ Planned Upgrades attic access, carpet, solar panels	£ 18,127.28		£ 18,127.28	£ 168.99
Administration Costs	£ 62.81		£ 62.81	
Donations and Presentations	£ 175.74		£ 175.74	
Group Badges	£ 244.70		£ 244.70	£ 239.28
QM equipment	£ 845.05		£ 845.05	£ 257.50
Activity Equipment	£ 138.03		£ 138.03	£ 424.67
Misc Expenditure	£ 191.00		£ 191.00	£ 598.79
Sub total	£ 47,445.88		£ 47,445.88	£ 24,947.02
Scouting Activities				
Events/Camps - Beavers	£ 2,960.54		£ 2,960.54	£ 2,072.00
Events/Camps - Cubs	£ 7,399.09		£ 7,399.09	£ 5,249.00
Events/Camps - Scouts	£ 14,578.19		£ 14,578.19	£ 13,995.93
Other camps/activities				£ 2,127.90
Sub total	£ 24,937.82		£ 24,937.82	£ 23,444.83
Fundraising expenses				
Bonfire Expenses	£ 2,214.59		£ 2,214.59	£ 1,410.84
Other fundraising costs				£ 240.00
Sub total	£ 2,214.59		£ 2,214.59	£ 1,650.84
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 74,598.29		£ 74,598.29	£ 50,042.69
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£ -	£ -		£ -
Total payments	£ 74,598.29		£ 74,598.29	£ 50,042.69
Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 4,571.69	£ 615.70	£ 5,187.39	-£ 50,042.69
Cash funds last year end	£ 16,510.26	£ -		£ -
Cash funds this year end	£ 21,081.95	£ 615.70	£ 21,697.65	£ 16,510.26

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted £	31st March 2025 Restricted £	Total funds £	31/3/2024 Total funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	£ 3,398.24	£ 615.70	£ 4,013.94	£ 8,287.68
Bank savings account	£ 14,891.35		£ 14,891.35	£ 4,831.44
Balance on Equals Money (Running Funds)	£ 2,492.33		£ 2,492.33	£ 2,492.33
Cash/Floats	£ 300.03		£ 300.03	£ 898.81
DESIGNATED FUNDS				
Centenary Celebrations	£ 5,000.00			
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Events/Camps - Beavers		£ 96.25		
Events/Camps - Cubs		£ 115.20		
Events/Camps - Scouts		£ 404.25		
Total cash funds	£ 21,081.95	£ 615.70	£ 21,697.65	£ 16,510.26
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim				
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group				
Insurance claim				
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail				
Quoted investments				
Other investments - detail				
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Land and buildings	£ 376,589.10	£ -	£ 376,589.10	£ 369,205.32
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 14,340.24	£ -	£ 14,340.24	£ 15,933.60
Other	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Sub total	£ 390,929.34	£ -	£ 390,929.34	£ 385,138.92
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid				
Expenses incurred but not invoiced				
Subscriptions not yet paid				
Loan - detail				
Other liabilities - section events		-£ 846.00	-£ 846.00	
Sub total	£ -	-£ 846.00	-£ 846.00	£ -
Total net assets	£ 412,011.29	-£ 230.30	£ 411,780.99	£ 401,649.18

Notes

- 1 this figure is net of Go Cardless Fees
2. this figure is gross of Go Cardless Fees
- 3,4,5 money paid in for events in 2025/26
- 6 Hire of Church Hall for Monday Scouts

- 7 Training and Volunteer Recruitment
- 8 money owed was accounted for in 23/24 but paid back in 24/25 into the bank
- 9 not allocated in OSM finance application

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 150th Wadsley Scouts

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are attached to this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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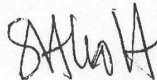
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Independent examiner's statement

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 the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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.



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TRUSTEES CERTIFICATE

Approved at a meeting of the Trustees (Group Executive Committee) on

10th September 2025

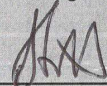
and signed on their behalf  (Chairperson)

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GROUP COUNCIL APPROVAL

Adopted at the (Annual) General Meeting of the Group Council on

15th October 2025

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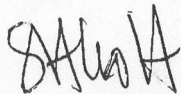
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