

Trustees' Annual Report: 1st Binfield Air Scouts

For the period

From (start date) **0 1 0 4 2 4** to end date **3 1 0 3 2 5**

Section A	Reference and administration details
Charity name	First Binfield Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	1st Binfield Air Scout Group
Registered charity number (if any)	1 0 3 5 9 2 1
HQ registration number	1 0 0 1 4 5 3 6
Charity's principal address	<div>Nutwood, Emmets Nest</div> <div>Binfield, Bracknell</div> <div>Berkshire</div> <div> <div>Postcode</div> <div>R</div> <div>G</div> <div>4</div> <div>2</div> <div>4</div> <div>H</div> <div>H</div> </div>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Duncan Hullis	Chairperson	Whole Year
2	Alex Sizeland	Group Lead Volunteer	Whole Year
3	Karen Hullis	Treasurer	Whole Year
4	Crystal Malha	Scout Leader	Whole Year
5	Jackie Rawes	Explorer Section Leader	Whole Year
6	Oliver Fisher	Scout Leader	Whole Year
7	Liam Fricker	Cubs Section Leader	Whole Year
8	Kelly Fricker	Squirrels & Beavers Section Leader	Whole Year
9	Damon McCarthy	-	Whole Year

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Pradeep Kumar	Available on request

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Lead Volunteer and 6 additional Trustees who all hold other leadership positions in the group. 4 of the Trustees have children who attend the group and provide parent representation. The Trustees meet once every school term (3 times yearly).

Members of the Trustee Board complete the Scouts 'Growing Roots' training, including the 'Being a Trustee in Scouts' within the first 5 months of joining the Trustee Board.

This Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

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:

1. Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

2. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. The Group also holds additional insurance to cover non-member occasional helpers, and loss of earnings cover for leaders who may not receive such cover via their employer.

Safety is a primary concern for all members of the group and Risk Assessments and the relevant activity approvals are undertaken before all activities take place.

3. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a 12-month reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustees could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

4. 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.

5. Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. 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. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

6. The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects 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 objects	<p>To achieve the objectives as laid out above, 1st Binfield delivers scouting through regular meetings of the sections as follows: - 2 Squirrel Dreys, meeting weekly during term-time - 2 Beaver Colonies, meeting weekly during term-time - 3 Cub packs, meeting weekly during term-time - 2 Scout Troops, meeting bi-weekly during term time - 1 Explorer Scout Unit, meeting bi-weekly during term time In addition to the weekly meetings each of the sections takes part in further weekend activities such as camps, sleepovers, day-visits to places of interest, supporting community events and more.</p>
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grant making; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	<p>1st Binfield Aur Scouts do not offer grants and any other voluntary contribution the Group may decide to make would need to be authorised at an appropriate Trustee meeting. All volunteers time is given freely and is not compensated for by 1st Binfield and 1st Binfield does not have any investments other than a current and savings account held at Lloyds bank.</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

The main achievements of the Charity this year have been to:

- a) provide scouting activities for all the young people who are members of the 1st Binfield Scout Group;
- b) to raise money via the subscriptions to cover the cost of these activities and other external costs including capitation for the Scout Association;
- c) raise money through fund raising events such as Christmas Post and Party on the Pitch.

Section E**Financial Review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10,000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £18,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (optional information)

• the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

The Group's income and Expenditure is relatively small and as a consequence the Trustees choose to keep our funds immediately available and not to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

The majority of funds raised by the group each year are from subscriptions paid by parents/carers of the group members. In addition we subsidise this year through:

- Additional fundraising and donations secured via Binfield Parish Council and / or other sources

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

All Expenditure has supported the key objectives of the Scout Group through one of the following methods:

1. By directly funding materials or services used to run activities for the young people.
2. Through the procurement of new equipment or maintenance of equipment used in the provision of activities for the young people.
3. For the maintenance of premises used to run meetings of the Scout group.

• investment policy and objectives;

Not Applicable as all monies are held in cash at Lloyds Bank

Section F**Other Optional Information**

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

No significant plans for major activities other than the day to running of the Group and the fund raising activities normally undertaken to support this aim.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Duncan John Hullis

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair)

Chair of Trustee Board

Date

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1st Binfield Scout Group
(Registered Charity No. 1035921)

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Income

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year from	Notes	1st April 2023 Unrestricted funds	1st April 2024 Unrestricted funds
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS			
		2023/24	2024/25
Receipts			
Donations, legacies and subs			
Membership Subscriptions	2	14,244	17,145
Less membership subscriptions paid	2	9,928	10,976
Net Membership subscriptions retained		4,316	6,170
Donations	3	3,037	2,200
Gift Aid	4	-	565
Other Similar income		263	-
Sub Total		7,616	8,935
Fund Raising Activities			
The Party		8,248	3,541
Cost of Party		2,786	3,382
Net Contribution		5,462	159
Christmas Post		235	214
Sub Total	5	5,697	373
Grants			
Maintenance Grants		-	-
Other Grants		-	-
Sub Total		-	-
Fees Collected for Youth Programme and Activities			
Camps		20,908	14,433
Various Activities		3,856	7,732
Miscellaneous Income		-	-
Sub Total	6	24,764	22,166
Investment Income			
Property Rent	7	135	1,305
Sub Total		135	1,305
Total Net Receipts		38,212	32,779

1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
They are prepared in the recommended Scout Association Format

2 Subscription income

Each of the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers pay a termly subscription to the Scout Group. The amount included within subscription income excludes the gift aid tax reclaim. Capitation payments to Scout Head Quarters are made annually and shown as deducted from total subscription income

3 Donations, legacies, grants and similar incoming resources

Includes Binfield 10k donation and those from the Scout shop

4 Gift Aid

This amount was reclaimed from HMRC in the year

5 Receipts from fund raising activities

1st Binfield Scout Group usually holds one Major fundraising event each year, but due to significant rainfall this event had to be cancelled on the day.
The amount shown is the net amount of income after donations, sponsorship and costs incurred due to cancellation.
We also have one other fund raising activity - Christmas Post

6 Fees collected for camps and activities

This is the total amount collected from participants in camps and activities as a contribution to costs of providing those activities.
Costs are included in the payments section.

7 Property Rent

This is for classes run from the hut in the day

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Statement of Expenditure and Assets

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year from
Unrestricted funds

1st April 2023
Unrestricted funds

1st April 2024
Unrestricted funds

2023/24

2024/25

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Charitable Payments

Camps- all sections	17,223	21,390
Activities- all sections	3,203	9,434
Beaver /squirrel meetings	3,567	879
Cub Meetings	1,042	882
Scout / explorer meetings	3,609	1,601
Donations to Project Africa	1,275	555
Materials and Equipment	3,253	-
Uniforms and badges	-	835
Insurance	8 2,690	1,202
Repairs and Renewals	9 4,613	2,672
Utilities and Running Costs	10 4,239	- 1,426
Miscellaneous	239	0
Total Gross Expenditure	44,953	38,023

Net of Receipts and Payments

- 6,742	- 5,244
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Funds Last Year End

30,473	23,731
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23,731	18,487
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Statement of assets and Liabilities

Group Bank Account	10,979	15,386
Stripe card		98
Explorer Bank Account	2,202	2,833
Scout Bank Account	761	75
Cub Bank Account	3,238	- 0
Deposit Account	-	95
Beaver Bank Account	6,550	-
Sub Total	23,731	18,487

Other Cash Balances

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Total Cash Funds

23,731	18,487
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8 Insurance

We use the Scout Association insurer. A refund on a prior year premium was received reducing the cost for the year to 31 March 2025.

9 Repairs and Renewals

This relates to general maintenance on the Scout Hut and similar ongoing costs

10 Utility costs

The net income amount reflects the refund made by the electricity provider arising from overstated estimated meter readings since 1 April 2020.

Scout hut

The Scout Hut is held in Trust under a Trust deed for use for Scouting purposes only. There are four Trustees who are responsible for the administration of the Trust.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 9th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature

K. Hullis
D. Hullis

Name

Karen Hullis

Treasurer

Duncan Hullis

Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Binfield Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Binfield Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Binfield Scout Group 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 Binfield Scout Group 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 the 1st Binfield Scout Group 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: *Pradeep Kumar*

Name: Pradeep Kumar

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ICB

Address: 329, Doncastle Road, Bracknell, RG12 8PE

Date: 17/12/2025