

England & Wales

Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 16th Barnsley Royston Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 16th Barnsley Royston Scout Group for the year ended
2023 - 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 16th Barnsley Royston 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 16th Barnsley Royston 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 16th Barnsley Royston 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: M Ainsworth

Name: Michelle Ainsworth

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

Address: 42 Ruston Drive, Royston, Barnsley S71 4FP.

Date: 6-5-2026.

16th Barnsley (Royston) Scout Group (Charity no. 1051053)
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Receipts and payments

	2023/24			2022/23
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	✓ 12,795	-	-	12,795
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	✓ 4,189	-	-	4,189
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	✓ 8,606	-	-	8,606
Donations	✓ 150	✓ 1,535	-	1,685
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Youth Programme & Activities	✓ 13,053	-	-	13,053
Gift Aid	✓ 10	-	-	10
Uniform and Badges	✓ 290	-	-	290
Sub total	22,109	1,535	-	23,644
Grants				
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-
Other grants	✓ 499	✓ 1,310	-	1,809
Sub total	499	1,310	-	1,809
Fundraising events (gross)				
Detail 1	-	✓ 6,040	-	6,040
Detail 2	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	6,040	-	6,040
Scout hut income				
Hire of building	-	-	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	-	✓ 16	-	16
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	50
Sub total	-	16	-	50
Total Gross Income	22,608	8,901	-	31,510
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,608	8,901	-	31,510

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Receipts and payments

	2023/24			2022/23
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities	10,112	-	-	10,112
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
Rent	1,200	-	-	1,200
Water & Sewage	-	-	-	-
Electricity and Gas	-	-	-	-
Insurance	620	-	-	620
Repairs and Renewals	15	-	-	15
Materials and equipment	452	-	-	452
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	4,330
Uniforms & Badges	344	-	-	344
AGM and trustee expenses	201	-	-	201
Online Resources & Subs for Online	48	-	-	48
Storage of Equipment	3,188	-	-	3,188
Mileage Costs	397	-	-	397
Sub total	16,576	-	-	16,576
Fundraising expenses				
Detail 1	-	502	-	502
Detail 2	-	-	-	-
Detail 3	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	502	-	502
Total Gross Expenditure	16,576	502	-	17,078
Asset and investment	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,576	502	-	17,078
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,033	8,399	-	14,432
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,033	8,399	-	14,432

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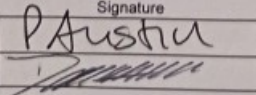
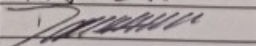
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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2024			31st March 2023
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	15,826	5,702	-	21,528
Bank deposit account	-	-	-	-
Building society account	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	15,826	5,702	-	21,528
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	agreement error	agreement error	ok	agreement error
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,000	-	-	1,000
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for				
Badge stock	400	-	-	400
Shop stock	-	-	-	-
Other stock	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	55,000	-	-	55,000
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	55,400	-	-	55,400
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	72,226	5,702	-	77,928
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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name
	PENNY AUSTIN. Chair
	David Mitchell c/o Treasurer

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
Charity Name	16 th Barnsley (Roston) Scout Group		
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	1051053		
HQ Registration Number	N/A		

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. 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. 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 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
Summary of the main activities in relation to the purpose and objects	Supporting the Group's sections in the delivery of quality programmes, development opportunities, fundraising and such other support as and when required.
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	The Group has shown great resilience and continues to provide an exciting and inspirational programme. This is reflected in the numbers of youth members, their achievements and awards and further shows a good example of the dedication and commitment of leaders and group supporters. This year saw the start of a campaign by a dedicated group of parents, assisted by section team leaders into raising funds for a building for the group.
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Financial Review

Review of the financial position	
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £9,500. The charity held reserves of approximately £21,500 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by £5,700 in restricted funds. The Trustee Board has agreed from April 2024, subscriptions will be maintained at £15 per month (£180 annually) per member to maintain the reserves.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The charity's reserves are small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The charity has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.
A description of the principal risks	Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members: the Group through its membership subscription fees contributes to The Scout Association's national accident/liability insurance policy. Risk assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income: the Group is primarily reliant upon subscription income from its members and fundraising. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustee Board could raise the level of subscriptions to increase the income either on a temporary or permanent basis. Reduction or loss of members: The Group provides activities for members aged 4 to 14 years through a series of 4 aged related sections. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or across the Group as a whole then there would have to be consideration of contraction, consolidation or closure as the Trustee Board deemed appropriate. Finance: The Group conducts its financial affairs in accordance with the rules and guidance details in Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	The charity'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 (POR) of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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, Secretary and 12 Trustees (including 2 Ex-Officio Trustees, and 0 co-opted Trustees) and meets 4 times a year. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required; • Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board;

	• Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; • Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; • Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; • Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.
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Plans for Future Periods

Plans for future Periods	Programmes are drawn up by the Leadership teams to ensure personal growth of all the Group's members in line with The Scout Associations balanced programme; these are done in advance. The Trustee Board will continue to meet to support the Leadership team, obtain and make use of fundraising opportunities and ensure the Group meets safety and safeguarding regulations.	
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Reference and Administration Details

Principal Address	Salvation Army Head Quarters Midland Road Royston BARNLEY South Yorkshire S71 4QJ
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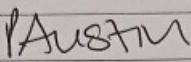
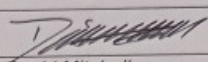
	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Penny Austin	Chair	
2	David Mitchell	Group Scout Leader	
3	David Whitehead	Treasurer	10/10/2023 to year end
4	Nicola Wallace	Secretary	
5	Angela Ditcher	Explorer Scout Leader	
6	John Williams	Quarter Master	01/04/2023 – 18/03/2024
7	Nichola Hawden	Fund Raising Champion	
8	Sophie Ditcher	Scout Leader	
9	Claire Speight	Cub Leader	
10	Jenny Fuller	Beaver Leader	
11	Julie Williams	Squirrel Leader	01/04/2023 – 18/03/2024
12	Sara Thackray		
13	Jerome Hyde		
14	Verity Brookes		
15	Helen Jones		

Name and Address of Advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Scrutineer Independent Examiner Auditor	Michelle Ainsworth	42 Rushton Drive Royston BARNSLEY South Yorkshire S71 4FP

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature		
Full name	Penny Austin	David Mitchell
Position held	Chair	Lead Volunteer
Date	19/05/26	19.5.26