

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 1st April 2024 To: 31st Mar 2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: 24th Nottingham Scout Group

Other names charity is known by: 24th Nottingham (Cavendish Blackwoods) Scouts

Registered charity number (if any): 1084992

Charity's principal address: 477 Hucknall Road

Sherwood

Nottingham

Postcode

NG5 1FW

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Deborah Ankrett	Treasurer		
2 Jonathan Solomon	Group Scout Leader		
3 Ian Davidson	Group Chairman		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounts	Keith Potton	2 Alderton Road Sherwood NG5 6DX

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Jon Solomon – Group Scout Leader

### Section B Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Scout Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Parents/Volunteers at AGM

#### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We follow the constitution, guidance and rules of the Scout Association of Great Britain

### Section C Objectives and activities

#### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide a safe and secure and fun environment for the development of young people in line with the aims and objectives of the Scout Association of Great Britain

We aim to ensure our young people have safe adventures

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We run weekly meetings over 42 weeks of the year for the scouting sections of Beaver, Cubs, Scouts.

We currently have over 150 young people and 40 adult volunteers working across eight sections, making us the largest group in the District.

- One Squirrels section
- Two Beaver colonies
- Two Cub packs
- Two Scout sections
- One Explorer section

As Trustees it is our task to maintain the site we lease from the Nottingham Scout Association and the buildings on it (with exception to the War Memorial Gate). Ensure funding levels are maintained to manage the site over the year and ensure the group can meet its financial commitments thus leaving the leaders to concentrate on the running of the sections and the enjoyment of the young people in our group.

We engage with the Forestry commission and a registered arborist for the safety of the trees, local neighbourhood groups and schools who use the site with us.

We continue to bring the site into the community, with the grounds regularly used for secure camping by two local state schools, weekly use by two private home schools and we have one nursery running forestry school sessions plus two private forest schools accessing the site.

We have though recently had issues with weekend parties causing complaints due to loud music and running later than agreed...as a result we have decided to make two key changes to our rental policy

- o No wedding receptions
- o No evening parties on a Saturday night beyond 9pm
- o We also continue to not allow parties on Sunday evenings beyond 7pm

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You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Part of our ethos is to bring scouting to the wider community, and we do this in several ways beyond those mentioned above:

- 1) The site is available to rent for parties and events at very reasonable rates
- 2) We run two major events each year which attract hundreds of visitors – a beer festival, the District remembrance service
- 3) We run our AGM (in July aligned with the end of the school and Scouting year) along with an awards ceremony and tea party. This event usually attracts over 100 parents, guardians and young people
- 4) Other groups in the District are welcome to come and camp at our site
- 5) We offer archery training to the wider District
- 6) We have built good ties with other local functions – the fire service, the police and community police
- 7) We regularly run visits to the local church, mosque and synagogue

We continue through the YIF (Youth Investment Funding) grant process...looking to get final approval for a +£1m new building during



## Section D

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

### Achievements and performance

calendar 2026...we have planning permission and all legal requirements in place...several surveys and final timings are left to agree, plus the final go ahead...we would hope that the build would start in May26 and the new building be open for the return from school holidays in Sep26.

Across the eight sections spanning ages from 4 – 18 years old, we have engaged in numerous activities, on and off site, and many camps over the year, far too many to cover here...for example

All sections, barring Squirrels, attended a District arranged camp and activity day

Cubs have been on several camps including a District camp, NESST and to Hoveringham for a fun day and Sailing.

Scouts continue to expand the variety of activities and have repeated the two winter walking weekends (Explorers also attended) – one in the Lakes and one in Wales, these are now firm fixtures, along with water activities, climbing, archery, backwoods survival camping etc.

It is part of the role of the section leaders to provide a balanced and diverse programme.

We run one main fundraising events each year at the site – A Beer Festival. Monies raised from this event, along with the rent from our regular site users, help to pay the running costs of the site and the insurance we have to pay each year

We do continue to rent the site for parties at the weekend and holidays (ensuring that these parties do not impact our neighbours negatively and meet our new restrictions) and continue to earn a regular income from the local schools and nurseries using the site for camping and forestry school sessions

All of this helps in covering the running costs of the site along with building funds to ensure that we can not only go on a diverse number of external events, but also enables us to subsidise those events for the young people who wouldn't be able to afford it otherwise

Finally, this year, following the annual census, we were confirmed the largest of the 23 groups again within the District for the eighth year running...an amazing achievement and one that is only possible through the dedication of the adult volunteers.

## Section E

### Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

we maintain a reserve to allow for cover for repairs to the buildings and site if required such as roof repairs or heating failures etc.

We have £8000 in reserve and our Current account is very healthy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Other financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funding comes from Meeting subscriptions, our main fundraising event (the Beer Festival), as well as our regular site users.

Usage of the site by other groups and members of the public holding events/parties also brings in funding and this is on the increase. Users of the site have to have their own public liability insurance etc. They are also provided with a document listing the rules and regulations of using the site.

**Section F**

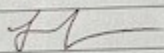
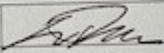
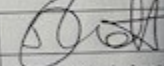
**Other optional information**

**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)	Jonathan Solomon	Ian Davidson	Debbie Ankrett
Position	Group Scout Leader	Group Chairman	Treasurer
Date signed	13-01-2026	13/01/2026	13-1-2026.

## 24th Nottingham (Cavendish) Scout Group 1/4/2023 to 31/3/2024

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Fund Raising		Regular Payments	
Swimathon march 2023	£794.72	Opus energy	£1,243.58
hut revenue	£5,435.00	Insurance	£2,728.67
		CNG Ltd	£862.62
beer festival 2023	£4,416.98	Nottm City Council	£127.69
Shop commission	£199.56	Water Rates	£468.30
YF Grant Funding	£7,660.00	Licences	£0.00
		bank charges	£86.58
	£0.00	BT Wifi	£945.40
bonfire night	£0.00	cleaning	£4,078.68
Intrest earned	£472.08	Annual Rent	£100.00
Donations	£0.00		
Other Income		Other Payments	
Public Donations	£0.00	Camping Gas	£0.00
Building works Grants	£0.00	Equipment - camping	£0.00
Gift Aid		Building maintenance etc	£4,839.60
Hardship Fund support to sections			
shop banking	£2,171.72	shop Payments	£42.50
Other Income	£87.03	Other Payments	£4,319.14
Squirrels	£763.50	Squirrels	£731.09
Beavers Monday	£1,939.89	Beavers Monday	£1,824.32
Beavers Wednesday	£1,072.19	Beavers Wednesday	£974.37
Cubs Tuesday	£1,939.50	Cubs Tuesday	£1,389.82
Cubs Thursday	£3,959.47	Cubs Thursday	£3,813.75
Scouts weds	£2,437.50	Scouts weds	£2,122.62
Scouts Friday	£1,607.00	Scouts Friday	£1,299.88
Explorers	£4,976.49	Explorers	£5,106.23
Capitation(Subs)	£11,214.90	capitation paid (in April 2024)	
Section Donations	£7,027.00		
Unallocated OSM payments	£712.66	OSM Charges	£1,169.92

TOTAL IN	£58,887.19	TOTAL OUT	£38,232.26
Year end Balance Income/Out	£20,654.93		
Opening Bank Balance 01.04 Start		Opening bank add movement	Actual Bank Close
Main	£11,394.29		£13,255.19
Savings	£23,123.16		£41,675.85
Small A/C to close	£1.95		£1.95
cash held	£77.25		5.23
Income/Outgoings for year 23/24		£20,654.93	
Total	£34,596.65	£55,251.58	£54,938.22
		Difference	-£313.36
			-1.5%

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 24<sup>th</sup> Nottingham (Cavendish) Scout Group. Charity Number 1084992**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 24<sup>th</sup> Nottingham (Cavendish) Scout Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 24<sup>th</sup> Nottingham (Cavendish) 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 24<sup>th</sup> Nottingham (Cavendish) 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 24<sup>th</sup> Nottingham (Cavendish) 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:



Name: Mr Keith Potton CIMA Dip MA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):  
CIMA Part Qualified Management Accountant

Address: 2 Alderton Road, Sherwood, Notts. NG5 6DX

Date: 13.01.2026