

Charity number : 1118781

1st Bures Scout Group
Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2025

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The Scout Hut
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**Trustees' Annual Report
for the period
April 2024 to March 2025**

1st Bures Scout Group

Registered Charity number 1118781

c/o 9 Pikes Marsh, Bures, Suffolk CO8 5AQ

Trustee	Office
Antony Waring	Lead Volunteer
Helen Foster	Chair
Claire Noblet	Secretary
Gareth Lloyd	Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

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.

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

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 2 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee and 1 co-opted Trustee) and meets 3 times per year.

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.

Risk and Internal Control

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:

- 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.
- Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

- 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 Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
- 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.
- 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.

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

Objectives and Activities

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

Our Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Sections undertake a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities, offering our members the opportunity to learn new skills, develop self-confidence and contribute to the local community.

All of our members demonstrate personal development through working towards a range of badges. Some of our young people take on additional responsibility by acting as team leaders, while others demonstrate their commitment to Scouting by working towards their Chief Scout awards. Members of our Explorer Section have the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme and the Scouts Young Leader programme.

Together, we contribute regularly to our local community through participating in local events and taking part in work parties to enhance our village. We maintain our own Scout HQ buildings and campsite facilities to a high

standard. Regular fundraising activities are organised by our Trustees and adult volunteers to support our activities.

As a Group, we demonstrate our values by participating in the District St George's Day Parade and village Remembrance Day Parade.

We are grateful for the dedicated commitment of our volunteers and we acknowledge and recognise the amount of time and effort they give so that our Group continues to thrive.

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.

Achievement and Performance

We were proud to recognise the outstanding contributions made by two of our leaders:

- Liz Moulton was presented with a Commissioner's Commendation Award
- Jo Waring was awarded a Long Service Award for 30 years service

Scouts and Explorers spent a week camping at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre near Oxford. All Sections came together for our Group Camp at Bures.

As a Group, we worked in collaboration with Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership to celebrate 175 years of the Gainsborough Railway line.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

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

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds 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 or building societies.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Helen Foster, Chair

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

Incoming Resources

Income resources from generated funds:

	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
	£	£
Voluntary Income	5,808	6,638
Charitable Activities	9,786	9,285
Activities for generating funds	17,068	12,847
Other incoming resources	11,397	11,055
Investment interest	561	-
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	44,620	39,825

Resources Expended

Cost of generating voluntary income	297	568
Charitable activities	31,964	35,906
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	32,261	36,474

MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR

Net Income for the year	12,359	3,351
Funds brought forward	200,553	197,202
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TOTAL FUND AT 31/03/2025	212,912	200,553

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

NOTES

	2025	2024
Voluntary Income		
Donations	41	2,138
Gift Aid	-	-
Grants	5,767	4,500
	<u>5,808</u>	<u>6,638</u>
Charitable Activities		
Youth programme and activities	9,786	9,285
	<u>9,786</u>	<u>9,285</u>
Fundraising Income		
Recycling	-	20
Fund raising events	3,223	2,865
Camp site hire	13,845	9,962
	<u>17,068</u>	<u>12,847</u>
Other Incoming Resources		
Membership fees	10,991	10,388
Other Income	405	667
	<u>11,396</u>	<u>11,055</u>
Investment Dividends / Interest		
Bank Interest Received	561	-
	<u>561</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

NOTES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cost of generating voluntary income		
Fundraising expenditure	297	568
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	297	568
 Postage and stationery	180	191
Youth Programme activities	11,441	15,469
Travelling	4,267	1,844
Uniforms	909	631
Repairs and general expenses	4,163	5,036
Sundry Expenses	99	600
Rates, electricity and water	1,867	2,922
Insurance	3,411	3,573
Membership fees	4,617	4,090
Donations	20	620
Accountancy	990	930
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	31,964	35,906

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Balance Sheet
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Property – Scouts Hut	165,000	165,000
Bank	47,912	35,553
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	212,912	200,553

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Bures Scout Group (charity no: 1118781)

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

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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05/06/2025