

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group**

**Report and Accounts**

**31/03/2025**

Registered Charity Number

1122940

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### **Trustees Annual Report**

For the year ended 31 March 2025

**Charity name:** 28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group

**Registered Charity Number :** 1122940

**Charities Principal address:**

43 ST. Marys Terrace  
East Boldon  
NE36 0LX

**Names of trustees who manage the charity:**

Mark Ireland  
Allison Gray  
Malcolm Naylor  
Andrew Carr (Resigned 31st of March 2025)  
Matthew Allison  
Denis Fishwick  
Joanne Dickens

**Type of governing document and constitution:**

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

**Trustee Selection methods:**

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and are voted in by existing scout leaders.

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:**

Royal charter granted 4th January 1912 to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities royal charter granted 4th January 1912 to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities royal charter granted 4th January 1912 to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities

**Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects:**

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

We continue to work toward achieving all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for our oldest members and many of the activities in the younger sections help to give our Scouts the necessary skills for the to be able to tackle the Award.

Our most valuable resource continues to be our dedicated volunteer leader team who work incredibly hard and give vast amounts of time to ensure that we are able to continue to offer such a high standard of quality activities and residentials to our Scouts.

**Major Activities and Achievements in the Year**

The group continues to thrive with healthy numbers and a large waiting list. Camps and activities have been well attended with our usual array residentials. Summer Camp 2024 saw us venture to Bibby's Farm in Chorley where much fun was had by all. Weekly sessions are well attended with various activities taking place both in the hut and at other venues in the locality. All sections apart from Explorers are currently full. The space in Explorers is due to the decrease in numbers in the younger sections following the Covid pandemic.

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The works on Willow Bog Cottage are about to re-start following the successful installation of our new generator. The group would like to pay particular thanks to Mr Paul Nash for his tremendous generosity in making this possible. We are also very excited that a new group is being formed called the Friends of Willow Bog Cottage. It is made up of volunteers who would like to work together to maintain and improve Willow Bog on behalf of our Scout Group. The aim is for them to manage the building on our behalf.

Our most valuable resource continues to be our dedicated volunteer leader team who work incredibly hard and give vast amounts of time to ensure that we are able to continue to offer such a high standard of quality activities and residentials to our Scouts. We were very sad to say goodbye to Simon Gray who left the group after over 20 years of dedicated service. Simon built the group from just 4 members into the large successful group that it now is and was also the driving force behind the hut renovations several years ago and the acquisition of Willow Bog Cottage. We would like to formally thank him for his dedication.

Fundraising continues to thrive with our tiny but incredibly dedicated fundraising team. Events have included wreath making workshops, tombola stalls, raffles and car boot sales amongst many. It is down to their commitment and hard work that our membership subscriptions have been able to remain at £240 pa for yet another year. We were also lucky to be awarded CAF funding which paid for all lighting in the hut to be changed to LED and some heaters upgraded too to reduce energy consumption.

The Group continues to be financially sound. The funds available have allowed the Group to meet all of its objectives. The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments

basis.

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Approved by the trustees on 23/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:  
  
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**Allison Gray**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**

c/o 43 St Mary's Terrace  
East Boldon  
Tyne and Wear  
NE36 0LX

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**

28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group

## **Registered Charity Number 1122940**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5,6 and 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

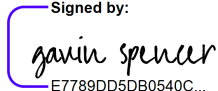
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by:  
  
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Gavin Spencer BA FCCA  
Beach Accountants Limited  
10 Blue Sky Way  
Monkton Business Park South  
South Tyneside  
NE31 2EQ

**28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group****Receipts and Payments Accounts****For the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Fundraising, donations and grants	3,772	8,079
Subscriptions (Net of member fees)	17,652	20,632
Camps and activities	16,194	18,684
Minibus and hall donations	14,424	12,319
H M Revenue and Customs gift aid repayment	5,145	12,331
Willow Bog hire income	450	815
Sale of uniforms	1,024	973
Interest received	25	17
<b>Sub total</b>	<u>58,686</u>	<u>73,850</u>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>		
Sale of equipment		
<b>Sub total</b>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total receipts	<u>58,686</u>	<u>73,850</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Electricity, rates, water and insurance	5,535	5,705
Hall cleaning and maintenance	13,192	6,713
Camping and other activities	29,963	39,935
Willow Bog maintenance and repairs	4,639	3,519
Equipment, consumables and uniforms	3,753	2,459
Leader training	1,120	0
Motor expenses (including minibus insurance)	4,384	3,816
Telephone and parentmail	1,569	1,096
Bank charges	100	153
Loan repayments	0	0
Sundry expenses	495	612
<b>Sub total</b>	<u>64,750</u>	<u>64,008</u>
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>64,750</u>	<u>64,008</u>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	(6,064)	9,842
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	28,115	18,273
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<u>22,051</u>	<u>28,115</u>

### Approval statement

We approve these accounts which comprise a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the year. We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts and for providing all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Approved by the trustees on 23/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

*Allison Gray*

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**Allison Gray**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**

## 28th South Shields, 4th East Boldon Scout Group

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period at 31 March 2025

	2025 £
<b>Cash funds</b>	
Main account	15,563
Savings Account	6,488
Credit card	0
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>22,051</b>

<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Current value</b>
Building - hut development costs	113,106
Willow Bog outdoor centre costs	142,720
Two minibuses	18,000
One small trailer	1,600
42 tents and other shelters	5,955
First aid kits	450
Rucksacks	1,760
Audio visual equipment, cameras and computers	3,045
Sports and games equipment	355
Compasses, maps and cases	1,750
Water heater	300
Trangia stoves	660
Stock - badges and uniforms	500
	<b>290,201</b>

Future obligations/Liabilities	
Cleaning equipment lease: 1 month	70