

**20<sup>th</sup> Walsall (St Margaret's, Great Barr) Scout Group**

**Trustees' Annual Report – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Registered Charity Number: 1130225**

**Registered Address: Great Barr Community Hub**

**Vicarage Rise**

**Great Barr**

**Birmingham**

**B43 7AQ**

Charity trustees for the period who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Helen Johnson	Acting Chair	From October 2024
Alan McGarrol	Treasurer	From May 2024
Graham Smith	Group Lead Volunteer	
Claire Doggett	GLT Volunteer	
Stephen Payne	Trustee	From March 2025
Sarah Nyons	Trustee	From May 2025
Joanne O'Meara	Trustee	From September 2025

## SECTION B – STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing Documents and Processes

The Group is a trust established under the rules and regulations of the Scout Association.

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 Scouts Association Organisational Policy and Rules.

In its meeting in July 2025 the Board of Trustees agreed to change the financial year currently 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March to be 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December for administrative purposes. This change to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

Therefore the 2025 year will only be of 9 months duration and 2026 financial year will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

### How the Charity is constituted

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

### Trustees Selection Methods

The Trustees (cited above) 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 20<sup>th</sup> Walsall 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 currently consists of the Chair, Treasurer and elected Trustees and meets every 2 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete all mandatory scout learning, including Being a Trustee in Scouts within given timelines

The Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the Scout 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 has in place systems of internal control which are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. This includes 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

### **Damage to the building, property, and equipment.**

Following the opening of the headquarters building, known as Great Barr Community Hub, in September 2010, all the Scout Groups regular meetings are held there. The Hub Management team, responsible for the management and sub-letting of the Hub, oversee the administration of the building, including the sub-letting to other organisations. (The buildings running costs are financed from this sub-letting.). 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 Scout Organisation capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are a mandatory requirement in the preparation of all activities.

**Reduced income from fund raising**

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and rent and endeavours to hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee have reviewed the value of subscriptions and rent to third parties to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis. The group has also undertaken a supplier review with a view to maximise cost efficiency.

**Reduction or loss of members**

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18 and holds a waiting list for membership of sections. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole it could not destabilise the group. However, it may be necessary to contract, consolidate, or close a section. In the worst-case scenario, the complete closure of the Group.

This is extremely unlikely as there is a waiting list for most sections and liaison with the Scout District Organisation to fill vacancies is part of the ongoing process.

**SECTION C – OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES****Summary of the Objects of the charity set out in its Governing Document**

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Walsall Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

**SECTION D – ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE****Summary of the Main Achievements in the Year**

The Hub continues to gain strength with new leaders and increase in membership. An increase in rent came into effect January 2025.

Fundraising efforts have continued to increase this year. Whilst this is some way below the income generated from the bonfire in previous years it has helped to bridge the gap between income and expenditure of the last few years. This is mainly due to the successful craft fayres and Santa's Sleigh in this financial year. New fund-raising methods are a standing agenda item at Trustee Board meetings.

## **SECTION E - POLICIES**

The Groups 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 does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments and has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds.

All funds are held in cash using only mainstream/high street banks i.e. HSBC and Barclays Banks.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature  
Original signed

Full Name – Helen Johnson

Position – Acting Trustee Board Chair

Date Signed – 19/01/2026

Signature  
Original signed

Full Name - Graham Smith

Position - Group Lead Volunteer

Date Signed – 19/01/2026

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Annual Financial Report - 1st April 2025 - 31st December 2025

Registered Charity Number - 1130225

Registered Address:

Great Barr Community Hub

3 Vicarage Rise

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It should be noted these accounts cover a 9 month period, 01 March 2025 to 31st December 2025,  
due to the Group changing its Financial Year for administrative reasons only.



Margaret's Great Barr) Scout Group

Reg Charity No:  
1130225

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## Annual Accounts

1st April 2025

To

31st December 2025

### Section A: Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Welsh Water Elan	147	-	-	147	-
Donation	30	-	-	30	-
Events	10,708	-	-	10,708	8,446
Insurance Claim	3,045	-	-	3,045	2170
EDF Refund	-	-	-	-	1,478
Xmas Tree	-	-	-	-	13
Square	2,275	-	-	2,275	-
Cash	5,366	-	-	5,366	5,938
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash	50	-	-	50	104
Membership Fees	16,155	-	-	16,155	15,433
Minibus	774	-	-	774	282
Refund	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	13,676	-	-	13,676	14,482
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>52,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,226</b>	<b>48,346</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Activity Equipment	2,129	-	-	2,129	549
Admin	171	-	-	171	411
Badges/Uniform	846	-	-	846	801
Bank Fees	22	-	-	22	79
Camping Equipment	-	-	-	-	935
Donation/Gifts	78	-	-	78	130
Events	13,087	-	-	13,087	12,259
Insurance	4,369	-	-	4,369	4,444
	-	-	-	-	-
Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash	390	-	-	390	575
Sandwell Council	-	-	-	-	1,422
Security	1,334	-	-	1,334	2,340
Membership Costs	-	-	-	-	5,130
Minibus	6,569	-	-	6,569	3,302
Hub Cleaning	6,528	-	-	6,528	6,402
Utilities	3,659	-	-	3,659	9,690
Venue Maintenance	195	-	-	195	573
	-	-	-	-	-
Meetings - Squirrels	-	-	-	-	-
Membership Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Minibus	-	-	-	-	-
Rent refund	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Venue Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,377</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,377</b>	<b>49,042</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,377</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,377</b>	<b>49,042</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,849</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,849</b>	<b>- 696</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>15,462</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,462</b>	<b>15462</b>

Cash funds this year end	28,311	-	-	28,311	15,462

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Group Account HSBC	17,520	-	-
	Group Account Barclays	10,790	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>28,310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land & Buildings	Group	-	800,000
	Motor Vehicles (15% Reducing Balance)	Group	-	7,738
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Original Signed by G W Smith	G W Smith	19/01/2026
Original signed by S Payne	S Payne	19/01/2026



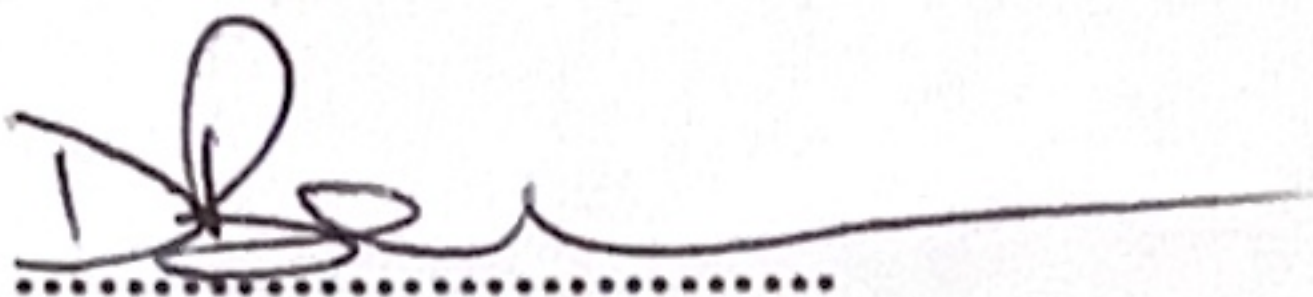




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I declare that I have examined the Group Financial Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. This examination was in line with the requirements of the Scout Organisation UK as required by the Procedures manual

Signed

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'David Baum', written over a dotted line.

Name

David Baum

Position

Business Development Manager, BTG-Restructuring

Date

18<sup>th</sup> March 2026