

# Trustees' Annual Report

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## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scouts

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Easingwold Scout Centre

Chase Garth

Easingwold, North Yorkshire

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Nick Higgins	Chair	
2	Carl Bilson	Treasurer	
3	Jacqui Ramsden	Secretary	
4	Caroline Proctor		
5	Catriona Thorn		
6	Nigel Cross		
7	Peter Jackson		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

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 five Trustees (including two ex officio Trustees) and meets every three months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first six 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p data-bbox="624 365 943 398"><b>Risk and Internal Control</b></p> <p data-bbox="624 398 1348 555">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:</p> <p data-bbox="624 589 1348 846">Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group has alternative accommodation but would if necessary 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.</p> <p data-bbox="624 880 1348 1037">Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. Through the capitation fees payable to The Scout Association, the Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p data-bbox="624 1070 1348 1294">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.</p> <p data-bbox="624 1328 1348 1585">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 would be necessary.</p> <p data-bbox="624 1619 1348 1812">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 would be necessary.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p><b>The Purpose of Scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p><b>The Values of Scouting</b> As Scouts we are guided by these values:  <b>Integrity</b> - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.  <b>Respect</b> - We have self-respect and respect for others.  <b>Care</b> - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.  <b>Belief</b> - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.  <b>Co-operation</b> - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p><b>The Scout Method</b> 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</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Under the guidance of adult volunteers, all children and young people who are members of the Group participate in a broad and balanced programme of activities, often outdoors, which is appropriate to their age and ability.
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy on grantmaking;</li> <li>• contribution made by volunteers;</li> <li>• policy on investments.</li> </ul>	
Public benefit statement	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.
Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	Members of the Group achieved badges and awards in the Scout programme and took part in events and activities organised by the Galtres District and North Yorkshire County teams.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p><b>Reserves Policy</b></p> <p>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 three months running costs, circa £3000.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of approximately £42k at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by unexpected revenue from funds held by GoCardless along with successful fund raising. The Group will allocate significant funds for planned investment in its two properties.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	
<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);</li><li>• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li><li>• investment policy and objectives;</li></ul>	<p><b>Investment Policy</b></p> <p>The Group's Income and Expenditure is relatively small and as a consequence it 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.</p>

Section F	Other Optional Information
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	

**Section G**

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Nick Higgins	Carl Bilson
Full name(s)	Nicholas Charles Higgins	Carl Peter Bilson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	2 9 0 9 2 5	

# 1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group

Charity Number 1135050

## Receipts & Payments Account for YE 31 March 2025

	F/Y 23/24	F/Y F24/25
<b>Receipts</b>		
Subs/Membership	6,864	6,729
Capitation fees	(3,413)	(3,218)
<b>Sub Total (Basic Funds)</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>3,511</b>
<b>Hirings</b>		
Chase Garth	5,522	4,362
EOC/Dawney	2,374	3,217
<b>Sub Total hirings</b>	<b>7,896</b>	<b>7,579</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>		
Grants/New Build (Receipts)	600	-
Donations	470	16
Gift Aid	2,062	844
<b>Sub Total fundraising</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>859</b>
<b>Activities</b>		
Camping/Activities	1,260	3,700
Uniform/badges		14
<b>Sub Total activities</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>3,714</b>
Interest received	311	531
Fireworks Spectacular	-	11,567
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>16,050</b>	<b>27,762</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Admin	284	171
Insurance	1,605	1,759
Chase Garth	3,110	8,143
EOC/Dawney	2,589	3,655
Equipment	103	41
Activities	2,139	4,356
Uniform & Badges	1,094	1,692
Camps	2,528	1,931
Training	-	-
Fireworks Spectacular	2,557	4,119
Cost of letting	30	60
New Build (Payment)	2,923	1,942
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>18,962</b>	<b>27,867</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>(2,912)</b>	<b>(105)</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	<b>30,599</b>	<b>27,687</b>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<b>(2,912)</b>	<b>(105)</b>
<b>Prior year income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,491</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>27,687</b>	<b>42,072</b>

**Cash assets**

Barclays Current Account 1579	1,806	1,676
Barclays Savings Account 9337	25,881	40,396
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,687</b>	<b>42,072</b>
Difference		-

**Assets retained for the Charity's own use**

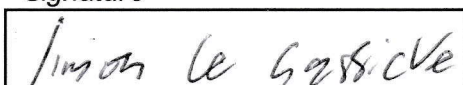
Chase Garth Scout Hut / Scout HQ - insured value	184,790	190,888
Easingwold Outdoor Centre (The Dawney) - insured value	202,572	209,257
Bison bridge for Dawney purchased but not installed	6,300	6,300
Scouting equipment/inventory - insured value	12,530	12,655

**Liabilities**

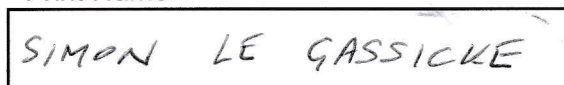
Installation of the Bison bridge, cost to be confirmed	15,000	15,000
Secure container at EOC	4,000	

**Signed by the Independent Examiner**

Signature

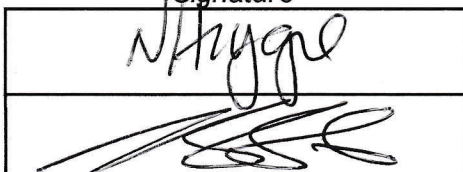


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The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 29 July 2025 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name

Chair	NICK HIGGINS
Treasurer	C P BILSON



**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**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group. Reg. Charity 1135050 for the year ended 31 March 2025 which show a deficit of £105 and a credit of £14,491 from a "prior year event" giving a reported surplus of £14,386 for the year

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) 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 1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) 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 a material and prior year event has come to my attention. It involved the recovery of a GoCardless account which had been overlooked for about five years, the account was identified and funds of £14,491 were accessed in mid July 2024. In the 8 months since the GoCardless account was recovered £7,934 has been received through GoCardless and it has been recorded in full.

There are no other material matters that 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 1st Easingwold (Forest of Galtres) Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

Signed:



Name: Simon Le Gassicke

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ICAEW 7533858

Address: 4, Orchard Cottages, Coxwold. YO61 4BB

Date: 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025