

Charity Registration Number: 1151087 (England & Wales)

SUTTON COLDFIELD ADVENTURE UNIT

(A charitable incorporated organisation)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	John Garvey, Chair Charlotte Atkin, Secretary Kieran Brazenall ACA, Treasurer Daniel Griffiths Stuart Foxall Joanna Garvey (resigned 8 November 2025) Oliver Cash Sian Middleton Benjamin Garvey Daniel Hull Robert Cash Mark Ivey Jagdev Sarmotta Harry Garvey (appointed 11 June 2025)
Charity Number	1151087
Registered Office	45 Ashfurlong Crescent Sutton Coldfield B75 6EN
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees' present their annual report together with the Financial Statements and Independent Examiner's report of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a director's report under company law.

Objectives and Activities

Principal Objectives

The principal object of the Charity is to act as a resource for young people from ages of 7 to 25 by providing advice, assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational, and other activities as a means of:

- Advancing life and helping young people by developing their skills, capabilities, and capacities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature, and responsible individuals.
- Advancing education.

Summary of Activities

Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit ("SCAU") provides weekly activities during school term time for three age groups: 7-10, 10-14 and 14-18 years of age.

The three main age groups meet each Friday evening and take part in a wide range of activities, which seek to develop the children's confidence, leadership skills, physical fitness, and communication skills.

- Activities are invariable team based and take place both inside and outside.
- Maximum use is made of nearby park areas and the children also experience camping at all times of the year.
- SCAU is open to all and whilst there are membership fees, assistance is provided to ensure that financial limitations do not prevent membership.
- SCAU members also help out at a range of community events during the year that raise funds for local causes as well as increase community bonds.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance, "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements of the Charity

We were fully functioning on a weekly basis during the term times of the 2024/25 financial year and have again seen numerous examples of how the role of 'young leader' at our sections for those between the ages of 14 and 18 years has improved confidence and enhanced employment and academic opportunities. During the financial year, SCAU had, on average, over 160 children signed up as members with the Charity and over 35 volunteer leaders supporting the running of the organisation.

In August 2024, we completed our week-long trip to Spain. However, due to rising costs of the trip borne from increases in cost of living seen within the UK & European economies, we saw a reduced number of our members attending this trip, with an expected 56 children joining us for the camp Cala Llevado in Spain. Our next trip takes place in July 2026, but stays in-land, with a trip to Sealyham in Pembrokeshire, Wales. Currently we are expecting just over 50 children to attend this weeklong adventure.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

Financial Review

Movement on Reserves

Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit saw a decrease in closing funds to £24,005 (2024: £41,503). This decrease is largely as a result of prior year reserves including payments due in relation to our international trip to Spain. Of these closing funds, £23,302 (2024: £14,046) were unrestricted for use for the day-to-day running of the Charity.

The increase in unrestricted funds was an anticipated increase, and they remain well above the required level of reserves as per the Charity's reserves policy. SCAU's unrestricted reserves are held to fund the running of the Charity, including payment for hiring of halls, purchasing kit and consumables for running of activities and to support the organisation's charitable objectives as set out in the Trustee's report.

Principal Sources of Funds

Members pay subs monthly at a flat rate of £10 per child. This was increased to £12 on 1 January 2025. This is sufficient to pay for all activities and running costs of the organisation including the weekly hire of halls, replacement of one-off pieces of kit (E.G.: damaged tents, new gas bottles, etc.). The monthly subscription cost still compares favourably to other local groups and support is available to any who struggle with payments.

Other activities and camps are charged to members at cost, to ensure that there are no risks of running into a deficit. Financial assistance is also available where required to ensure that all members can take advantage of activities and events irrespective of their financial situation.

A significant source of income for us remains the annual claim for Gift Aid.

Reserves Policy

Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit has a financial policy within which states that a reserve of £1,000 should be retained in the main bank account.

This should be adequate to meet any unforeseen costs. The Executive Committee, which meets multiple times each school term, holds strong oversight of costs through the review of monthly management accounts and cash flow forecasts, to ensure that all income and expected expenses are managed appropriately.

Going Concern

There are no concerns from the Trustee's in relation to SCAU's ability to continue to operate as a going concern. At the date of signing the financial statements, the organisation continues to hold reserves in excess of the required level as set by the Charity's reserves policy.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation and was set up by a trust deed.

Methods of Appointment or Election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted through resolutions passed at the Trustees' meetings.

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to Charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the UK Accounting Standards have been followed;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 23 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



John Garvey

Chair

Date: 26/01/2026



Kieran Brazenall ACA

Treasurer

Date: 26/01/2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit ('the Charity')

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 Trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

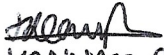
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all of the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: HANNAH COMPTON

Date: 26 Jan 2026

Relevant Professional
Qualification(s) or body

(if any): ICAEW - ACA

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HRS 2GZ.

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Prior Year (£)
Receipts				
Subscriptions	18,726	-	18,726	17,850
Donations & Gift Aid	8,086	10,000	18,086	126
Grants	-	-	-	-
UK Trips & Events Income	7	20,944	20,951	18,245
Spain 2024 Trip Income	-	16,051	16,051	44,600
Van Hire	93	-	93	121
Other Income	77	-	77	133
Total Receipts	26,989	46,995	73,984	81,075
Payments				
Activities – Joint	621	-	621	2,384
Activities – Hydra	949	-	949	909
Activities – Lynx	1,003	-	1,003	1,744
Activities – Orion	398	-	398	3,035
Hall Rental	665	-	665	625
Van Expenses & Mileage	1,825	-	1,825	1,966
Training	1,302	-	1,302	816
Insurance	1,467	-	1,467	1,362
GoCardless & OSM Fees	1,610	-	1,610	1,587
Uniforms	1,187	-	1,187	545
DBS Fees	433	-	433	396
UK Events, Camps & Trips	1,519	20,512	22,031	14,589
Spain 2024 Trip Costs	-	55,867	55,867	23,199
Kit	673	-	673	6,062
Container Repairs	927	-	927	-
Bike Costs	27	-	27	28
Computer Costs	260	-	260	246
Sundry Expenses	187	-	187	-
Total Payments	15,053	76,379	91,432	59,493
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	11,936	(29,384)	(17,448)	21,582
Transfers Between Funds	(2,680)	2,680	-	-
Cash Brought Forward	14,046	27,457	41,503	19,921
Cash Carried Forward	23,302	753	24,055	41,503

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2025

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)
Details			
Natwest Current Account	-	-	-
Lloyds Current Account	3,302	753	4,055
Lloyds Savings Account	20,000	-	20,000
Total Cash Funds	23,302	753	24,055

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



John Garvey

Chair

Date: 26/01/2026



Kieran Brazenall ACA

Treasurer

Date: 26/01/2026