

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Worting Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

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Registered charity number (if any)

1 1 7 6 6 7 6

HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

East View Path, Worting Road

Basingstoke

Hampshire

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	David Wheeler	Chair	
2	Ben Mills	GLV	
3	Neil Macintosh	Treasurer	
4	Mark Packer		
5	Ryan Adair		
6	Hollie Perman		
7	David Hopkins		
8	Sam Stevens		
9	Robert Scott		
10	Amber Tavener		
11	Gavin Clark		01/04/24 - 29/06/24
12	Greg Calin		01/04/24 - 29/06/24
13	Jack Hopkins		01/04/24 - 29/06/24
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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 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:

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.

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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 9 Trustees and meets every 4 months.

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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1)</p> <p>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>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)</p> <p>The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Each section provides its own indoor and outdoor activities designed to be encouraged team work, leadership, communal living, life skills, responsibly, physical and mental welbing
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	Through the year 80+ squirrles, beavers, cubs and scouts benefitted from the programme equipment and facilities that were provided by the group. These included weekly evening meetings, activity trips, camps and educational experiences, overnight experiences, games, sporting adventures and personal challenges, family events.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>Reserves Policy</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 6 months running costs, circa £5,000.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of £75,142.50 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the Trustee Boards decision to preserve our cash reserves over the on going uncertainty of the Scout hut.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	Not applicable
Further financial review details (optional information)	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;investment policy and objectives;	<p>Investment Policy (Specimen 1)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)	Not applicable

Section G	Declaration						
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above							
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees							
Signature(s)	<table><tr><td>David Wheeler</td><td>Ben Mills</td></tr></table>	David Wheeler	Ben Mills				
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Full name(s)	<table><tr><td>David Wheeler</td><td>Ben Mills</td></tr></table>	David Wheeler	Ben Mills				
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	<table><tr><td>Chair</td><td>GLV</td></tr></table>	Chair	GLV				
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WORTING SCOUT GROUP

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc
Market Place
Basingstoke
Hants

Group Registration Number 37402

Charity Number 1176676

WORTING SCOUT GROUP

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Major Activities and Achievements in the Year

Worting Scout Group has had a good year and our team of Leaders continued to put in lots of time and effort to provide excellent programmes for our young people.

This year we introduced a new section, Squirrels. Like the real thing they are very small, lively and into everything. You will notice from the accounts that there has been a big increase in costs, mainly electricity, insurance and the membership fee we pay to Scout HQ. We have had to increase subs this year to help cover these increases. Despite this we have had a very busy year and have paid over a thousand pounds for badges for our youngsters.

At the end of the year, the Group held cash balances of £75,142.50. The Group's policy is to maintain a minimum level of cash reserves of £5,000, which represents an amount greater than 6 months cost of running the scout hut. The Trustee Board has sought to preserve our cash to maintain reserves which may be needed in the future in view of the continuing uncertainty over the scout hut.

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed and systems are in place to mitigate their anticipated impact. These include the regular reporting and monitoring of the Group's finances, and well established procedures for the authorisation and control of expenditure.

The Group's objectives continue to be to deliver quality scouting to all its young members, in keeping with the Values and Method of the Scout Association as defined in its "Policy Organisation and Rules". The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The Accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Approved by the Trustees on 23 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by
Neil Macintosh, Group Treasurer.



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WORTING SCOUT GROUP

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Total Receipts for the year (see page 4)	32,540.31	22,544.14
Total Payments for the year (see page 5)	<u>35,099.62</u>	<u>39,076.89</u>
Net Receipts for the year	(2,559.31)	(16,532.75)
Bank Balances brought forward	<u>77,701.81</u>	<u>94,234.56</u>
Bank Balances carried forward	<u>75,142.50</u>	<u>77,701.81</u>

The above accounts and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by Neil Macintosh, Group Treasurer.

N. Macintosh

WORTING SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2026 Budget £		2025 £	2024 £
11,500.00	Membership Subscriptions	9,583.75	7,095.00
<u>6,000.00</u>	Less; paid to District	<u>5,400.00</u>	<u>3,960.00</u>
<u>5,500.00</u>		<u>4,183.75</u>	<u>3,135.00</u>
1,900.00	Investment Income Received	2,232.55	1,809.83
1,000.00	Donations and Grants	1,085.00	2,880.00
	Activities		
	Group (Incl. Family Camp)	4,258.50	2,770.00
	Summer Camp	6,651.50	4,114.00
	Squirrels	73.00	-
	Beavers Activities	1,018.25	496.50
	Cubs Activities	269.50	65.00
	Scouts Activities	<u>2,868.00</u>	<u>4,357.22</u>
15,000.00		<u>15,138.75</u>	<u>11,802.72</u>
2,000.00	Fund Raising	1,702.58	1,254.59
	Other Income		
	Sale of T Shirts	573.30	462.00
	Contribution from Explorers	700.00	1,200.00
	Tax Refund on Gift Aid	<u>6,924.38</u>	=
<u>1,500.00</u>		<u>8,197.68</u>	<u>1,662.00</u>
<u>26,900.00</u>	Total Receipts for the Year	<u>32,540.31</u>	<u>22,544.14</u>

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PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2026 Budget £		2025 £	2024 £
	Premises		
	Gas & Electricity	2,520.32	784.04
	Insurance	3,284.89	932.78
	Repairs	<u>365.92</u>	<u>374.41</u>
5,500.00		6,171.13	2,091.23
	Activities		
	Group (Incl. Family Camp)	4,782.30	4,037.99
	Summer Camp	11,611.02	3,258.92
	Scouts	2,856.13	3,267.44
	Cubs	344.87	658.61
	Beavers	2,023.69	1,983.92
	Squirrels	243.59	-
	Other expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
12,000.00		21,861.60	13,206.88
1,500.00	Purchase of Equipment	1,467.82	3,460.51
100.00	Fund Raising Expenses	-	109.89
	- Cost of T Shirts	3,095.90	1,965.23
500.00	Badges	1,088.25	496.14
	- Hut Refurbishment Costs	-	16,450.62
500.00	Bank Fees	115.40	-
<u>250.00</u>	Admin Costs	<u>1,299.52</u>	<u>1,296.39</u>
<u>20,350.00</u>	Total Payments for the Year	<u>35,099.62</u>	<u>39,076.89</u>

WORTING SCOUT GROUP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Bank current accounts	19,525.90	24,317.76
Bank deposit accounts	55,616.60	53,384.05
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>75,142.50</u>	<u>77,701.81</u>
Investment Assets	-	-
Non Monetary Assets	Estimated Value £	Estimated Value £
Land and Buildings		
Scout hut	21,000.00	21,000.00
Equipment		
Tents etc.	1,600.00	1,600.00
Box Trailer (50% ownership)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Camping equipment	600.00	600.00
Tools	100.00	100.00
Stoves	200.00	200.00
Cooking equipment	200.00	200.00
Pioneering kit	200.00	200.00
Canoes and equipment	3,500.00	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	8,600.00	8,600.00
Liabilities	-	-
Total Assets	<u>104,742.50</u>	<u>107,301.81</u>

WORTING SCOUT GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of Worting Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 42 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 43 (3) of the 1993 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group 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 such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

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 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
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2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Colin Scott
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