



## Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

### PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

(None Appointed)

### TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio - Appointment

Group Scout Leader  
Group Chairperson  
Group Vice Chairperson  
Group Treasurer  
Group Secretary  
Grey Beaver Scout Leader  
Silver Beaver Scout Leader  
Freestylers Cub Scout Leader  
Highfliers Cub Scout Leader  
Sponsoring Authority

Tessa Dale  
Richard Gaskin (Appointed 18/05/2024)  
Pat Gaskin (Appointed 18/05/2024)  
Bethany Collier (Resigned 10/05/2025)  
Sue Reid  
Tessa Dale  
Helen Bennett  
Steve. Popplewell  
Jack Dale  
St. John's Church Swalecliffe

### TRUSTEES: Nominated

Grey Beavers parent rep.

Natalie Jack (Resigned 26/01/2025)  
Mia Manzi (Up for election)  
Jacqui Gibson (Resigned 28/01/2025)  
Vacant position

Silver Beavers parent rep.

Sarah Bogard (Resigned 05/05/2025)  
Cyrilyn Preece (Up for election)

Freestylers parent rep.

Tom Wratten (Appointed 18/05/2024)  
Maria Tatum (Appointed 18/05/2024, resigned 01/10/2024)  
Ben Spratling (Resigned 05/05/2025)

Highflyers parent rep.

Emma Marqu (Appointed 18/05/2024)  
Sarah Bogard (Appointed 05/05/2025)

Scout parent rep.

### TRUSTEES: Elected

Melvin Austin  
Adam Reid  
Richard Brennan

Fund Raising Support Group  
Syndicate Co-ordinator

Jack Dale  
Adam Reid

### SECTION LEADERS (not on Executive Committee)

Scout Leader

Matthew Drinkwater

### BANKERS

Lloyds Bank  
NatWest  
HSBC UK  
Nationwide B/S

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association 31699

Charity Registration Number

271107

Contact Name and Address

Mr. Richard Gaskin (07979 646029)  
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## Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT:** -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 Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. The Group is a Trust, and the Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

**OBJECTS OF CHARITY:** - The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The purpose of Scouting 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. We operate under the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when carrying out activities to which it's relevant.

**REVIEW OF MAJOR RISKS:** - We have internal controls that include, risk assessments on our hall and fittings and regular checks are put in place. Also, all our activities are risk assessed, two signatories for all payments and our assets are covered by appropriate insurance. 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 Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs plus a contingency for building repairs, circa £8,000.

**SECTIONS:** - The Group runs 2 Beaver Colonies (5¾ - 8 years), 2 Cub Packs (8 -10½ years), 1 Scout Troop (10½ - 14 years). All meet in the Scout HQ Building. The census as at the end of January 2025 shows we have a membership in 6th Whitstable of 90 Young people (81 in 2024) who regularly attend our meetings.

**CAMPS:** - Both Beavers Colonies had "Joint Sleep Overs" at the HQ. The Cubs, Scouts and Explorers had a camping trip at Gillwell Park. The Cubs, Scouts and Explorers also took part in the National Shooting Competition at Bisley.

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** - The young people were able to undertake their Badge work including Photography, many other activities including in 1 scout competing with the National Shooting Team.

**MEETINGS:** All Sections meet at the HQ on Mondays the Silver Beavers and Freestyler Cubs, on Weds the Grey Beavers and the Highflyers Cubs and on Thursday the Scout Section. Night Hawk Explorers meet on Thursdays.

**VISITS/OUTINGS/GROUP EVENTS:** - The different sections had Police Visits, Night Hikes, Craft and Cooking evenings, Lego evenings and the Scouts took part in the "Monopoly Run" in London and there were joint Christmas parties and various parades including St Georges, and Remembrance parade and a group Sponsored Walk

**HELPING OTHERS:** - The Scout HQ is used by the NHS during most days in the week, and we now are able to offer the building to the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides on two evenings in the week.

**SUPPORT:** - We again have been very lucky having great supportive parents, carers and friends, as well as others outside of the Group who have helped us in fundraising and in other ways throughout the year.

**CHURCH:** - The Group has been supported by the St. Johns Church and we have had our usual Church Parade services throughout the year.

**FINANCE:** - Receipts for the year totalled £46,711.63 (2024: £37,480.94). Hall running expenses, equipment and Scout Headquarters membership fees continue to be our major outgoings. Payments for the year totalled £36,525.46 (2024: £22,720.68).

We also take advantage of Gift Aid which provides useful additional income at no cost.

Funds held at the year-end amount to £40,374.41 (2024: £25,614.15)



6<sup>th</sup> Whitstable Scout Group

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with previous years.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the 6th  
Whitstable Scout Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity’s trustees 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 charity’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 no material matters 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 accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

Name: Eleanor Thompson

Qualifications: ACA BA

Date:.....



Receipts & Payments Account Summary  
for the year ended 31  
March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (page 5)	46,711.63	37,480.94
Total payments for the year (page 6-7)	<u>(36,525.46)</u>	<u>(22,720.68)</u>
Net receipts for the year	10,186.17	14,760.26
Cash, Bank and unrestricted funds brought forward	<u>40,374.41</u>	<u>25,614.15</u>
Cash, Bank and unrestricted funds carried forward (pages 8)	<u><u>50,560.58</u></u>	<u><u>40,374.41</u></u>

[-The above accounts and accompanying statements of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 7th May 2025 and are signed on their behalf by Richard Gaskin.



R. GASKIN 07-05-25

Receipts for the year ended  
31 March 2025

	2024/25 Unrestricted £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
MEMBERSHIP		
Subscriptions	6,584.50	6,224.50
Capitation	(6,305.00)	(4,984.00)
	<hr/> 279.50	<hr/> 1,240.50
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
BS & Bank interest	1.96	-
Flexclusive Saver	21.70	219.06
Savings Account interest	978.76	159.24
	<hr/> 1,002.42	<hr/> 378.30
DONATIONS (One Off)	5,725.37	1,379.68
ACTIVITIES		
Outings	2,211.00	1,709.00
Camps	3,653.00	3,016.00
	<hr/> 5,864.00	<hr/> 4,725.00
FUND RAISING		
Bazaar	3,668.49	3,026.19
Jumble Sales	1,405.06	541.23
Wine and Wisdom	1,288.22	827.00
Sponsored Walk	1,107.00	1,594.00
Coffee Morning	-	192.25
	<hr/> 7,468.77	<hr/> 6,180.67
OTHER RECEIPTS		
Gift Aid	1,218.43	2,654.97
Giving Machine	-	16.78
Hire of Hall	23,588.14	19,024.53
Syndicate	1,085.00	1,175.00
Miscellaneous	136.00	395.51
May Day	22.00	-
Uniforms	322.00	310.00
	<hr/> 26,371.57	<hr/> 23,576.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	46,711.63	<u><u>37,480.94</u></u>
31 March 2025		<u><u>Payments for the year ended</u></u>

	2024/25 Unrestricted £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
PREMISES		
Boiler Insurance	240.00	228.24
Cleaning	5,889.78	4,167.08
Electricity	588.00	574.00
Fire/Smoke Alarms/Fire Extinguishers	130.20	89.58
Gas	2,008.00	1,250.00
Insurance	1,364.65	1,279.46
Miscellaneous	30.00	54.96
Miscellaneous Repairs (Re-Decoration, Garden & Roof - repairs)	576.00	383.99
Rent	1,819.20	1,819.20
Garden Landscaping	5,950.00	-
Water & Drainage	199.96	167.84
	<hr/> 18,795.79	<hr/> 10,014.35
DONATIONS	977.50	500.00
ACTIVITIES		
Outings	2,841.55	2,535.15
Camps	4,937.60	2,296.08
Meetings Materials	2,155.48	1,932.10
Equipment	2,046.12	752.39
	<hr/> 11,980.75	<hr/> 7,515.72
FUND RAISING EXPENSES		
Bazaar	608.20	657.15
Christmas Draw	150.00	150.00
Sponsored Walk	53.21	-
Wine & Wisdom	297.22	166.00
	<hr/> 1,108.63	<hr/> 973.15
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Internet	312.00	292.00
Secretarial	112.50	82.50
Photocopier Rent	11.94	19.90
Photocopier Copies	18.98	25.88
Photocopier Paper	-	52.78
	<hr/> 455.42	<hr/> 473.06
Payments for the year ended 31 March 2025		

#### TRANSPORT

	2024/25 Unrestricted £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Hire	276.00	509.01
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	276.00	509.01
OTHER EXPENSES		
Syndicate	600.00	570.00
Miscellaneous	273.40	430.17
Badges	200.00	130.00
Trophies	51.00	51.00
AGM	180.49	151.07
Uniform	1,027.49	541.32
Shooting Course	80.00	-
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	2,412.38	1,873.56
NET STOCK PURCHASES		
Bazaar Asset - Father Christmas Presents	65.00	30.00
Draw Asset	20.00	20.00
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Transfer to Asset Account	433.99	811.83
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TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	36,525.46	22,720.68
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	85.00	50.00
PURCHASE / SALE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT		
Purchase of equipment	433.99	811.83
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at  
31 March 2025

		2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
CASH FUNDS		
Bank Current Accounts	23,009.35	14,190.77
Savings Account	26,739.83	25,159.24
Cash in Hand	14.25	12.25
Syndicate Current Account	797.15	1,012.15
	50,560.58	40,374.41
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
	None	
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
	None	
NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use		
Father Christmas Presents	84.00	102.00
Draw - Lottery fee	20.00	20.00
Land & Buildings	1.00	1.00
Tents & Equipment W.D.V.	1,974.05	2,033.57
	2,079.05	2,156.57
LIABILITIES		
	None	
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES /FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		
	None	

Capital Asset Workings  
31 March 2025

	WDV b/f	Additions	Depn	WDV c/f
WDV	2,033.57	433.99	493.51	1,974.05
	<u>2,033.57</u>	<u>433.99</u>	<u>493.51</u>	<u>1,974.05</u>

Depreciated in 2025 and going forward on a 20% reducing balance basis

Christmas present stock

42 presents to rollover into 2025 @ £2.00 per present

Trustees' remuneration

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration during the year ending 31 March 2025.

