



26th Southampton (Swaythling) Scout Group

**Trustees' Annual Report for the
period**

01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

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Reference and administration details

Charity Name	26 th Southampton (Swaythling) Scout Group
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Registered charity number	271294
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HQ registration number	19893
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Names of the trustees who manage the charity

NAME	OFFICE	DATES ACTED WHERE NOT WHOLE YEAR
Ruth Hopgood	Group Chair	
Isobel Stark	Group Secretary/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Justyn Jedrzejczyk	Group Treasurer	
Allison Evans	Group Scout Leader/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Mark Pickering	Scout Leader/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Charlie Baker	Cub Scout Leader/Group Trustee	Ex officio Trustee appointment as Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Amy Beach	Beaver Leadership Team/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Christine Barter	Scout Parent Rep/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Emma Nichols	Beaver Parent Rep/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Peter Dockree	Nominated Member	1 April 2024-15 May 2024 (resigned)
Chris Thompson	Nominated Member/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
Ellie Thompson	Nominated Member/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024
James Williams	Co-opted member/Group Trustee	Change in role to Group Trustee from 14 June 2024

Note: from the Annual General Meeting on 14 June 2024, the new rules of the Scout Association were applied. All Trustees are now appointed, not elected or nominated as previously. The named officers consist of the Chair and Treasurer; the Group Lead Volunteer holds an ex officio role as a Trustee. All other appointments to the Trustee Board now have the role of Group Trustee.

Charity's principal address

The Charity is registered at the Chair's address, which can be made available on request subject to the agreement of the Trustee Board.

Charity's scrutineer for the Annual Accounts

The scrutineer for the Annual Accounts was Rachel Goddard.

Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

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 established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

The Group Constitution is the model group constitution of the Scout Association. This was formally re-adopted at the Group's Annual General Meeting on 14 June 2024.

Additional governance issues

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, Lead Volunteer (ex-officio) and up to nine additional Trustees who will either be appointed at the AGM or co-opted during the year to meet a specific need. The Trustee Board meets three to four times a year, normally at the beginning of each school term.

Members of the Trustee Board are required to complete 6 training modules listed below, 'Safety' and 'Safeguarding' within 1 month and the other training within 6 months of being appointed for the first time. Trustees also carry out refresher training as required by the Scout Association.

'Safety'

'Safeguarding'

'Creating Inclusion'

'Data Protection in Scouts'

'Who We Are and What We Do'

'Being a Trustee in Scouts'

The Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, equipment is 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.

Risk and internal control

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 policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

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.

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.

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

Group Activities

The Group has four sections covering the age ranges set out by the Scout Association: Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels. We are also in partnership with the Wyvern Explorer Group. To fulfil the objectives stated above in 'The Scout Method' we provide weekly meetings during term time for each section with additional trips, overnight stays and camps. We also offer opportunities to gain badges and awards promoted by the Scout Association.

Volunteers

The Group is managed entirely by volunteers and we have no paid staff. All volunteers undertake training as required by the Scout Association appropriate to their role. All leaders, members of the Trustee Board and anyone whose role brings them in direct contact with young people are required to undergo a DBS check on appointment and every three years thereafter.

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.

Achievements and performance

Chair's Report

The Group continued to grow and deliver quality Scouting for our young people in 2024-25. We continued to provide Scouting through our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts section for ages 4-14. Through our partnership with Wyvern Explorer Unit, there is an offering for 14-18 year olds in our neighbourhood.

The Scout Association rules for Group governance were changed during year to be more in line with Charity Commission requirements. Instead of a Group Executive Committee we now have a Trustee Board and our focus has shifted specifically towards matters of governance: safety, legal and regulatory, data protection, finance, insurance, risk management and external matters affecting the Group. There is now a maximum term that Trustees can serve of 9 years. As the current Trustees can't stay in role indefinitely, we will need to find new Trustees in the next few years. Due to some recent resignations, we have vacancies for up to 3 Trustees. If anyone is interested, please contact me at the email address below.

Our main sources of income continue to be subs, fundraising, grants and corporate donations from the generous employers of some of our Scout families. We have made use of the Co-op's scheme for applying for one food shop per year to provision one of our camps and also made use of one free camp per year at the Southampton City District campsite, Wilverley, in the New Forest. Grant applications are carried out by our Fundraising volunteers behind the scenes. Our young people themselves have been active fundraisers at a number of events including our spring plant sale and our Christmas Fair at St Albans, as well as selling raffle tickets at our family events throughout the year.

From the money raised, the sections were able to offer a variety of activities to meet the objectives of Scouting both at our regular meetings and on trips and overnight experiences appropriate to the different age groups. These ranged from sleepovers for the younger sections to camps for the older groups including a summer camp at the Guernsey Jamboree for the Scouts.

Our Group is run by volunteers who devote a lot of time and energy to giving our young people a quality experience. A huge thank you to our Lead Volunteer, Charlie, to all our leaders, Trustees and other volunteers such as our badge secretary, quartermaster, mini bus drivers, camp cooks and our fundraising team who apply for grants on our behalf, to mention but a few. Behind the scenes, there is much going on and I would strongly urge parents to get involved. There are roles available to suit everyone's strengths and skills. Please get involved by talking to one of the leaders or contacting me or Charlie, our Lead Volunteer.

Ruth Hopgood

Chair

ruth.hopgood@southamptoncityscouts.org.uk

Lead Volunteer's Report

It has been another successful and busy year for the group. Our young people have run, chased, and climbed their way through a busy programme of activities for all the sections and each section has gone from strength to strength.

The Squirrel and Beaver team has grown in size and we have been delighted to welcome Natalie to the team who has supported the section over the last few months. Thank you also to the parent helpers who have so fantastically supported the team over the last few weeks to ensure that Squirrels and Beavers can take place. As a result of everyone who has given up their time our Squirrels and Beavers sections are bigger than ever before with 35 members between them - it has been so lovely to see everyone have a great time every week. The programme has been really exciting and they have earned plenty of badges looking at space, science, first aid, and.... potatoes which the Beavers and Squirrels were very keen to do! The team has got plenty of fun activities planned for the rest of the term and I'm sure the Squirrels and Beavers are looking forward to seeing the fun activities for the rest of the term.

The Cubs have also been busy this year. Like the younger sections they have completed their space badge but they have also visited St Mary's stadium, been on many camps, learnt how to safely use a knife (something Akela definitely needs a lesson in), completed the cyclist badge, and taken part in laser tag. We were so pleased to award Ben and Joel their silver awards this year as well, and are especially proud of Joel who has completed all 54 of the Cub badges! We are looking forward to lots of fun activities over the rest of the term.

Over the last year the Scouts section have had many adventures both near and far, last summer we took a group of 28 Scouts and Explorers to Guernsey to take part in the Channel Island jamboree. After summer with the darker nights we focused on some more traditional scouting skills and cooking, with a few camps spread over the term, to round off the term the Scouts enjoyed jumping from trees after dark at Go Ape.

In the spring Scouts continued working on their map skill and pioneering, while also building huge campfires. And played board games at our local community café. As the days got brighter we moved to conducting more camps with Scouts enjoying district camp and taskmaster camp in the last term, and finally proving a Scout walks on their stomach by completing the chip shop navigation challenge.

All the sections have pulled together for a number of joint activities. Group camp last April saw our Squirrels, Beavers, and Cubs head off to cricket campsite for a fun weekend away taking part in lots of different activities. They managed to have a go at caving, bouldering, a nature trail, crabbing, archery, and much, much more. We've also been hard at work fundraising for new equipment and lots of this money came from the sponsored walk last September. 30 young people walked from Netley all the way back home to the Church Hall and raised an incredible £750 towards buying new tents so everyone can go camping. These new tents were used at district camp this year and they were a great success! Thank you so much to all the young people for their effort with this. We've also had some success with district events this year as the 26th sent a delegation to the district cross country who took a clean sweep of the Beavers and Cubs competition. Well done to all the young people who took part, especially Joel, Nathan, Oscar, Oscar, Elias, and Charlie who took first and second in their respective competitions.

Finally, we need to recognise the gargantuan efforts of all the volunteers at the group. There is more than meets the eye. Thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time, week in, week out to run exciting activities for all young people. Also thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly in the background to make sure everything runs smoothly, Ruth, Justyna, Ruth and Carlton Calver, Allison, Tracey, Chris and all the trustees. Whilst not working directly with the young people, your work is invaluable to ensuring the

group runs. Not only these people, but also to all the parent helpers who have stepped forwards to support where needed. Again, your help is essential, so thank you.

We've got an exciting year coming up for the group, we've got the district's 20th Anniversary, we've got Cubs survival camp, 110 years of Cub Scouts, as well as many more exciting activities. We're also hoping to open a new Cub section on a Thursday evening. None of this can happen without volunteers so if you, or someone you know, has got time to lend a hand in the group then any help is always welcome.

Volunteering is really flexible and it is as much or as little as you want to give. We have many different roles available so please get in contact if you are able to help at all.

Charlie Baker

Lead Volunteer

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Financial review

Reserves Policy

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 minimum of £1,000 in reserve.

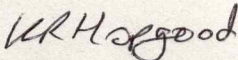
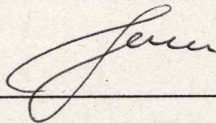
Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report and financial accounts.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures		
Full name	Ruth Hopgood	Jusytna Jedrzejczyk
Position	Chair	Treasurer

Appendix A

2024-2025 Financial Accounts

Scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 26th Southampton (Swaythling) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31 March 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Address: ... 3 Wilmington Close
Southampton
SO18 2RD.
Date:05 June 2025

Accounts 2024/25

Charity No. 271294

Prepared by Treasurer Justyna Jedrzejczyk

26th Southampton (Swaythling) Scout Group (Charity no. 271294)

Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

2023-2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	9,245.00	- .00	- .00	9,245.00	6,889.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Donations	962.00	1,586.24	- .00	2,548.24	32.69
Corporate Donations	- .00	2,500.00	- .00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Legacies	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Gift Aid	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Other similar income	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Sub total	10,207.00	4,086.24	- .00	14,293.24	9,921.69
Grants					
Maintenence grant	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Other grants	1,682.20	- .00	- .00	1,682.20	915.00
Sub total	1,682.20	- .00	- .00	1,682.20	915.00
Fundraising events (gross)					
Football Card 2025	70.00	- .00	- .00	70.00	- .00
Beattle Drive Feb 2025	146.13	- .00	- .00	146.13	- .00
Pie and Pea 2024	250.50	- .00	- .00	250.50	- .00
Plant Sale - May 2024	417.38	- .00	- .00	417.38	- .00
Soton Running Festival	300.00	- .00	- .00	300.00	- .00
Other	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	3,423.44
Sub total	1,184.01	- .00	- .00	1,184.01	3,423.44
Other Income					
Events (general)	- .00	2,145.76	- .00	2,145.76	704.31
Events - Beavers	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	571.94
Events - Cubs	- .00	1,376.40	- .00	1,376.40	2,573.54
Events - Explorers	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	115.00
Events - Scouts	- .00	4,303.95	- .00	4,303.95	4,969.31
Events - Squirrels	- .00	44.00	- .00	44.00	81.06
Uniform Sales	- .00	815.30	- .00	815.30	132.80
Cash Deposit - Barclays Bank	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Rent Donation	- .00	10.00	- .00	10.00	- .00
Sub total	-	8,695.41	- .00	8,695.41	9,147.96
Investment income					
Bank interest	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Building Society interest	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
The Scout Association Short Term	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Other investment income	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Sub total	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Total Gross Income	13,073.21	12,781.65	- .00	25,854.86	23,408.09
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Total receipts	13,073.21	12,781.65	- .00	25,854.86	23,408.09

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total funds £	2023-2024 Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Activity Equipment	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	32.00
Admin	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	10.01
Badges	1,049.33	- .00	- .00	1,049.33	636.34
Bank Fees	378.77	- .00	- .00	378.77	- .00
Bank Fees - Restricted	- .00	169.30	- .00	169.30	- .00
Camping Equipment	829.80	- .00	- .00	829.80	1,190.53
Camping Equipment - Restricted	- .00	261.62	- .00	261.62	- .00
Card Expenses - Beavers	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	145.84
Card Expenses - Cubs	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	20.27
Card expenses - Scouts	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00	134.04
Cash Deposit - Barclays Bank	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Events	- .00	1,031.06	- .00	1,031.06	1,405.52
Events - Beavers	- .00	6.54	- .00	6.54	433.09
Events - Cubs	- .00	2,475.85	- .00	2,475.85	2,590.88
Events - Explorers	- .00	115.00	- .00	115.00	- .00
Events - Scouts	- .00	8,806.84	- .00	8,806.84	6,805.59
Events - Squirrels	- .00	9.40	- .00	9.40	- .00
General Group expenses	200.16	- .00	- .00	200.16	361.21
Grants	- .00	417.88	- .00	417.88	- .00
Insurance	215.09	- .00	- .00	215.09	210.21
Meetings - Beavers	346.44	- .00	- .00	346.44	185.01
Meetings - Cubs	64.98	- .00	- .00	64.98	87.73
Meetings - Scouts	79.27	- .00	- .00	79.27	170.84
Meetings - Squirrels	109.55	- .00	- .00	109.55	12.28
Membership Costs	4,148.00	- .00	- .00	4,148.00	3,575.00
Rent	2,987.00	- .00	- .00	2,987.00	2,202.00
Uniform	199.39	938.40	- .00	1,137.79	382.98
Sub total	10,607.78	14,231.89	- .00	24,839.67	20,591.37
Fundraising expenses					
Detail 1	9.77	- .00	- .00	9.77	178.55
Sub total	9.77	- .00	- .00	9.77	178.55
Total Gross Expenditure	10,617.55	14,231.89	- .00	24,849.44	20,769.92
Asset and investment	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Total payments	10,617.55	14,231.89	- .00	24,849.44	20,769.92
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,455.66	- 1,450.24	- .00	1,005.42	2,638.17
Transfers between funds	- 1,450.24	1,450.24	- .00	- .00	- .00
Cash funds last year end	4,916.04	- .00	- .00	4,916.04	2,277.87
Cash funds this year end	5,921.46	0.00	- .00	5,921.46	4,916.04

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Year start date

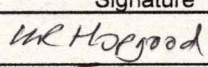
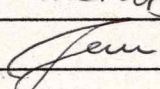
Year end date

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total funds £	2023-2024 Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	5,379.53	- .00	- .00	5,379.53	4,701.34
Bank deposit account	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Building society account	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Expense Account	324.80	- .00	- .00	324.80	214.70
Cash/Floats	217.13	- .00	- .00	217.13	- .00
Total cash funds	5,921.46	- .00	- .00	5,921.46	4,916.04
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c) ok ok ok ok ok ok					
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Debts due from the	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Insurance claim	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Sub total	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Quoted investments	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Other investments - detail	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Sub total	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Non monetary assets for					
Badge stock	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Shop stock	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Other stock	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Land and buildings	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Motor vehicles	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Other	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Sub total	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Loan - detail	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Other liabilities	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Sub total	-	- .00	- .00	- .00	- .00
Total net assets	5,921.46	- .00	- .00	5,921.46	4,916.04

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 19th June 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	MR HOPGOOD	Chair
	JUSTINA JODZIEJCZAK	Treasurer