



ANNUAL REPORT

April 2024- March 2025

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1ST LIPHOOK SCOUT GROUP

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GROUP STRUCTURE

President

Mary West

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Honorary Scouters

Bill Jackson, Mike King and Mary West

Group Scout Leader

Bryan Jackson

Trustee Board Members 2024-2025

Stuart Clark, Bryan Jackson, Alison Jackson, Sarah-Jane Anslow, Vic Pires, Neil Caie, Caroline Stephenson, Paul Bateman, David Hains and Andrew Baynes.

Section Leaders

Chris Stephenson, Neil Caie, Oscar Peterson, Alison Jackson, Karen Lloyd, Neil Boxall, Helen Coyte, Mark Boosey and Mark Stocker.

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Accounts

Accounts 2024-25			
	Balance at 01/04/2023	Balance at 01/04/2024	
Current Account	23,556.00	12,355.20	
Savings	10,000.00	30,418.29	
Go Cardless	12,866.72	-	
Bank balance at start of year	46,422.72	42,773.49	
Income	2023-24	2024-25	
Membership subscription	18,551.41	17,537.22	
Fundraising	3,345.31	1,470.97	
Donations & Grants	6,295.00	3,051.11	Large donation in 23-24
Giftaid	-	7,799.11	New giftaid claim in 24-25
Scout Camp	8,990.00	5,375.00	Lower attendance than prior year
Cub Camp	1,235.00	965.00	Lower attendance than prior year
Scout Shop	840.35	1,657.61	
Rifle	51.70	220.00	
Archery	60.00	-	
Interest	628.60	1,182.69	
TOTAL INCOME	39,997.37	39,258.71	Comparable with prior year total
Expenditure	2023-24	2024-25	
Donations	50.00	-	
Levy's & Fees	9,360.00	2,958.00	Effect of repayment from district
Fundraising Costs	1,115.04	516.47	
Badges/Uniform/Scout Shop	3,024.83	3,132.66	
Section Payments & Activities	4,496.42	2,320.80	
Scout Camp	4,777.31	6,794.61	Higher site fees compared to 23/24 (camp loss covered by retained balance)
Cub Camp	2,282.05	1,720.72	Lower costs but camp was loss making (subsidised by retained balance)
Rifle	619.50	20.00	Lower club activity in 24-25
Training	215.00	-	
HQ Charges	7,500.00	11,750.00	Increase to rent
Materials & Equipment	5,338.79	10,259.13	23/24 Containers - 24/25 Patrol Boxes & Kitchen (grant in 25-26)
Insurance	52.00	52.00	
Minibus	2,582.98	1,791.80	Insurance/MOT/service/tyres
Hall sundries	207.79	-	
Admin & Secretarial	387.00	494.85	Web domain/OSM
Archery	802.89	-	Lower club activity in 24-25
Misc	845.00	956.87	Beaver camp deposit
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	43,656.60	42,767.91	
Balance of Income over Expenditure	- 3,659.23	- 3,509.20	
Current Account	12,355.20	7,009.31	
Savings	30,418.29	31,600.98	
Go Cardless	-	-	
Balance at end of year	42,773.49	38,610.29	

Protected Fund Balances

	Bfwd	Cfwd
Scout Camp	7,211.29	5,791.68
Cub Camp	3,019.65	2,263.93
Rifle Club	491.61	691.61
Mini Bus		15,000.00
	10,722.55	23,747.22

Treasurer's Report

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A major exception in the 24-25 year though was in the line for the District Fees, which is a sum paid annually to the district for overall running costs. After the £9.4k annual fees were paid, there was a rebate of £6.4k from excess central funds, making the fees paid in 24-25 look very low.

Overall, total expenditure for 24-25 was almost £43k compared to almost £44k in 23-24. The expenditure was therefore higher than the income for the year by £3.5k.

The effect of this is that the reserves at the start of the financial year were just under £43k and at the end they were £37k.

The trustees also made the decision to move £15k into a protected fund balance in anticipation of needing to replace the group's mini-bus, which is heavily utilised in many activities. This means that the group currently holds £24k in protected funds and £13k in free funds.

Budget 2025-26

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Income	Actual 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	
Membership Subscriptions	17,537.22	22,425.00	
Fundraising	1,470.97	2,000.00	
Donations & Grants	3,051.11	6,000.00	Includes grant for kitchen (£3.4k)
Gift aid	7,799.11	1,900.00	
Scout Camp 2024	5,375.00	4,125.00	
Cub Camp 2025	965.00	1,960.00	
Scout Shop	1,657.61	1,800.00	
Rifle	220.00	200.00	
Archery	-	100.00	
Interest	1,182.69	1,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME	39,258.71	41,510.00	
Expenditure	Actual 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	
Donations	-	-	
Levy's & Fees	2,958.00	10,000.00	
Fundraising Costs	516.47	600.00	
Badges/Uniform/Scout Shop	3,132.66	2,000.00	
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Kitchen Refurbishment	5,939.04	300.00	
Insurance	52.00	1,000.00	
Minibus	1,791.80	2,500.00	
Hall sundries	-	200.00	
Admin & Secretarial	494.85	200.00	
Archery	-	200.00	
Misc.	956.87	200.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	42,767.43	41,450.00	
Balance of Income over Expenditure	(3,508.72)	60.00	

Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) Report

Scouting in Liphook continues, and we are maintaining our numbers with around 180 youth members.

The Group consists of three Beaver Colonies, three Cub Packs, two Scout Troops and one Explorer unit.

The Explorer Section 14-18 age range having it highest number of 30 members for a long time. Once they are 18 years they have to move on to Network (18-24 yrs) and it is good that four have signed up to become leaders.

We occasionally get asked if we will establish the new Squirrels section for ages 4-6, which the Scouts are gradually introducing. We have not yet decided to do this at the present time.

We continue to benefit from strong a leadership team, who continue to do an excellent job. We always appreciate additional support across all sections or from individuals with various skills either with the sections or behind the scenes.

The previous low numbers, a legacy from Covid have now slowly move from Beavers to Cubs and is now affecting the Scout section.

Although general attendance at weekly meetings is good, we are finding that the percentage attending other event and camps is low! Our leaders put a lot of time into planning, organising and running other events, which with low numbers is a bit disheartening at times. Is it just that the members are too busy doing other things?

In the last year all the sections held their annual camps. The Beavers at Tilford, Cubs near Botley and the Scouts and Explorers in Dorset, plus other camps and weekend events have also been held.

Chairman Report

This report covers the period April 2024 to March 2025.

The Trustee Board continues to operate primarily to provide support to the Group Lead Volunteer and the leaders of the Group Sections. The Trustee Board also carries a governance role to ensure that Scout organisation rules and procedures are followed and we meet compliance standards for areas such as Risk Assessments. The Group has a Membership Secretary, Vic Pires, who does a fantastic job in managing the throughput of our 170 young members as they progress through the sections. In addition, we manage the Financials of the Group to ensure we have sufficient money for the sections and have viable plans for the Group to exist for many years to come through creation of budgets and maintenance of long-term savings.

We have a committed set of Trustee Board members who we are lucky enough to have retained for a number of years though we are always on the look-out for new members who can spare the time for the 3-4 meetings we hold each year.

The Group remain keen to participate in the local community and we have supported the Parish Council events such as Millennium Green fun day and the VE Day event last June.

This year we did experience the sad loss of one of our long-serving leaders. Kevin Stephenson passed away last August. He has been a great presence within the Group over many years as a Leader and also as a previous Chair of the Executive Committee. His good nature and willingness to be involved in any way will be greatly missed.

As always we are fortunate to have a strong leadership team made up of established leaders with many years of experience, a growing band of new young leaders who have come through from the sections as well as new volunteers who are stepping up. Lastly, not forgetting our section helpers who support the leaders. Thank you all for offering your own time to make a difference!

Stuart Clark
Group Chair

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Liphook Scout Group

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	<u>31/03/2025</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>
Income		
Subscriptions	17,537.22	18,551.41
Fundarising	1,470.97	3,345.31
Donations & grants	3,051.11	6,295.00
Gift Aid	7,799.11	-
Scout camp	5,375.00	8,990.00
Cub Camp	965.00	1,235.00
Scout Shop	1,657.61	840.35
Rifle/Archery	220.00	111.70
Interest	1,182.69	628.60
Total Income	<u>39,258.71</u>	<u>39,997.37</u>
Expenditure		
Donations	-	50.00
Levvy's & Fees	2,958.00	9,360.00
Fundarising Costs	516.47	1,115.04
Badges/Uniforms/Scout Shop	3,132.66	3,024.83
Section Payments & Activitwies	2,320.80	4,496.42
Scout Camp	6,794.61	4,777.31
Cub Camp	1,720.72	2,282.05
Rifle/Archery	20.00	1,422.39
Training	-	215.00
HQ Charges	11,750.00	7,500.00
Materials & Equip	6,653.13	5,338.79
Insurance	52.00	52.00
Minibus	1,791.80	2,582.98
Hall Sundries	-	207.79
Admin & Secretarial	494.85	387.00
Patrol Boxes	3,606.00	-
Misc	956.87	845.00
Total Expenditure	<u>42,767.91</u>	<u>43,656.60</u>
Deficit (Excess) of Income over Expenditure	<u>- 3,509.20</u>	<u>- 3,659.23</u>

Liphook Scout Group

Opening Balance at Bank	Current account	12,355.20	23,556.00
	Savings	30,418.29	22,866.72
	1st April	42,773.49	46,422.72
Loss for year		- 3,509.20	- 3,659.23
Prepaid adj-annual fees	10,004-9350	- 654.00	10.00
Accrual JMB	£840 2 years to be paid in 25/26	-	-
Total Assets		38,610.29	42,773.49

Bank Accounts	Current	7,009.31	12,355.20
	Savings & Go Cardless	31,600.98	30,418.29
	31st March	38,610.29	42,773.49

Independent Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

We have prepared the attached financial statement using standard accounting policies.

The accounting policies are considered appropriate to the clubs circumstances and amount of transactions.

The records have been examined from the information provided and in my opinion reflect a fair view of the clubs affairs as at 31st March 2025

Signed:



Date:

5th January 2025

JMB Accounting Ltd