

Grove Scout Group

AGM 2025



Chairs Report

When Andrew approached me to step into the role of Co-Chair following Paul Thompson's departure I was delighted to accept the position. My involvement with Grove Scout Group started as a parent in 2006 when my eldest son joined Cubs. 3 years later I started volunteering as a Cub leader and when I stepped down after 9 years I became a Trustee. It has been interesting contributing to the running of the Group from the other side.

It takes many people with a wide range of skills to successfully manage a Group of our size and deliver high quality Scouting to the young people. We are fortunate to have a great team of volunteers who fill the roles required and my thanks goes to all of you for everything you do.

I am fortunate to be able to help at the occasional session with sections of all ages. This is always enjoyable and helps to keep me in touch with the grass roots of Scouting. It makes committee meetings worthwhile and reminds me why we volunteer.

This is an exciting time for the Group. I am looking forward to attending the 60th Anniversary Camp and seeing the young people working together over the weekend. The plans for a new Scout Hut are making real progress now, and it will be great to see the project coming to fruition in the near future.

I wish you all a great Scouting time for the next year.

Simon Atkin

Another year has passed as Co-Chair for the group. With my Co-Chair, Paul Thompson moving from the area last year, it left a big hole to fill which Simon has very successfully filled. We have now got to grips with our new way of working as a Trustee Board to ensure we focus on overall group management without getting too involved in the "operational" aspects of the group.

I would like to personally thank all of our current trustees and other members of our sub committees for their time and commitment.

We are pleased to have a good group of volunteers within the Trustee Board, Leadership teams and Sub committees but we can always accommodate more! If you feel you can help in any way, please speak to one of the Leaders or Trustee Board for more details.

We are particularly looking for help with Group administration and Fundraising, particularly with the progression of the new Scout Hut plans.

Here's to more progress in the future. Thank you to all of you who help with the group.

Tracy Thomas

Lead Volunteer Report

When we meet for our AGM, it will be 10 years to the day since I agreed to take on what was then called the Group Scout Leader role (since reimagined as Group Lead Volunteer).

Despite the risk of jinxing things, I'm going to put on record that I am confident that our leader teams have never been stronger at any point in the last 10 years. Each section benefits from a blend of leaders with more than 10 years' experience leaders with less than a years' experience and everything in between. The reason we can celebrate this truth is that we are constantly refreshing our leader teams.

I set myself the objective six years ago of recruiting at least 10 new leaders every year. Allowing myself a short summer holiday and a bit of time off at Christmas, that essentially means one new leader a month on average every month.

So, when I tell you that our leader teams are strong - don't see that as an opportunity to lean back. See it as an invitation to lean forward and consider how you might participate to make sure that our Group is equally strong when your child is 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 years older than they are now.

Thank you to our leaders for every single minute that they give. I'm not even going to attempt to summarise the reports that follow, I'm going to ask you to go and read them yourselves - absorb the diversity and dynamism of the activities that all our age groups are exposed to.

If I'm being really honest with myself and with you, the age Group I used to struggle to connect with was Beavers, perhaps strange given that I was one of the first Beavers almost 40 years ago. That has really changed for me in the last two years through my personal involvement in Squirrels and seeing those Squirrels move into Beavers (section) and continue to grow both physically and figuratively. Beavers (section) meetings have become those that I enjoy visiting the most rather than those that, in the past, I would probably find an excuse to avoid. It is a chance to catch up with old friends and have them introduce me to their new friends.

I'm telling you that because being involved as a volunteer in scouting changes me. It changes all of us, and it's happening all the time. So, although when we encourage you to volunteer there's a big 'give' expected in that please don't ever think that it's a one-way street the stuff that we do changes our lives as volunteers and I can tell you with absolute confidence that it is more than five years since we've had a volunteer leave our Group because of unhappiness or frustration.

The evidence suggests this is a really awesome team to be part of if you don't believe me find another adult wearing a necker and ask them about their experience.

Thank you finally for the amazing support that Grove Scout group gets from his parents and families. When I hear other Group Lead Volunteers talking about some of the dynamics they have to manage, it makes me really really grateful that I live and Scout in Grove.

Andrew S



GROVE SCOUT COUNCIL Annual General Meeting

Sunday 17th May 2026 - 12.30pm
Youlbury Scout Camp

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st March 2025
 - b. Re-adopt the Group's constitution
 - c. Confirm agreement of the Group's financial year (1st September to 31st August)
 - d. Confirm agreement of the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - e. Confirm agreement of the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Grove Scout Group
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
 - c. Fees review
 - d. Property plans update
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint the Independent Examiner
- 6. Awards and Presentations**
- 7. Closing remarks**

Minutes of Grove Scout Group AGM

GROVE SCOUT COUNCIL Annual General Meeting

Saturday 1st March 2025 10.30am
Grove Scout Hut

MINUTES

1. Introduction and welcome

Explained that slight changes have been made to the historic structure of the group AGM as per changes in Scouting governance structure. This has also meant that this year the trustees have been much more focussed on the governance, finance and safety of Scouting than on operation matters associated with running sections.

Welcome to Robert Cotter, County youth team member and Graham Munday from the parish council.

2. Apologies for absence

Wendy Tatum (Oxfordshire Lead volunteer), Gareth Smith (White Horse Harriers), Leaders: Paul Steptoe, Caroline Shapland, Mark Thomas, Beata Krzeminska, Lewis Purbrick, Trudi Chant, Jo Probert, Simon Boshier, Graeme Dowson, Trustee: Tash Tucker, Parents: Emma Jaeger, James Ivey

3. Governance topics

- a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 04/05/2024

Nominated: John Ireland

Seconded: Tracey Beamont

- b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

Model constitution circulated during the meeting; this will be adopted officially each AGM.

Nominated: Nicola Eason

Seconded: Andrew Shapland

- c. Note the Group's financial year

- a. 1/9/2024-31/8/2025

- d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council

- a. all the adult Members of the Group,
- b. Parents and carers of the young people in the Group,
- c. Patrol leaders of the Troops,
- d. the District Lead Volunteer,
- e. the District Chair

Additional to approve one representative of the Parish Council recreation user group for this and future AGMs

Nominated: Andrew Shapland

Seconded: Abbe Irving

- e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - a. This year there has been 11 trustees on the board, two of whom are stepping down (Linda and Fiona) all other trustees are one year into initial three-year terms. Therefore, we can appoint up to 3 people on to the trustee board during this meeting or by co-opting in the future.

Nominated: Paul Thompson

Seconded: John Ireland

- f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
 - a. Proposal of equivalent of 2 adults per section with 7 sections that would be 14 adults. Plus ex-officio members (chair, treasurer and lead volunteer) Therefore a total of 17 people would be required for quorum.

Nominated: Paul Thompson

Seconded: Tracey Beamont

- 4. Review of the previous year
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in Grove Scout Group

Andrew gave overview of the year and what the future holds

- b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

The annual reports were circulated before the meeting. Abbe gave a short update on the financial statements.

- 5. Making appointments
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - a. Both Paul and Tracy are happy continue and as the appointments are for 2 years

Show of hands for approval

- b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - a. Andrew Aiken has agreed to stand as treasurer. Whilst we acknowledge that a fully open process of advertising the role has not been followed, we did request volunteers at the last AGM. If anyone would like to take on the role or that as a member of the finance subcommittee, they are welcome to speak to us. For future appointments an open advertisement process of the roles will take place.

Show of hands for approval

- c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - a. Heather Stovold is to be appointed to the trustee board. This will allow space for two further people to be op-opted and approved at the next AGM.

Show of hands for approval

d. Appoint the Independent Examiner

a. Andrew Jeffery has agreed to act as the independent examiner

Show of hands for approval

6. Closing remarks

We are in the process of looking for a group administrator to join the team to support the trustee board as well as Andrew as lead volunteer

The meeting finished at 11:10am with a workshop around the proposals for the new building as well as Bacon sandwiches. Thank you for all those who attended.

Squirrels Report



Being a Squirrel Leader in Grove continues to be an absolute pleasure.

Our programme continues to meander through fun, craft, creativity, exploration and outdoors with most sessions greeted with equal pleasure by our enthusiastic and generally very well-behaved Squirrels.

The highlights of 2025 were:

- 1 - our summer evening at Youlbury throwing plastic Tomahawks and shooting soft Archery/
- 2 - seeing Squirrels start to join in with activities that cut across age groups such as our Cub camp in September, VE Day parade in May and Remembrance Ceremony in November.

We are excited to be back at Youlbury for Group Camp to combine both those things!

Thanks to all of the adults who continued to support the leadership of the section in 2025 but particularly to Paul Steptoe who is now sharing his experience gained working across multiple age groups with our Squirrels and the leader team.

Andrew



Silver Beavers Report

Autumn term began with creating a machine from Lego, which had a moving part. Lego construction is always a popular meeting! Plus an introduction to Fairtrade and a discussion about endangered animals and why they are endangered. Outside the hut to deal with the Scooters/Cyclist's badge, but the rain and soggy ground made the safe riding part to do at another time! We began the part 1 of Emergency Aid with bandages, plasters and how to deal with cuts and bruises. Some teddies looked as though they had been through a lot!! We had a sleepover in the Centenary Lodge at Youldbury to gain our night's away and Space Badge and other camping activities. Back home we had an evening of great fun creating experiments and deciding the outcomes beforehand! Looking after our bodies came next with promotion of healthy eating posters and exercise and made some fruit kebabs. We end the meeting before half term at the chip shop having spent an evening on a scavenger hunt through the village.

Always hectic after half term heading towards Christmas! Starting with finding out about Diwali and making divas and learning to light a candle (tea light) safely with matches. We were on show at Denchworth for the parade and service for Remembrance Day. Learning to fold paper aeroplanes and seeing whose flew the furthest and learning to tie our shoelaces. Didn't quite get tied in knots, but it was close! Another popular evening constructing models from junk, having discussed recycling first. We learnt about Christingle and what each part means. Each lodge made their own and again we lit the candles with matches safely. We also attended the Grove District Girl Guiding Christingle service at the church in the village. Our last meeting was to make some things to hang on the Christmas tree at home and then to everyone's surprise we had a visit from Father Christmas! Some Beavers took part in raising some money for the group with going out with Santa and his sleigh and also being postman

in posting Christmas cards for the Scout Post.

Into the New Year, we learnt why January was so called, we had a log chew over our Code of Conduct and what the Beavers wanted to do this term in the way of badge work. We completed two activity badges before we celebrated Chinese New Year with the Year of the Snake. We were out again to the library in Grove for our last meeting before half term and to start the book Reader's badge.

After half term break, we completed the Emergency Aid part 2, learning how to put a person into the recovery position and how to open an airway. Shrove Tuesday was celebrated with cooking pancakes and learning what Shrove Tuesday was all about and why pancakes. Over to the Funky Teapot to create a gift for Mothering Sunday. Always a good time there and the end products looked fabulous! We had an evening of show and tell and talking about the collections of items we make. We went out again to see what crossings and things on the ground make life a lot easier for Disabled people. We finished the term with an Egg Hunt with a difference! Easter bunny then delivered some Easter eggs!

And so to the summer term; our first meeting back was to be able to feed lambs at Home Farm in Denchworth, by kind permission from David Cox. That was a lovely evening and the lambs were very hungry and strong! We celebrated VE80 with some crafts and hearing about what Scouts actually did during the second world war. We also attended Grove Parish Council's VE Day Celebrations, which happened to be outside our hut and watched the Beacon being lit and sang some songs with the Wantage Silver Band. Back in the hut we learnt about money and coins and how to look after our mouths with diet and brushing correctly. Removing plaque made easy, by chewing some disclosing tablets! After half term, we went back in time to learn about communications from smoke signals, to flags, morse code, to mobiles and computers. They made a call home using a mobile and needed to know their home number too. We had summer science, which meant that we could do experiments outside and not worry about clearing up the floor afterwards! Yes, they were environment friendly! Back outside again this time

walking along the old tow path to the Wilts & Berks canal from Challow to the hut. Finding things to fill in for each letter of the alphabet – some letters were a challenge, but the leaders accepted creativity!! Back inside the hut for the completion of the Money skills badge and then out to Youlbury to the Oaks for fire lighting and toasting marshmallows over the fire with s'mores. Not sure who had more fun here, parents or the Beavers!! The last meeting of the year which has become a tradition whatever the weather – playing with water and finishing with everyone dripping wet after a water blaster fight!!

The Silver Colony had 11 Beavers who completed their Bronze Award and were invited to attend the County Awards Day at Youlbury. Many thanks to the volunteer leaders in the Leader Team who

make the evenings run easier and who love helping the Beavers along with their tasks. Trudi Chant, Ida Jacob, Peter Challis, Karen Brown, Christie Cheshire and Beata Krzeminska. Thank you to our Young Leader Naomi Gill who completed her Bronze DofE and stayed to complete her Silver. The Beavers loved having her at our meetings.

Fiona Stovold LV

Silver Beaver Colony



Buffalo Beavers Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all my Beaver Leaders for their constant support and time they give up ensuring that Friday Buffalo Beavers can run so smoothly. They are Steve, Simon, Roisin, Jo and Graeme. Due to circumstances changing for Jo, regrettably she has now stood down as a Buffalo Leader. But we hope to see her at the forthcoming summer camps!

Over the last year we have been very busy (earning lots of badges)! We have had several campfires and overnight summer camp. We also joined in the Cubs on their 50 years of Grove Cubs celebration camp in September. So, a huge thank you to those who came along and played games, ate hot dogs and drank hot chocolate camped! You're all super stars for such commitment!

Over the year we have been on many nature rambles, Letcombe Regis nature reserve, conkering at Harwell campus; night hike on the ridgeway to the monument!; had a parents and Beaver games in Betjeman Park; and a sports evening at Manor Park. We joined the Squirrels and Silver Beavers at Denchworth for Remembrance Parade. We ended the summer term with the annual water party

where you are guaranteed to get soaked and we always end the year with a Christmas party!

So far this term the Beavers had a fab time creating their own models using recyclable items from the home e.g. green bin items. We have learnt about the Luna New Year to complement our work on the Space Activity Badge. We are currently working on our Gardeners Activity Badge alongside the Global Issues Challenge. We are all looking forward to our visit to Pets At Home in the near future!

We have completed several badges, and we have had a number of Beavers completing their Bronze Award Challenge and they will be invited to the Awards Day at Youlbury later in the year.

Another successful year in Buffalo Beavers and a huge thank you again to everyone for your continued support, leaders, Beavers and parents.

Linda Audas



Jaguar Cubs Report



We appreciate the enthusiasm and energy the children bring to every meeting and event, which makes the experience rewarding for everyone involved. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents for their ongoing support, which is vital in helping us run the group smoothly. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we look forward to another year of enjoyable Scouting.

Akela Tracey

In the past year, the Jaguar Cubs have had an active and engaging programme filled with various activities. Notable events included the joint cubs camp where the members enjoyed a weekend of camping and adventure. The Cubs also participated in the Canoe Session, where they developed their skills on the water, and took part in a series of hikes, notably the evening hike from Hanney to Grove. Throughout the year, the Cubs worked diligently on badge work and participated in community-focused initiatives, further enriching their experience.

The meetings held were varied and informative. Activities ranged from personal safety discussions to engaging visits such as the Bright Sparks science event and the fire station visit. Hands-on projects, like building a golf course from recyclable materials, provided opportunities for learning and creativity. The Cubs also engaged in festive activities, including making Christmas crafts and participating in the annual duck racing.

As we look forward, there is much to anticipate. The upcoming Group Camp promises to be another fantastic opportunity for fun and camaraderie, allowing the Cubs to strengthen their bonds and continue building skills together.

Thank you to all the leaders for their guidance and support over the past year. A special thank you goes to Jenny and Karen for their hard work, as well as to Thomas Reeves, our young leader, for his invaluable contributions to the Cubs. We must also bid farewell to Lewis Purbrick, whose dedication to the group has made a significant impact.

Falcon Cubs

Annual Report 2025

(Autumn 24; Spring 25; Summer 25)



Introduction

The 2024–2025 Scouting year has been another exciting, challenging and rewarding year for Falcon Cubs. From welcoming new members in September to celebrating together at our end-of-term party in July, our programme has provided a rich variety of experiences designed to develop our Cubs' #skillsforlife.

Across the year, our activities were shaped by the Cubs themselves through Pack Forums, encouraged leadership from older members, and balanced adventure, creativity, service and reflection. The result has been a year of strong personal growth, teamwork, resilience and fun.

Autumn Term

We began the year by welcoming new starters at "The Pack is Back" evening, using games and a Pack Forum to help everyone feel included and heard. Early in the term, Cubs set their own goals through the Personal Challenge Award, agreeing two challenges to complete at home. This encouraged independence, perseverance and personal responsibility.

Later on, Cubs developed practical awareness through Home Safety activities and a visit to Wantage Fire Station. They challenged themselves physically and developed confidence during rope activities at Youlbury and built communication skills through sign language and coded "Secret Messages". Teamwork was strengthened through games and a treasure hunt, while our outings with Santa's Sleigh brought an opportunity to develop community awareness and citizenship.

Spring Term

Spring term focused strongly on identity, leadership, safety and community awareness.

Early in the term, older Cubs led a Games Night and taught the Pack how to perform a range of magic tricks. These opportunities empowered them as role models while building presentation and mentoring skills.

Cubs explored what it means to be part of a worldwide movement, strengthening their sense of belonging and global citizenship.

Active sessions such as swimming and target sports developed coordination and focus, while communication challenges and gardening activities broadened both practical skills and environmental awareness.

Summer Term

Summer term was packed with outdoor adventure, creativity and teamwork. Cubs began by planning part of their own programme during a Pack Forum, reinforcing youth-led Scouting.

Outdoor and active experiences featured strongly, including athletics, a nature walk between Wantage and Grove, and gardening projects around the hut.

Creative and practical skills were developed through a photography project to produce a tourist leaflet, as well as backwoods cooking and fire-lighting at Youlbury. Cubs also embraced new challenges, such as learning golf, building confidence in trying unfamiliar activities.

Conclusion

In 2024/25 Falcon Cubs have developed practical abilities, stronger friendships, and the confidence to take on new challenges. Most importantly, they have had fun while building the #SkillsforLife that Scouting promises.

Thank you to our dedicated leaders, young leaders, parent helpers and supporters who have made this year possible. We look forward to another year of adventure, growth and achievement with Falcon Cubs.

Red Kite Scouts Report



We had a great year of Scouting in 2025, a year which saw a significant cohort of Scouts move on to Explorers and an equally significant wave of younger members joining us with numbers packing briefly at 36.

We enjoyed working more closely with Seagull Scouts this year, including on our Summer Solstice Camp, the Williams Family Day, and our return visit to Kent International Jamboree (KIJ). Three

years on from our first attendance at that event our numbers were up from 18 to 34 so we were grateful for the support of Lewis, Roisin and Linda complementing the Scout Leader team to make that even possible.

Badges achieved ranged from time on the water and hikes away to Scientist, Navigator, My Faith and Astronautics. Autumn 2025 marked six-years since the re-opening of Red Kites Scouts and we have finally said goodbye not only to our original cohort of Scouts but also to all of their siblings. We are excited to be working with a significant and motivated year 6 and 7 cohort to our team and to be welcoming Katie as the latest member of the Red Kite Leader team.

Thanks to all of the parents who have committed so brilliantly to our parent rota, it makes a real difference to what we do and how we do it.

Thank you to all of our Scouts and Parents

Andrew



Seagull Scouts Report

This year has been a whirlwind of fun, discovery, and community spirit for the Seagull Scouts. From paddleboarding at Port Meadow in Oxford—where some Scouts spent more time *in* the water than on it!—to our fascinating visits to the WestMill solar and wind farm and Wantage Fire Station, the Scouts have thrown themselves into every adventure. The creative chaos of the Funky Teapot and the excitement of the ice rink were also big hits with many.

Throughout the year, our meetings have been packed with teamwork, laughter, and new skills. From pioneering challenges and energetic outdoor games to junk music making and fire lighting at Youlbury, the Scouts have embraced every opportunity to learn while having a great time. The harvest festival brought a wonderful sense of celebration and togetherness, while dissecting owl pellets offered a memorable (and slightly surprising!) new experience for most. And, as always, our joint Parliament Week session with the Red Kites was full of lively debate and plenty of enthusiasm.

This past year was packed with exciting 'away' adventures, with the International Jamboree standing out as a true highlight—several unforgettable days bursting with adventure, challenge, and new friendships. The Summer Solstice Camp at Crays Pond and the October camp at Paccar added to the fun, giving Scouts even more chances to bond, explore, and enjoy the great outdoors together, as well as work towards their badges, and we thank the Red Kites for always including us in their camps.



This year, we were thrilled to present four Chief Scout Awards, celebrating the outstanding dedication and hard work of our young members. Their achievements reflect their commitment to Scouting and serve as a fantastic inspiration to the whole troop. We were equally delighted to see four Scouts successfully complete the Stuart Rae Challenge—a brilliant accomplishment that made us incredibly proud.

Sarah, Nick and Will were delighted to welcome Katy and Melanie to the leadership team this year. We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to James and Heather for their dedication and the many contributions they've made as they take a break from scout leading. Our new young leaders, Danny and James, have also joined us, bringing fresh enthusiasm and great new ideas to support our activities.

Looking ahead, we have a fantastic programme lined up, packed with engaging badge work and a wide variety of activities and camps that will keep our young Scouts busy, active, and inspired, including bike rides, first aid and more camps with the Red Kites.

Finally, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our Scouts for their enthusiasm, energy, and brilliant spirit throughout the year. They are the reason being a leader is so rewarding. We're also deeply grateful to our parents and the many volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes—their ongoing support is what keeps our group thriving. With their help, we're excited for another fun-filled and fulfilling year of Scouting.

Seagull Leader Team





Shackleton Explorers Report



Summer 2025 was the obvious time to restart Shackleton Explorers in Grove as we had nine self-motivated, nearly 15 years olds who wanted to make a success of Explorers for themselves and for each other.

Explorers has been running fortnightly, with just over half of the young people also acting as Young Leaders in other sections. Numbers look set to swell during 2026 and we are actively looking for a bigger leader team to take this section forward.

A big well done to Austin, Lucas, Lucas, Danny, Lyla, Lucy, Drew, James and Savannah for committing to each-other in the transition to Explorers and creating the focal point for others to join.

Andrew

Treasurer Report

The group finances continue to be in a good position, with costs of running the group being covered by the income received and reserves held at expected levels. The main differences in this year's accounts compared to the prior year is the timing of the gift aid claims as two years' worth was claimed in 2024/5 and fundraising was £4,000 less than the previous year.

Fundraising events throughout the year such as Santa's Sleigh, Christmas post and White Horse Community Lottery along with donations continue to increase funds set aside for the development of a new hut. As of 31st August 2025, we had £151.8k in the property development account. Once the plans for the new hut are finalised, we will need to increase fundraising efforts to support any S106 grants.

The annual accounts Sept 24 - Aug 25 are provided on the next three pages, and these have been independently examined by Andrew Jeffrey. I take the opportunity to thank Andrew for his time to do this and his support towards our scout group.

While the Group remains in a stable financial position, we need to divert more of our fundraising efforts towards a new hut and cannot continue to rely on fundraising to mitigate the increases in central and County subscriptions.

The costs of running the Group continue to increase and subs have not increased for two years. Every year we pay a membership fee for every member to Scouts (UKHQ, County and District) and these alone have risen by around £10 per member over the last year. In order to continue providing the rich and diverse programme of activities and adventures for our young people, we need to increase subs from July 2026 to £13.25 per month. We trust you understand we have not made this decision lightly.

Grove Scout Group does offer a bursary fund to ensure young people to not miss out of the opportunities that Scouting provides due to financial reasons. Should you wish to access this fund for support please email: gsl_grove@kascouts.org.uk and mark FAO: Simon Atkin – Access Bursary

Andy - Group Treasurer

Grove Scout Group

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 August 2025

	31/08/2025	31/08/2024
Cash Funds		
Property Development Account	£151,826	£139,489
Bank Current Account	£20,298	£23,218
Cash Float	£17	£0
	<u>£172,142</u>	<u>£162,706</u>
Other Monetary Assets		
Debtors	£0	£0
Clothing Stock	£0	£0
Equipment	£959	£333
Total Assets	<u>£173,101</u>	<u>£163,039</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Creditors	£0	£0
Total Liabilities	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>£173,101</u>	<u>£163,039</u>

Notes to the accounts

Equipment

The group owns various items of camping equipment, BBQ and tables, which are insured for £23,000.

Equipment recognised as an asset on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, if the cost is greater than £500 and the item has more than one year's economical benefit.

Grants

£1500 restricted grant from Oxfordshire County Council (received in 2014) for Ground Surveys remains unspent as at 31st August 2025.

Other

Census is collected annually in April and payments passed to District (Apr 2025 £11,738, Apr 2024 - £9685)

In the financial year ending 31st August 2025 Gift Aid claims for tax years 23/24 and 24/25 were claimed totalling £8331.

Payments received via OSM/Gocardless are recorded net of their transactional fees. These fees totalled £1480 in 2024/25 (£931 2023/24).

The above receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Chair



Tracy Thomas

Date: 28/2/26

Treasurer



Andy Aitken

Date: 28/2/26

Grove Scout Group

Receipts & Payments accounts for year ended 31st August 2025

	Receipts	Year Ended 31/08/2025	Year Ended 31/08/2024
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership Subscriptions less refunds		£20,163	£17,675
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (District)		(£11,738)	(£9,685)
Net Membership subscriptions retained		£8,425	£7,990
Donations		£1,650	£494
Legacies		£0	£0
Gift Aid		£8,331	£0
		£18,406	£8,484
Grants			
Other Grants		£0	£0
		£0	£0
Section Activities			
Camp Fees		£15,838	£8,028
Events		£1,085	£1,527
Section Meetings		£0	£35
Badges		£0	£0
Necker Sales		£495	£197
		£17,418	£9,787
Fundraising			
Fundraising		£343	£94
Santa's Sleigh		£2,033	£2,847
Xmas Post		£1,202	£2,261
VOWH Lottery		£2,028	£1,900
Grove Extravaganza		£0	£2,545
Clothing		£0	£0
		£5,606	£9,647
Other Income			
Hall Hire		£155	£485
Other Income		£30	£74
		£185	£559
Investment income received			
Bank Interest		£2,175	£1,814
		£2,175	£1,814
Total Gross Income		£43,789	£30,290
Asset & Investment Sales		£0	£0
Total Receipts		£43,789	£30,290

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Receipts & Payments accounts for year ended 31st August 2025

Payments	Year ended 31/08/2025	Year ended 31/08/2024
Premises (Current Hut)		
Rent	£0	£0
Services	£1,195	£341
Insurance	£2,259	£1,643
Other hut costs and Maintenance	£568	£273
Cleaning	£747	£847
	£4,768	£3,104
Scouting Activities Expenditure		
Scout Troop Expenses	£2,834	£3,866
Camps	£20,958	£8,124
Events	£1,432	£1,687
International Contributions	£0	£250
Badges and Uniform	£2,003	£2,599
OSM (less transaction fees)	£170	£65
	£27,396	£16,591
Other Expenditure		
Fundraising expenses	£195	£2,594
Marketing Expenses	£0	£0
Leader Training	£0	£0
AGM Expenses	£100	£588
Equipment	£1,000	£1,843
Sundry Payments	£135	£230
	£1,430	£5,255
Total Gross Expenditure	£33,594	£24,950
Asset,stock & Investment Purchases	£759	£422
Total Payments	£34,354	£25,373
NET OF RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	£9,435	£4,918
Cash funds at start of year	£162,706	£157,788
Cash funds at the end of year	£172,142	£162,706

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Grove Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Grove Scout Group for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Grove Scout Group 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 Grove Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 respect of the Grove Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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:

Andrew Jeffrey

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Date:

14 Feb 2026