

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	7 th Group Royston (Barkway) Scout Group
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	291461
Charity's principal address	Scout Hut (rear of Town House)
	Church End
	Barley, Hertfordshire
Postcode	SG8 8JW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sarah Wylie	Chairperson		
2	Georgina Northen	Treasurer		
3	Lisa Ghiggini	Secretary		
4	Stuart Farrow			
5	Louise Hood			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed at one of the formal termly meetings or the Annual General Meeting. They are reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The focus of our activities continues to be the provision of Scouting for boys and girls from 6 years to 14 years (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts). Activities are run in accordance with The Scout Association policies and guidance to engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The charity also provides opportunities for members to become volunteers themselves; at fundraising and community events and by promoting The Scout Association Young Leaders' Scheme to those aged between 14 and 18.

The group also has an Explorers section for 14 to 18 year olds, run in association with the district scouting unit.

We welcome all families regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstance.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are grateful for the many hours our volunteer leaders have spent planning and running the many activities that have taken place throughout the year. Without their valuable contribution of time and energy we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Explorers

The unit has enjoyed regular attendance from its members of which there have been 21 in the year. The leaders encourage members to take it in turns to plan and run the evenings themselves, to support their personal development and various themes were explored that contributed to the group's development and engagement. These included planning for upcoming events such as the Green Beret competition and skill development sessions focusing on map reading, compass settings, and survival skills. Social events, including culinary nights, fostered community spirit, while unique activities like tomahawk throwing and geocaching provided opportunities for adventure and teamwork.

Throughout the year, the group participated in several events, ranging from outdoor adventures to social gatherings. Notable events included the Explorer Summer Camp in Brno, Czechia, which offered a comprehensive experience over 9 days, and the District Explorer Camp, which also involved extensive participation. Additionally, activities such as gliding, ice skating, and climbing promoted physical fitness and camaraderie among the members. Overall, these events successfully nurtured skills, friendships, and a greater appreciation for teamwork.

Scouts

The troop has welcomed 30 Scouts in the past year, and they have participated in a variety of events that significantly enhanced the members' skills and camaraderie. Meetings have been filled with cooking, badge skills and lots of games designed to develop team working skills. Notable activities included a Group Camp (which allowed the Scouts to develop teamwork and leadership skills over three days with the younger members of our unit present), the Autumn Scout Camp and District Green Beret competition which enabled Scouts to challenge themselves both physically and mentally across a weekend of team based activities. The festive season was celebrated with a Christmas party, and recently, a Mystery Camp allowed for adventurous exploration with the Scouts finding their own way by train and foot (with discreet supervision!) to their campsite in Suffolk. Overall, these events contributed to the personal development and social bonding of the Scouts.

Cubs

The pack has 25 Cubs, with more on the waiting list. During the year, they engaged in a variety of activities that focused on both skill development and fun social events. They undertook preparations for camps and specific skill-based sessions, with topics such as knots, pioneering, cooking, and navigation featured prominently. Additionally, various themed nights, including Polish cooking and Scottish dancing, were conducted, fostering a sense of community and culture within the group. The meetings also included planning for future events and opportunities for badge work, ensuring that every member had the chance to learn and achieve new skills. This was reflected with 8 cubs achieving the Silver Chief Scout Award in the period.

The Cubs participated in several memorable events, including the Summer Group Camp and Autumn Cub Camp. These events provided the children with exciting opportunities to develop teamwork skills, engage in outdoor activities, and strengthen their connections with one another. The

Clip n' Climb event also offered an evening of physical challenge and enjoyment, further enhancing their experience within the Scout community.

Beavers

The colony has 25 Beavers, with an ever-growing waiting list. We have a strong leadership team who are helped by some of our Young Leaders.

Highlights from the year include:

- The District Christmas party and wreath making activity
- Work done on the Earth Tribe Award
- A fun and educational Scottish themed February
- The spring and autumn camps
- Badge work including personal challenges
- Two beavers being awarded their Bronze Chief Scout Award

Fundraising

Fundraising to purchase equipment and top up member subscriptions has continued but the main focus of the fundraising effort continues to be on activity to raise the money required to replace the Scout Hut.

The group has raised another £7,536 in the financial year for this purpose, taking the Scout Hut fund to £29,674 at year end. The Trustees had expected to obtain planning permission for the new hut design in 2024 but negotiations with the village Parish Council who own the land the hut sits on have taken longer than planned. Agreement has now been reached and a planning application has been made. Once planning permission is obtained, fundraising efforts to pay for the build will be ramped up.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold cash at the bank at year end of £61,288 of which £29,674 are restricted funds raised to replace the Scout Hut and £702 are restricted funds raised to enable the charity to provide financial support to any members who can't meet the cost of extra activities. The remaining £30,912 of unrestricted funds are held in order to meet any other expenditure that may occur, for example premises repairs or replacement furniture or equipment. The excess of funds held in unrestricted funds (which comes from non specific fundraising over a number of years) will be allocated to the hut project at the appropriate time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funding is from member subscriptions, activity fees and fundraising events.

The main costs of the charity are activity costs and district subscriptions.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Georgina Northen	Sarah Wylie
Full name(s)	Georgina Northen	Sarah Wylie
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair

Date 28/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

7th Royston (Barkway) Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity
no (if any)

291461

Set out on page(s)

8 & 9

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Ed Whybrow

Date: 25/01/2026

Name: Ed Whybrow

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:

The Ramblers, High Street, Barley

Royston, SG8 8JA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



7th Royston (Barkway) Scout Group

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants & general donations	2,146	-	-	2,146	2,994
Member subscriptions	15,821	-	-	15,821	14,243
Activity fees	6,879	-	-	6,879	12,707
Fundraising: Scout Hut Appeal	-	7,536	-	7,536	2,590
Restricted donations	-	-	-	-	8
Gift Aid received	1,227	-	-	1,227	3,854
Interest received	282	409	-	691	308
Subtotal (Gross income for AR)	26,355	7,945	-	34,300	36,704
A2 Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,355	7,945	-	34,300	36,704
A3 Payments					
Activity costs	9,394	-	-	9,394	12,394
District subscriptions	7,474	-	-	7,474	5,688
Utilities	1,355	-	-	1,355	2,044
Insurance	1,227	-	-	1,227	1,207
Maintenance and repairs	979	-	-	979	1,475
Website	198	-	-	198	243
New Hut project costs	-	4,626	-	4,626	-
Sundries	1,191	-	-	1,191	659
Sub total	21,817	4,626	-	26,443	23,710
A4 Asset and investment purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Camp & hut equipment	914	-	-	914	1,968
Sub total	914	-	-	914	1,968
Total payments	22,731	4,626	-	27,357	25,678
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,624	3,319	-	6,943	11,026
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,288	27,057	-	54,345	43,319
Cash funds this year end	30,912	30,376	-	61,288	54,345

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	30,912	30,376	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,912	30,376	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid claim	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Scout hut furniture	Unrestricted	-	-
	Camp equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Utilities invoice	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Georgina Northen	Georgina Northen	28/01/2026	