



Trustees Annual Report

Year Ended 31st August 2025

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Overall, the Group recorded a net surplus of £422.96 for the year. Cash funds at the year end stood at £16,239.55, compared with £16,194.51 at the previous year end. The balance remains above the minimum reserve level set by the Trustee Board.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient funds to:

- continue the charitable activities of the Group should income or fundraising activities fall short; and
- provide financial support to enable young people to participate in scouting where lack of funds might otherwise be a barrier.

The Trustee Board considers that, in order to meet this policy, reserves should ideally be maintained at a minimum level of £5,000 at all times.

At the year end, the Group held reserves of £16,239.55. This level is above the minimum required to meet immediate commitments such as the payment of capitation fees and provides a degree of financial resilience. The Trustees consider that the current level of reserves will also support the ongoing maintenance of the headquarters building and the continued delivery of scouting activities across all sections. The Trustee Board notes, however, that this balance is gradually decreasing and will continue to be monitored closely.

Section F - Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s) _____

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Full name(s) _____

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Date: _____

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Gamlingay & Gransden Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Accounts from 1st September 2024 to 31 August 2025

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	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£		£
Subscriptions	12,774.50		17,686.50
Gift Aid		<i>Net profit</i>	
Fundraising	4,475.02	-	3,594.56
Donations	-	3,186.62	4,141.64
Group	804.66		250.00
Interest	189.53		90.27
Misc			847.45
Grant			
Explorers	188.39		3,500.00
GoGreen	25,723.85		23,411.34
Total Receipts	44,155.95		53,521.76

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£		£
Capitation	5,607.00		5,757.00
Unit allocations	1,807.20		2,690.00
Insurance	1,543.94		2,735.51
Rent, Rates, Water, Electricity	1,633.50		5,884.22
Maintenance	1,620.23		871.30
Equipment	1,819.01		1,655.98
Group Camp	100.00		-
Donations	-		-
Fund Raising	1,288.40		1,668.29
Refurbishment			
Loan repayments			
Travel costs			
Expenses			
Group			
Badges	1,375.75		1,434.36
Uniform	13.72		193.80

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Cleaning	650.00	1,222.70
GoGreen Project	25,441.11	23,411.34
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Net Receipts/ (Payments)	422.96	315.68
Cash Funds Last Year End	16,194.51	15,878.83
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

Cash Funds

	Group 2025	Group 2024	Group 2023
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Community Account	3,280.49	4,070.51	16,607.99
Business (savings)	13,336.98	13,147.45	57.18
Consolidated Group	16,617.47	17,217.96	16,665.17

The difference between the net receipts for the year and the bank balance at the year end is due to timing differences arising from income received but not yet banked and payments made but not yet cleared at the reporting date. The Trustees are satisfied that the bank balance stated above reconciles to the Group's accounting records.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the 11th February 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Signature	Print Name

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE EXEC COMMITTEE OF
GAMLINGAY & GRANSDEN SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 which consist of an Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet.

Respective responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 103 of the 2011 act, or, to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met,

Or,

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 13/02/2026