

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 06/04/2024 to 05/04/2025

18th Maidenhead Scout Group
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Charity Number 300499

Trustee Board

<u>Trustee Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Dates acted</u>
Maria Borg Filletti	Chairperson	Full Year
Katie Woolford	Group Lead Volunteer	Full Year
Alexandra Garlick	Treasurer	Full Year
Mandy Threadgold	Member	Full Year
Meredith Richards	Member	Full Year
Garry Black	Member	Full Year
Carolyn Newbery	Member	Full Year
Hannah Morgan	Member	From October 2025

Structure, governance and management

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 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 and 6 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustees, and 5 co-opted Trustees) and meets approximately every 12 weeks.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are 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 give young people skills for life.

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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.

Scouting activities are designed to be fun and educational, catering to a wide range of interests and abilities. Here are some of the main activities involved in Scouting:

Outdoor Adventures: Scouts engage in various outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling, and canoeing. These activities are not only enjoyable but also contribute to the personal development of young people.

Teamwork and Leadership: Scouting emphasizes teamwork and leadership skills, which are essential for success in various aspects of life. Scouts learn to work in a team, take initiative, and lead others in their activities.

Skill Development: Scouts learn a variety of skills that are valuable for school, college, and future careers. These skills include problem-solving, communication, and resilience.

Adventure and Exploration: Scouting encourages exploration and discovery, with opportunities to try new activities and learn about the world around them.

Community and Teamwork: Scouting fosters a sense of community and teamwork, where young people can make friends and build lasting relationships.

These activities are designed to be fun and educational, helping young people develop the skills they need for life. Scouting is open to everyone, regardless of gender, race, background, or physical ability, ensuring that no one feels left out.

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

It has been another positive and busy year for the 18th Maidenhead Scout Group, and I am pleased to report that the Group continues to be steady, consistent and in a healthy position.

Across all sections - Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - our young people have enjoyed a wide and varied programme. Highlights from the year include Summer Camp, visits to Legoland and BCA Zoo, the Beaveree, St George's Day celebrations, and a strong focus on practical skills such as cooking and swimming. There have also been plenty of memorable experiences including sleepovers, adventure days, hikes, time on the water, and the fantastic Kip on a Ship expedition to HMS Belfast, all of which reflect the adventurous spirit of scouting.

Community engagement has remained an important part of what we do. The group has been involved in school fairs and litter picks, and it has been particularly encouraging to see our Squirrels raise over £700 for Thames Valley Adventure Playground - a brilliant achievement for our youngest members and a credit to both the young people and their leaders.

Group numbers remain strong and stable, and we are in a good position as we look ahead to the coming year. With a committed leadership team, enthusiastic young people, and supportive families, the Group is well placed to continue delivering high-quality Scouting.

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 sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £12600.

The Group held reserves of approximately £17000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by an amount that has been ringfenced for future large building maintenance costs.

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.

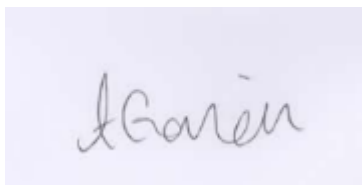
The Group's principal source of funding continues to be membership fees however we raised over £2000 through various fundraising activities and £600 hiring out the building and marquees.

Plans for future periods

Our Scout troop have signed up to WINGS 26, a local Jamboree, which is being held in July 2026. We have big ideas for fundraising in 25/26 to cover the costs of the registration and to instill a sense of the value of money within the group.

We have plans to obtain grants to allow us to carry out some essential maintenance to our building and also to improve our equipment, leading to further Scouting adventures.

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



Signature

Full name Alexandra Garlick

Position Treasurer

Date 31/01/2026

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Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	2024	To	2025

Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	9,243	8,085
Donations	270	605
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	9,513	8,690
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Events - Beavers	2,100	1,045
Events - Cubs	4,806	2,436
Events - Scouts	4,947	1,572
Events - Squirrels	1,080	1,267
Uniform	336	322
Other fundraising activities	2,299	2,148
Sub total	15,568	8,790
Scout hut income		
Hire of building/marquee	600	1,173
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	600	1,173
Total Gross Income	25,681	18,652
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	25,681	18,652

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership costs to District	5,306	4,792
Youth programme and activities	1,742	478
Group events	6,321	3,531
Beaver events	636	192
Cub events	2,153	655
Scout events	2,628	843
Squirrel events	261	395
Adult support and training	48	37
Electricity and Gas	1,063	731
Insurance	585	-
Hut maintenance	228	290
Materials and equipment	419	1,199
Admin Costs	355	479
Camping Equipment	126	524
Uniforms	1,019	1,206
Badges	1,254	1,483
Bank Fees	786	485
Fundraising expenses	291	56
Sub total	25,220	17,377
Total Gross Expenditure	25,220	17,377
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	25,220	17,377
Net of receipts/(payments)	462	1,275
Cash funds last year end	17,063	15,787
Cash funds this year end	17,524	17,063

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	5th April 2025 Unrestricted funds £	5th April 2024 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	17,524	17,063
Total cash funds	17,524	17,063
Other monetary assets		
Gift Aid claim	4,000	2,000
Expense cards residual	389	-
Sub total	4,389	2,000
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	500	500
Land and buildings	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	500	500
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	22,414	19,563

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature 

Print Name
Alexandra Garlick Treasurer

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 18th Maidenhead Scouts

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st 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 set out on attached pages.

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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Date: 4th October 2025