



Wantage Scout Group

Financial report 2024-2025

This report covers the period from April 2024 through to end of March 2025 for our 1st and 4th KA Beaver, Cub & Scout groups, and Challow Beaver & Cub groups. We also manage the finances for the Ridgeway Explorer group.

2024-25 accounts

Overall summary: Our finances are in good health there are no major issues ... We started the year with £28,850 in our various accounts. We had income of £58,826 versus expenditure of £57,578. So, we close the year with an increased balance of £30,098.

Income: Subs income of £24,485 is higher than to 2024. We have a slightly higher headcount and good recovery of subs from all sections. All subs are collected via Online Scout Manager (OSM).

We received Gift Aid of £4,417 (up to end Feb 2025), in addition to a similar payment for the previous year that missed the year end deadline last year so shows up here, and largely explains the increase in our balance for the year. Gift Aid is a great way to boost our income, refunded from HMRC - if we can get Gift Aid mandates completed for all eligible parents then we could claim even more.

Fundraising this year ... Our Dickensian Evening burger stall was not so successful, but still raised £884 - largely due to the appalling weather on the night. Scout Post was successful - our share (with Grove Scouts) earned £1,300.

We held a sponsored hike in May, linked to Sobell House OxTrail. This raised an amazing £3471, of which we donated £1,300 to Sobell House hospice (£200 in previous financial year).

Expenditure: We paid £13,855 in fees to District/County/UK Scouting; Rent of £7000 for the DHQ building (n.b. we do not own it); £880 for the lodge (Explorers); and £1140 to hire Challow Village Hall.

Activity spend across all sections came to £26,266. This was offset by parental contributions for specific activities of £17,961. These figures are higher this year, in part due to early invoices and payments for the Kent International Jamboree (held every 3 years). All groups participated in successful camping trips and other fun activities.

We also spent £2,523 on badges (this remains high and is further evidence of our focus on badge work and doing great stuff); £796 on equipment; and £205 on OSM system support.

Our insurance bill for the year was £2,965. Our existing 'contents' policy was £608, slightly higher as the insurance world continued to rise post pandemic. We also paid £2237 for building insurance just before the year end. This is because we were taking ownership of the building from 1st April.

Explorers: Our Explorer group is 'owned' by King Alfred District Scouts, but financially are in with Wantage Scout Group. If we separate out their spend, then £8,531 was raised ... by subs (£3,083), Gift Aid (£863), parental contributions (£4,124) and an allocation of group income/fundraising (461) ... versus spend of £7,351 split by rent (£880), fees (£1,767), badges (£61) and activities (£4,147) and

allocation of group spend (£392). So, a surplus for the year - we can see that Explorers are self-sufficient, not a financial burden on WSG.

Looking Forward: As mentioned above, we took 'ownership' of the DHQ building from District Scouts on April 1st. This has significantly changed our financial landscape for the current financial year. We no longer pay rent but have taken on the costs of utilities and maintenance. We do not currently have a lot of income from sub-letting the hall to other groups, but we hope to find a tenant for the 'office' space in the lodge.

Thanks: Many thanks to Tessa Blake and Kay Williams for assisting me in managing the group finances, paying bills and expenses; and to Laura Legate and group leaders for managing membership and subscriptions.

Many thanks too to Darshana Patel for reviewing and completing a formal independent examination of these accounts.

John Bales

Wantage Scout Group Treasurer

October 2025

Wantage Scout Group (1st/4th KA, Challow & Ridgeway Explorers)

Balance Sheet as at 31 March		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts:						
Membership / Subscriptions						
	<i>Subs Bank Acc</i>		574.00	2,726.00	6,758.00	12,536.00
	<i>Subs OSM GoCardless</i>	21,401.75	19,152.68	16,588.19	10,069.62	371.03
	<i>Explorers Subs OSM GoCardless</i>	3,082.87	2,785.12	1,851.47		
Donations / Grants						
	<i>Donations</i>			150.00	702.20	2,120.00
	<i>Sponsorship</i>	3,471.19	2,380.30	398.76	2,057.01	120.00
	<i>District Scouts for DHQ Shelter</i>				1,645.60	4,174.47
	<i>District Explorers Start Up</i>			500.00		
Activities						
	<i>Group Activities and Camps</i>	332.43	2,874.25			
	<i>Scout Activities and Camps</i>	11,546.96	2,009.84	5,461.90	415.00	3,357.00
	<i>Cub Activities and Camps</i>	1,279.75	42.03	1,579.81	272.50	
	<i>Beaver Activities and Camps</i>	678.43	45.04	511.44		
	<i>Explorers Activities and Camps</i>	4,123.85	335.04	1,693.94		
	<i>Events via GoCardless</i>				4,116.33	
	<i>Kayak Activities</i>					
Fundraising						
	<i>Dickensian Evening Takings</i>	1,648.65	2275.57		1,984.48	
	<i>Christmas Post</i>	1,300.00	1,125.00	1,100.00		
	<i>Gift Aid</i>	8,628.01	47.50	3,067.70	5,749.38	
	<i>Amazon Commission</i>			13.43	40.05	48.73
	<i>150 Club</i>		224.00	508.00	702.00	566.00
	<i>Equipment Sale</i>				880.00	
	<i>Other</i>	861.11	949.15	468.90	220.00	16.01
	<i>Interest Deposit Accounts</i>	471.29	56.42	14.22	3.65	20.73
Total Receipts		58,826.29	34,875.94	36,633.76	35,615.82	23,329.97
Payments:						
Premises						
	<i>DHQ Rent</i>	7,000.00	7,000.00	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,600.00
	<i>Explorers DHQ Lodge Rent</i>	880.00	1,100.00	1,000.00		
	<i>Challow Village Hall</i>	1,140.00	855.00	720.00	480.00	
	<i>DHQ Shelter</i>				1,645.60	4,161.97
Activities						
	<i>Group Activities and Camps</i>	1,036.46	1,190.83	1,100.00	495.47	656.23
	<i>Scout Activities & Camps</i>	14,963.95	4,916.09	9,090.74	5,345.72	957.79
	<i>Cub Activities & Camps</i>	2,817.04	2,432.92	4,316.88	1,042.15	14.08
	<i>Beaver Activities & Camps</i>	3,300.94	1,137.84	1,365.11	1,847.17	214.77
	<i>Explorers Activities & Camps</i>	4,147.26	807.79	1,533.42	529.64	
	<i>Challow Cubs/Beavers Activities</i>		473.87	339.29	330.60	
	<i>Kayak Activities</i>				194.00	
Fundraising Expenses						
	<i>Dickensian Fee and Food</i>	764.85	1,156.17		776.01	102.12
	<i>150 Club</i>		45.00	535.00	145.00	289.00
	<i>Other</i>					
Admin and Other Costs						
	<i>Capitation Fee</i>	12,087.99	11,485.47	10,321.56	7,565.16	8,306.10
	<i>Explorers Capitation Fee</i>	1,767.25	929.46	1,086.48		
	<i>Contribution to District DHQ Repair Fund</i>					2,653.00
	<i>Badges, Neckers & Woggles</i>	2,462.08	2,130.68	1,392.47	926.69	689.20
	<i>Explorers Badges etc</i>	60.91	99.81	149.73		

<i>Equipment</i>	796.94	513.68	1,143.99	3,172.15	
<i>Online Scout Manager</i>	205.00	215.09	198.75	183.98	108.60
<i>Insurance</i>	2,965.49	592.24	515.75	485.52	470.91
<i>Cleaning</i>					
<i>Donations</i>	1,100.00	1,450.00		1,020.00	
<i>Misc</i>	81.55	79.45	49.98	47.24	
Total Payments	57,577.71	38,611.39	39,459.15	30,832.10	23,223.77
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	1,248.58	-3,735.45	-2,825.39	4,783.72	106.20
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS:					
<i>1st KA - Barclays Community Account</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,819.31	7,315.47
<i>4th KA - Barclays Community Account</i>	0.00	0.00	480.54	1,154.54	1,942.24
<i>1st KA - Barclays Business Premium Account</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.50	100.50
<i>4th KA - Barclays 4Deposit Account</i>	0.00	0.00	1,509.93	1,506.65	1,506.49
<i>1st KA - Scout Assoc Short Term Investment Account</i>	0.00	0.00	3,122.57	3,111.73	3,108.24
<i>Wantage Scout Group - Barclays Community Account</i>	19,627.15	18,673.39	27,469.66	17,715.36	16,654.04
<i>UTB Fixed Rate Charity Deposit Account</i>	10,471.29	10,000.00			
<i>PayPal</i>		176.47	2.61	2.61	
Monetary Assets	30,098.44	28,849.86	32,585.31	35,410.70	30,626.98
FINANCED BY:					
Balance brought forward	28,849.86	32,585.31	35,410.70	30,626.98	30,520.78
Less excess of payments over receipts	1,248.58	-3,735.45	-2,825.39	4,783.72	106.20
Total	30,098.44	28,849.86	32,585.31	35,410.70	30,626.98

Wantage Scout Group (Ridgeway Explorers)

Explorers Subs OSM GoCardless	3,082.87	2785.12
Explorers Activities and Camps	4,123.85	335.04
Gift Aid	863	
Allocation of Group Activity income	33	250
Allocation of Fundraising income	428	315
	8,530.87	3,685.20
Explorers DHQ Lodge Rent	880.00	1,100.00
Explorers Activities & Camps	4,147.26	807.79
Explorers Capitation Fee	1,767.25	929.46
Explorers Badges etc	60.91	99.81
Allocation of Group Activity spend	104	103
Allocation of Fundraising spend	95	101
Allocation of OSM/Insurance spend	297	70
	7,350.72	3,211.23

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Independent Examination carried out by Darshana Patel in August 2025