

## 1<sup>st</sup> Hedgerley Trustees' Annual Report

Prepared for the 1<sup>st</sup> Hedgerley Scout Council prior to the 2025 AGM

The AGM commences at **1900 on Friday 26 September 2025**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Hedgerley Scout Group Annual General Meeting**  
**Friday 26 September 2025 at 19:00**  
**Hedgerley Scout Hut**

- 1. Welcome and introductions - Lisa James (Group Chair)**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance Topics**
  - a) Agree minutes of previous AGM held 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024
  - b) Adopt model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) Chapter 5  
<https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5a-charity-obligations-for-groups-districts-counties/>
  - c) Note the Group's Financial Year – 1 April to 31 March
  - d) Approve any Community Members of the Group Scout Council
  - e) Trustee Board Membership
  - f) Quorum for meetings for Group Council
  - g) Financial Report (led by Group Treasurer – Neil Williamson)
- 4. Review of the Previous Year**
  - a) Group Lead Volunteer review of past 12 months
  - b) District Lead Volunteer remarks
  - c) Receive and consider Annual Report.
- 5. Appointments**
  - a) Trustee Board
  - b) Appoint Scrutineer
- 6. Awards and Thank You**
- 7. Closing Remarks**
- 8. BBQ and Social**

## Chair's Report

It's a real pleasure to welcome you all to this year's AGM.

I've had the privilege of being involved with 1st Hedgerley in one way or another for over 20 years, and I continue to be amazed by the breadth of activities and experiences our young people enjoy — all thanks to the dedication of our volunteers who deliver such a varied and engaging programme.

The impact of Scouting on young people cannot be overstated. In today's fast-moving world, it's more important than ever for young people to have the chance to come together, learn new skills, explore new places, and push themselves to try new things. You'll find more detail about each section's activities in the leaders' reports that follow, and I hope you're as impressed as I am by everything they've achieved.

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed and passionate team of volunteers. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to our section leaders, assistant leaders, young leaders, and the many parents who support them week after week.

A special thank you also to Tom Winyard, who stepped into the role of Group Lead Volunteer this year, following on from Bob Thorpe's leadership during a significant transition phase. One of the major changes during this time was the shift from an Executive Committee to a Trustee Board — a move that better reflects our governance responsibilities. The Board oversees our finances, premises, equipment, safety, and ensures we meet the policies and standards expected by the Scout Association so a big thank you to the Trustees for their dedication and support.

I'm especially grateful to Diana Blakemore for her ongoing support and guidance always.

## Fundraising & Support

Fundraising remains a vital part of keeping the group running smoothly. Our regular Race Night at Caldicott School continues to be a highlight and brings in essential funds. We're also incredibly thankful for the generous donations we've received from local businesses, parents, and members of the community. Every contribution, big or small, helps us continue to offer quality experiences to our young people - thank you.

Do keep an eye out for upcoming fundraising events - your support truly makes a difference.

## Volunteer Recruitment & Programme Capacity

Like many groups across the country, we continue to face the ongoing challenge of maintaining enough volunteers to keep all our sections open and running smoothly. Sadly, we had to close our Squirrels section between Christmas and Easter but were fortunate enough to have volunteer support for it to start back up again and the section is now growing steadily which is good news. Recruitment remains a key priority, and we're always on the lookout for new adult leaders and trustee board members to keep sections open.

If you're wondering how you might be able to help, even in a small way, please do reach out. Scouting only works because people step forward.

### **A Tribute to Ian Francis**

I'd now like to take a moment to remember Ian Francis, who sadly passed away a few weeks ago.

Ian was a long-standing member of 1st Hedgerley Scouts and contributed so much over the years - from camps and activities to sharing his vast practical skills with both adults and young people alike. Ian brought kindness, humour, and a true love of Scouting to everything he did. He will be greatly missed, and our thoughts are very much with his family. Thank you, Ian.

### **Looking Ahead – Our Scout Campsite Project**

One of the most exciting developments this year has been our efforts to secure a long lease on the Scout campsite at the end of Gregory Road which you may have already read about in earlier parent communications. The site has a long history of being used by Scouts and other youth groups, but it hasn't been actively managed for some time.

We're now working towards formalising a lease agreement with the West London Scout District (the freeholders), and we've already begun planning essential work to bring the site back to life. This includes removing unsafe trees and renovating the hut and storage areas. Thanks to the generosity of local donors - including parents and businesses - we've secured some early funding for which we are extremely grateful.

With luck and continued support, we hope to have the site up and running next year. We'll soon be looking for volunteers to help clear and clean the space - and no doubt we'll be calling on anyone with a paintbrush or roller to get involved before the grand reopening. It's a brilliant opportunity for the group, and I'm looking forward to seeing it develop.

### **In Closing**

Finally, I want to thank everyone who makes Scouting happen here at 1st Hedgerley. From our section leaders and young leaders to the trustee board, parents, supporters, and friends - this is a team effort in every sense. Your time, energy, and care create lasting memories and lifelong skills for our young people.

Let's keep working together, growing stronger as a group, and giving every young person the chance to thrive through Scouting.

**Lisa James**  
**Chair**



## Treasurer's Report

### 1st Hedgerley Scout Group: Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

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Receipts and Payments: Cashflow and Current Account Summary

#### CASHFLOW

Total Receipts for the Year

Total Payments for the Year

Net Receipts / (Payments) for the Year

Transfers between Bank & Investment Accounts Contra

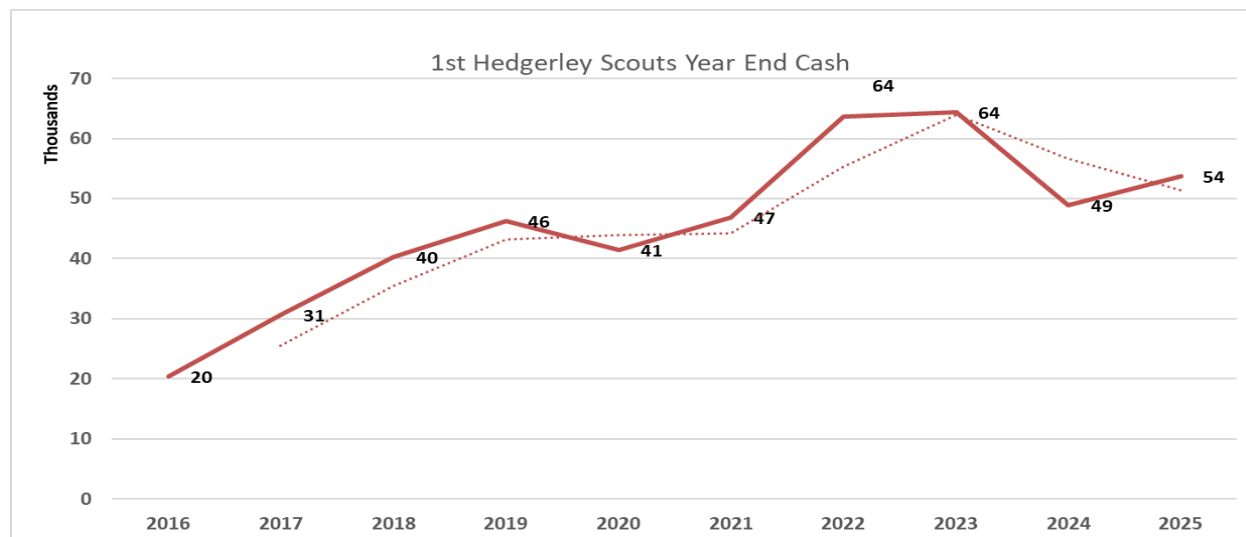
2023/2024 Net Cashflow

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Scout Group Funds £	Anstey Lodge / Youth Club	Business Reserve Account £	Scout Assoc Investment Account £	Total £	Previous Year Total £
45,585.86	13,872.45	3.77	-	59,462.08	44,951.22
44,127.31	10,516.74	-	-	54,644.05	60,338.71
1,458.56	3,355.71	3.77	0.00	4,818.04	(15,387.49)
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40,363.88	8,304.92	268.46	-	48,937.26	48,937.26
41,822.44	11,660.63	272.23	0.00	53,755.30	
Closed 05/2023					



#### 2024/2025 Cashflow and Year End Cash Tables

Our cashflow was acceptable in a year where we continue to spend to maintain the Huts. We successfully retained all rental users for both huts which helps greatly with offsetting the total costs of running the group.

**Income:** £ 59.5K of which £16.9 K was Hut rental and £10.0K was a parental donation to support the future project to re-open the Hedgerley Campsite. All Sections subscriptions generated £13.9K. Parental contributions to events and camps came to £15.9 K. Gift Aid £2.3 K was claimed as usual in March 2025 for the current

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**Premises** - Scout Hut & Anstey Lodge: 1st Hedgerley Group

#### **Youth Club - Anstey Lodge gifted to Scouts in 2017**

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#### **2025/2026 Outlook**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Hedgerley Group continues to be strong financially with the active support of parents and the community and this enables us to provide a good level of support for all Scouting activities. I have enjoyed my 13th full year as Group Treasurer and will be happy to continue into 2025/26 and beyond.

**Neil WILLIAMSON**

**Group Treasurer Sept 2025**





## Group Lead Volunteer's (Formerly called Group Scout Leader) Report

This is the first report that I write as group lead volunteer. I took on the role in January of this year and at times it has been challenging although greatly rewarding.

All scout groups across the country have had to get used to embracing the new scout system and ensuring that all volunteers have become **compliant with the mandatory training**. I was very pleased that as a group, all our volunteers completed the training within the prescribed time frame and that we are as a group fully compliant. We strive to ensure all our training is kept relevant and up to date and the effort put in by all volunteers to complete training on the new digital system is greatly appreciated.



When I took over as group lead volunteer, Zoe (aka Pigeon) had relocated and therefore I was without a section volunteer for Squirrels and running on a skeleton crew for Beavers. Reluctantly, we had to suspend our Squirrel Drey in January and at Easter a substantial number of our Beaver team moved to the Cubs section as their children had progressed to Cubs, leaving a skeleton crew within the Beaver section and that section was at risk of closing as well.

I am happy to report that we were **successful in finding a new lead volunteer for our Squirrel Drey** and Lara restarted Squirrels shortly after Easter. She has led an amazing program for our youngest members since taking on the Squirrel Drey and I am looking forward to seeing the future activities she has lined up for them.

In addition, I am pleased that **several new volunteers stepped up to help run our Beaver colony**. Together we put together a great program and Beavers continued to run from Easter to the end of summer.

I am happily able to report that Graeme has recently returned to the UK who was a member of our Beaver team about 8 years ago before moving abroad. He has agreed to now take on the lead role for Beavers and therefore both of the youngest sections within 1st Hedgerley once again have a stable volunteer team and are destined to achieve great things.



I would like to personally thank Lara for agreeing to be lead volunteer for Squirrels and further thank Sam and Holly, who both stepped up to assist Lara. Likewise, to Graham for taking on the Beaver section lead role along with Richard, Jonathan, Jonathan, Charlie, Sharon and Monica who all came forward and agreed to assist with the Beaver section. I very much **look forward to helping all of you in taking our younger sections forward.**

I of course do not forget the hard work put in by the Cub and Scout team volunteers. In particular, I would like to thank Lauren for keeping the Cub section running whilst on maternity leave and then after having her second child, Louis, our congratulations on his arrival. Thank you also to her team who have run the program and provided excellent evenings to Cubs.



Finally, I also want to thank the many young people who form our Young Leader team. They have all been Scouts with either Hedgerley or other groups and now volunteer on a regular basis to assist the various sections. They provide a valuable service to the volunteer team and often go unseen but never forgotten.

As I look forward, 1st Hedgerley is in a good strong position, and I hope to be able to lead all the sections and provide assistance as required so that we can continue to build on the volunteer base and provide great opportunities to even more young people. At the moment the group proudly has 9 Squirrels, 17 Beavers, 21 Cubs and 43 Scouts. I hope we can **build on that membership to fill all sections and provide more young people with skills for life.**

As is evident from my report above, much of this year has been spent finding new volunteers to help run our sections.

I therefore make a **call to try and find more volunteers** to get involved in Scouting. It is easier than you may think and one of the most fun, rewarding and positive things you can ever do. You can give as much or as little time as you like. Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a year, we will match opportunities that fit your skills and time available.

We have opportunities both behind the scenes (such as social media and notice board management), to working with young people in uniform and a volunteer on an evening.





With full support and training, you can experience the fun, friendship and adventure of Scouting for yourself, all on a flexible basis. You do not need any previous Scout experience and we welcome everyone, both male and female and with no upper age limit. You do not even have to camp if you do not want to! So, if you would like to have fun and make friends, earn professional qualifications and make a real difference to the lives of young people please read on.

**Join the Scouting Adventure in Hedgerley** and discover that Scouting offers the chance to build on personal skills, such as teamwork, confidence and leadership, as well as gaining externally recognised skills, all whilst having a brilliant time.

The majority of our volunteers believe that the skills and the experiences they have gained through Scouting have been of relevance to their working or personal lives, so come and volunteer with us and make a positive impact on your community.

To get started with your adventure, talk to any of our volunteers, or feel free to get in touch if you have any questions, or would like to have an informal chat about where you could fit into the fun and adventure via my email at [glv@hedgerleyscouts.org.uk](mailto:glv@hedgerleyscouts.org.uk)

**Tom Winyard**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**



## Section Reports

### Scout Troop

This past year has proved to be eventful and enriching for our scout group, particularly with the successful completion of two summer camps since I last wrote a report, one in the Peak District in 2024 and another in Devon in 2025. Both camps allowed our scouts to immerse themselves in the great outdoors, learn valuable skills, and form deeper connections with each other and nature. Alongside these camps, we continued to host our regular Patrol Camp, Activity Camps, bivvy night, Night Hikes and Sleepovers and Mountain Biking Weekend, providing opportunities for fun and learning across a diverse range of activities.

In addition to these camps, we held numerous meetings throughout the year that covered both skills development and teamwork. Sessions included popular activities such as Patrol Challenges, Fitness Fracas, and Pioneering Challenges, as well as events like Air Rifle Shooting/Archery and Sedan Chair Racing. We also encouraged our Scouts to broaden their cooking skills with Backwoods Cooking, Ready Steady Cook! and the hotly contested Millionaires Banquet. These meetings not only engaged the scouts in essential skills but also encouraged a sense of community within the group.



Throughout the year, our scouts have also participated in various community-oriented events, litter picking, Remembrance Sunday and of course the annual Christmas party for our local senior citizens, fostering a spirit of service and responsibility. These occasions emphasised the importance of giving back and helping those that need assistance and providing meaningful experiences beyond just scouting.



A significant highlight of the year was the presentation of nine Chief Scout Awards, recognising the hard work and dedication of our scouts. These awards serve as an encouragement for all members to strive towards their personal best and aim for continued growth within scouting.

As we look forward to the upcoming year in which we will run many activities which our Scouts are used to along with a few new ones they have asked for. The year will end with WINGS, the international Jamboree in Windsor Great Park

which promises to be an exciting opportunity for our scouts. It will allow them to connect with fellow scouts from around the globe, exchange experiences, and further broaden their horizons.

While we celebrate our accomplishments, it's also important to remember those who have contributed significantly to our group. I would like to take a moment to honour Ian Francis, who sadly passed away this year. Ian served the 1st Hedgerley group with immense dedication over the last eight years. He will be deeply missed for his unwavering support and the positive impact he made on countless scouts.



I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to all our volunteers for their tremendous support over the past year. Their guidance and commitment has been invaluable in creating a vibrant and engaging environment for our scouts and without their help Hedgerley Scout group would simply not exist or have been able to provide the great experiences that we do, to so many Scouts.

Thank you also to the Scouts for their enthusiasm and spirit, which makes every session enjoyable for everyone involved. To the parents, your continued support is sincerely appreciated, as are the contributions from all the other volunteers who work behind the scenes to keep our group thriving. We look forward to another year of adventure and growth in scouting.

Finally, I end my report by saying that this will be my last report as Lead Volunteer for the Scout section. As many know, I took on the role of Group Lead Volunteer in January this year and both roles combined have been great fun, but too much for 1 person. I am therefore in the process of handing over the reins of the Scout section to others within the volunteer team and a further announcement in that regard will be forthcoming shortly.

It, of course, goes without saying that I have enjoyed every moment of leading such a vibrant team of volunteers and Scouts and I will certainly still be seen on regular occasions at Scout meetings joining in the fun and helping out. Should you also be interested in joining in that fun, then please consider joining the volunteer team and speak to either myself or any of the volunteers.



**Tom Winyard**  
**Scout Section Lead Volunteer**



## Cub Pack

Year after year, the Cubs amaze me with how much enthusiasm and passion they have to complete badges & try new activities. We currently have 22 Cubs, 6 left at the end of term for scouts and we had 1 beaver move up to Cubs.

A whopping 445 badges were handed out this year and 11 Cubs also completed their Chief Scout Silver Awards, congratulations to them all. The Cubs are always so enthusiastic to fill their jumpers with badges which is great to see!

## Programme

During the spring term, we managed to take part in evenings to work towards the world challenge badge. We also worked on the artist, international and gardening activity badges too.

The Cubs got to play a game or two of Short Mat bowls which was great fun and a new activity for some, visit a Gurdwara in Slough where we learnt about the Sikh community, tasting some Sikh food and learning about the Guru Granth Sahib. We could not miss out on making some pancakes too, what flipping fun!

13 Cubs who had never skied before managed to get their skis on at Hemel Hempstead for a beginner's ski session which was amazing!



In the summer term, we managed to complete the local knowledge, environmental and cooking activity badges as well as complete some more of the adventure and outdoor challenge badges.

We made some bee hotels from recycled materials to hang up in the garden, played cricket at the sports club with parents, sports day, and a lovely hike from Gerrards Cross to Hedgerley followed by chips, nom nom!



Our main trip out was to Burnham Beeches to enjoy a wildlife walk with the rangers; the Cubs had a lovely time. We also got out on the water at Taplow Lake where we did some kayaking.

This term, we decided to plan evenings such as communicator, pioneering, home help and camp preparation badge evenings. We are working towards our skills challenge badge. The aim is to focus on badges that the Cubs



have started but not finished so that we can fill their arms with lots of activity badges.

We are looking to visit PACCAR to take part in some axe throwing and visit an emergency service such as fire or police station. We have some airfix models to build which will complete the hobbies badge and we will finish the term with a lovely Christmas light walk around Hedgerley, Ho Ho Ho!



## Events

County Camp 2025 - We took part in a county camp at PACCAR with the theme of pirates! There were a range of activities the Cubs took part in on the Saturday and Sunday which included the climbing wall, zip wire, go karts and many more activities. There was also a campfire where the Cubs got to show off their loud singing voices!

## Thanks

I would like to thank the leadership team which consists of Zoe, Matt, Jo, Bob, Charlie, Hana, and Ben! Thank you for all the hard work you put into Cubs and for making it entertaining and fun for everyone. Team work makes the dream work!

Our Young Leaders Helena and Daisy for running a few evenings and looking after the Cubs.

Our visitors who kindly put aside time to visit us making our programme diverse and exciting and last of all, thank you to all the parents and to the Cubs, we hope you enjoy every moment with us.



**Lauren Stevens**  
Cub Scout Leader

## Beaver Colony

I write this report on behalf of the Beaver section given the recent change in our volunteer team. Beavers has seen a turbulent past 6 months or so with a potential suspension of the colony at Easter due to a lack of volunteers.

I am happy to be able to report that those difficulties appear to be behind us with a new team in place led by Graeme. Thank you, Graeme, for agreeing to take on that role and I know you are excited about leading the team and getting to know the Beavers and leading them on adventures.



Looking back over the last term the Beavers have had some brilliant opportunities from learning basic navigation skills with map and compass, to following a nature trail, leaf rubbing, bivvy building and of course backwoods cooking. In addition, they enjoyed a cricket session, and Kayaking at Taplow Lake.

Coming up the Beavers have an exciting overnight trip to the National Space centre which from experience I know will be an excellent event which the Beavers will gain a huge amount from. In addition, this term they will be developing their personal skills with various skills nights, emergency first aid skills, health and fitness and a fire station visit.

The Beavers will also be asked to set their own personal challenge to complete, before being set the challenge to complete the volunteers assault course which will see them climb through the rafters of the Scout hut! Their program is busy and will see our Beavers collect both their Skills and Personal Challenge core badges.

As we look forward to building on the number of Beavers the colony has, I wish to thank the volunteers both past and present who give up their time to put on such excellent activities. Many of the past team are now within our Cub section continuing their Scouting journey whilst the new volunteer team are learning the ropes and putting their own skills to good use, whilst learning new ones. Thank you all for the effort and time you have devoted to our Beaver Colony to ensure that it continues to thrive.



**Tom Winyard,**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**



## Squirrel Drey

This short year has been a fantastic period of growth for our Squirrel Scouts. We have had a wonderful time getting to know each other, playing new games, learning new skills and exploring our local area. From our taster sessions in March to our final celebration session in July the energy and enthusiasm of the young Squirrels made those few months unforgettable.

### Membership

- Total Squirrels Enrolled: 9
- New Members welcomed: 4
- Squirrels who moved onto Beavers: 0
- Adult volunteers/leaders: 3

We have been delighted to see so many young faces eager to take part, and the group has grown in confidence and friendships over the term.

### Highlights of the Year

Some of the most memorable activities this year included:

- PACCAR Day Camp: Archery, crossbows, caving, low ropes and adventure course!
- Craft nights – Seasonal decorations to badge making fun
- Cooking – Armpit fudge
- Wildlife Trust 300 days Challenge - Exploring the great outdoors and learning about wildlife.
- Outdoor Challenge – Rounders, Water Bomb cricket
- Food Games – Blindfold chocolate eating, roasting marshmallows
- Each week was filled with excitement, discovery and giggles!



### Badge Earned

Between April and July our Squirrels worked hard and earned the following badges:

*All about Me, All Together, Be Active, Go Wild Plus, participation in PACCAR Camp, Wildlife Trust June Challenge. Thanks, and Appreciation*

A huge thanks to all our wonderful parent helpers and volunteers – we couldn't do it without you. Our supportive Scouting family and most importantly our amazing Squirrel Scouts for their curiosity, kindness and enthusiasm every week.

### Looking Ahead

As some of our Squirrels will move to Beavers and we are looking forward to recruiting new little adventurers this term! We are excited about new activities, more badge work trying to achieve the Chief Scout Acorn Award Challenge Badge and continuing to build confidence, teamwork and fun in everything we do.

**Lara Lawrence, Squirrel Scout Leader**

## Confirmation of Appointment of Trustee Board

The responsibility of the Trustee Board is purely for governance which mainly concerns three elements:

- Finances
- Insurance
- Safeguarding

Under charity commission rules and POR, the Trustee Board should have between 5 and 12 trustees. These include any ex-officio appointments, nominated appointments and co-opted trustees.

The Trustee Board recommends that the Group Trustee Board should consist of a maximum of 9 members as follows

- Chair - nominated by the GLV and confirmed by AGM.
- Group Lead Volunteer – automatically an ex-officio member.
- Treasurer – nominated by Trustee Board and appointed at AGM.
- Three to four Appointed Trustees – Nominated by the outgoing Trustee Board, appointed at AGM.
- Co-opted Trustees – Co-opted by Trustee Board during the year for tasks.

At the AGM we will therefore ask the Group Scout Council to confirm the appointment of:

- Lisa James as the Chair
- Neil Williamson as the Treasurer

The following as Trustees:

- Diana Blakemore-Stokes
- Janet Cottrell
- Dan Harrison

Jimna Illath Poyyil and Kezia Barnes have resigned their positions, with thanks for their contributions to 1<sup>st</sup> Hedgerley Scout Group.

In addition, we would therefore ask the Group Scout Council to approve the Trustee Board

- co-opting a young leader/youth member to be a Trustee from their 18th Birthday
- co-opting a community or parent to be a Trustee

when suitable volunteers are identified.



1st Hedgerley Scout Group

Accounts for Year to 31 March 2025

Trustees :	Name
Chairman	Lisa James
Lead Volunteer, formerly ("GSL")	Tom Winyard
Secretary	Diana Blakemore
Treasurer	Neil Williamson
Other Trustees	As per Charities Commission website

Trustees - Appointed	Name
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All Executive Members are Trustees

Trustees - Elected	Name
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Tom Winyard

Trustees - Resigned	Name
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None

**BANKERS**

Account Number available on written request    Lloyds & NatWest

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### GROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

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**Premises - Scout Hut & Anstey Lodge:** 1st Hedgerley Group

#### **Charity Status**

Forms D7,D8,D9 = Nil Return. The Scout Group is a Charity established under its rules which are common to all Scout Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. These accounts have been drawn up on the receipt and payment basis that is consistent with the Scout Association.

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**Neil WILLIAMSON - Group Treasurer**

Date of approval : 16<sup>th</sup> Sept / 2025

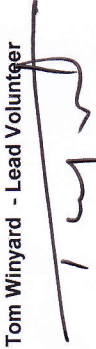
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Receipts and Payments: Cashflow and Current Account Summary

CASHFLOW

Total Receipts for the Year  
Total Payments for the Year  
Net Receipts / (Payments) for the Year  
Transfers between Bank & Investment Accounts      Contra  
2024/2025 Net Cashflow 2024/25  
Transfers between Bank & Investment Accounts  
Cash at Bank and Investment funds Carried Forward 2023/24  
Cash at Bank and Investment funds Carried Forward 2024/25

Scout Group Funds £	Anstey Lodge / Youth Club	Business Reserve Account £	Scout Assoc Investment Account £	Total £	Previous Year Total £
45,585.86	13,872.45	3.77	-	59,462.08	44,951.22
44,127.31	10,516.74	-	-	54,644.05	60,338.71
1,458.56	3,355.71	3.77	0.00	4,818.04	(15,387.49)
-	-	-	0.00	0.00	-
1,458.56	3,355.71	3.77	0.00	4,818.04	(15,387.49)
-	-	-	-	-	-
40,363.88	8,304.92	268.46	-	48,937.26	48,937.26
41,822.44	11,660.63	272.23	0.00	53,755.30	
Closed 05/2023					

Accounts signed by trustees on behalf of all trustees:

Tom Winyard - Lead Volunteer  
  
Neil Williamson - Group Treasurer  
N.A. Williams

Lisa James - Chairman

L.S. James

Date of Approval : 16/09/ 2025

NOTE: YC ANSTEY HUT GIFT - Effective 12 August 2017 the Scout Group was gifted the Anstey Hut (ex Youth Club) with a 25 year lease from the Hedgerley Parish Council, for a nominal £1. The Scout Group also received at that time £6,100 from the YC Trustees on the understanding that it should be used to fund any reasonable future start up of a new Youth Club in Hedgerley. This amount is thus included in the Scout Group funds but reserved or 'ring fenced' for that purpose.



Payments for the Year ended 31 March 2025

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	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
<b>PREMISES</b>		
Cleaning Costs - Scout Hut	911.91	1,025.50
Cleaning Costs - Anstey Hut	828.00	922.00
Light and Heat (Electricity) - Scout Hut	5,564.04	4,097.38
Light and Heat (Electricity) - Anstey Hut	2,964.44	2,893.50
Insurance - Scout Hut	2,096.35	2,181.49
Insurance - Anstey Hut	2,035.94	2,181.49
Hut Mtce - Scout Hut	6,769.22	11,210.31
Hut Mtce - Anstey Hut	4,046.27	2,890.80
Water Rates - Scout Hut	584.63	627.58
Water Rates - Anstey Hut	642.09	541.35
	<b>26,442.89</b>	<b>28,571.40</b>
<b>DONATIONS/GRANTS</b>		
WSJ/EGT Group Support		621.50
Fundraising OUT (Sumup )	135.00	-
	<b>135.00</b>	<b>621.50</b>
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
Scouting Activities	4,805.98	5,064.67
Beaver Activities	530.23	3,930.18
Cub Activities	3,689.37	3,839.12
Squirrels Activities	200.00	400.86
Summer Camp Scouts	12,544.25	12,867.12
	<b>21,769.83</b>	<b>26,101.95</b>
Uniform	53.00	-
Scout Badges/Scarves	1,724.72	1,329.65
Young Leaders WDC Capitation Fees	483.00	390.00
	<b>2,260.72</b>	<b>1,719.65</b>
<b>ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES</b>		
Admin	718.78	141.50
Fund Raising - Racenight	2,177.84	-
Seniors Annual Xmas Party	679.56	1,241.48
Misc - Scout Hut	125.00	494.30
Misc - Anstey Hut	-	-
	<b>3,701.18</b>	<b>1,877.28</b>
<b>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</b>		
Other expenses		
AGM Expenses	282.16	180.00
	<b>282.16</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</b>		
Misc Equipment Purchases	52.27	1,266.93
	-	-
	<b>52.27</b>	<b>1,266.93</b>
Misc Equipment Repairs		
Unpresented Cheques		-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£54,644.05</b>	<b>£60,338.71</b>



Receipts for the Year ended 31 March 2025

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	2024/2025	2023/2024
<b>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>		
Collected in the year	13,975.91	14,898.98
less Capitation Fees to Scout Associaton 2023/24	(5,760.00)	(5,700.00)
	<b>8,215.91</b>	<b>9,198.98</b>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED</b>		
Bank Interest Current Account (Scout Assoc)	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest Deposit Account (Nat West)	3.77	2.56
	<b>3.77</b>	<b>2.56</b>
<b>DONATIONS AND GRANTS</b>		
Donation towards future projects (Hedgerly campsite)	10,000.00	-
Other miscellaneous donations	195.24	-
Shirt Sales	146.98	99.18
	<b>10,342.22</b>	<b>99.18</b>
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		
All Sections (excluding Scouts summer camp)	10,858.14	10,635.93
Summer Camp (Scouts)	5,106.92	7,048.70
	<b>15,965.06</b>	<b>17,684.63</b>
<b>FUND RAISING</b>		
Fund Raising IN (via SumUP)	91.80	557.76
Racenight - Oct 2024	5,563.99	0.00
	<b>5,655.79</b>	<b>557.76</b>
<b>HMRC GIFT AID SCHEME</b>		
Year 24/25 (collected 03/2025)	<b>2,289.38</b>	-
Year 23/24 (collected 03/2024)	-	2,520.00
	<b>2,289.38</b>	<b>2,520.00</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Hut Rental - Scout Hut	3,057.50	4,361.00
Hut Rental - Anstey Hut	13,872.45	10,385.50
Equipment Hire		
	<b>16,929.95</b>	<b>14,746.50</b>
<b>SUNDRY RECEIPTS</b>		
Misc	60.00	141.61
	<b>60.00</b>	<b>141.61</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£59,462.08</b>	<b>£44,951.22</b>

	2024/2025	2023/2024	Change
<b>MONETARY ASSETS (Cash, Bank and Similar funds)</b>			
Bank Current Accounts (Lloyds & Nat West)	53,483.06	48,668.80	4,814.26
Bank Deposit Accounts (Nat West)	272.23	268.46	3.77
Scout Association Investment Scheme	0	0	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>53,755.29</b>	<b>48,937.26</b>	<b>4,818.03</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Badge - Stock (value written off upon purchase)			0.00
Hut - Fixed Asset	75.00	75.00	0.00
(Historic cost £ 75 (2023/24 - £ 75)			0.00
Hut - Improvements	26,510.00	23,692.00	2,818.00
(Historic cost £ 104,488 (2023/24 - £ 93,672)			0.00
Equipment	1,236.00	1,970.00	(734.00)
(Historic cost £20,356 (2023/24 - £ 20,304)			
	<b>27,821.00</b>	<b>25,737.00</b>	<b>2,084.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES - due within one year</b>			
	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>53,755.29</b>	<b>48,937.26</b>	<b>4,818.03</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>81,576.29</b>	<b>74,674.26</b>	<b>6,902.03</b>
<b>Net TOTAL Assets</b>	<b>81,576.29</b>	<b>74,674.26</b>	<b>6,902.03</b>

**NOTES:**

Fixed assets: See Fixed Asset schedules. Depreciation is on a straight line basis, with a full year of depreciation in year of acquisition.

The Expenditure schedule reflects asset purchases on a cash basis, expensing the full cost in year paid for.

Of the cash balances above, £6k is ringfenced to support any potential reforming of a Youth Club - see also text in Cashflow tab.

	Cost	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Cumulative Depreciation	Net Book Value
Leasehold Property (on minimal rent):														
Scout Hut	75												0	75
Anstey Hut	0												0	0
	75												0	75
Improvements to Scout Hut (Depreciated at 15% of cost pa, with full year of depreciation in year of purchase):														
- Purchased prior to 31/3/2014	35,933												(35,933)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2015	1,277	(192)	(192)	(192)	(192)	(192)	(192)	(128)	0				(1,277)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2016	13,598		(2,040)	(2,040)	(2,040)	(2,040)	(386)	(386)	(1,360)				(13,598)	(0)
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2017	2,574			(386)	(386)	(386)	(243)	(243)	(386)	(257)			(2,574)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2018	1,622			(243)	(243)	(243)	(341)	(341)	(243)	(243)	(162)		(1,622)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2019	2,271				(341)	(341)	0	0	(341)	(341)	(341)	(227)	(2,271)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2020	0							(290)	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2021	1,932								(290)	(290)	(290)	(290)	(1,449)	483
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2022	676								(101)	(101)	(101)	(101)	(406)	271
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2023	7,437								(1,116)	(1,116)	(1,116)	(1,116)	(3,347)	4,090
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2024	11,210									(1,682)	(1,682)	(1,682)	(3,363)	7,847
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2025	6,769									(1,015)	(1,015)	(1,015)	(1,015)	5,754
	85,300												(66,854)	18,445
Improvements to Anstey Hut (Depreciated at 15% of cost pa, with full year of depreciation in year of purchase):														
- Acquired in 2017 as a gift from old Yclub					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2018	0							(44)	(44)	(44)	(73)		(293)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2019	293					(44)	(44)	(677)	(677)	(677)	(677)	(677)	(4,061)	451
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2020	4,512							(922)	(922)	(922)	(922)	(922)	(4,611)	1,537
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2021	6,148								(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(401)	267
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2022	668									(95)	(95)	(95)	(284)	347
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2023	630									(434)	(434)	(434)	(867)	2,024
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2024	2,891											(607)	(607)	3,439
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2025	4,046													8,065
	19,188												(11,123)	8,065
Improvements to leasehold property	104,488												(77,977)	26,510
Equipment (Depreciated at 20% of cost pa, with full year of depreciation in year of purchase):														
- Purchased prior to 31/3/2016	13,023												(13,023)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2017	774			(155)	(155)	(155)	(155)	(155)					(774)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2018	1,706			(341)	(341)	(341)	(341)	(341)	(341)				(1,706)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2019	0					0	0	0	0				0	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2020	923					(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)	(923)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2021	1,373							(275)	(275)	(275)	(275)	(275)	(1,373)	0
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2022	304								(61)	(61)	(61)	(61)	(243)	61
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2023	934									(187)	(187)	(187)	(560)	374
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2024	1,267									(253)	(253)	(253)	(507)	760
- Purchased in Year to 31/3/2025	52									(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	42
	20,356												(19,120)	1,236
Total Fixed Assets	124,919												(97,097)	27,822



## **Explanatory note by the Independent Examiner**

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') sets out criteria such as gross annual income and asset value for determining whether annual charity accounts require a formal audit or an independent examination (or no formal scrutiny). In summary, an audit is normally required where gross annual income exceeds £250,000 and an independent examination is normally required where gross annual income falls between £10,000 and £250,000.

Measured against these criteria, I am satisfied that the 2024/25 annual accounts for the 1<sup>st</sup> Hedgerley Scout Group require to be examined by an Independent Examiner, who should report their findings to the Trustees.

The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules ("POR") for the annual accounts of Scout Groups and Districts reflects the Act's requirements. The Independent Examiner's report set out below follows "Template 1" of that policy, being that applicable to accounts prepared on a receipts and payment basis which have not been qualified.

I confirm that, for simplicity, transactions have been reported based on the date of payment or receipt, without accruals or prepayments. Fixed asset purchases are fully expensed when paid as reflected in the Schedule of Payments, which thus shows no depreciation charge. However, for memorandum purposes only, the Statement of Assets & Liabilities shows the historic cost and a net book value of the Trust's Fixed Assets (calculated as though they were not expensed as purchased but instead depreciated as per the Fixed Asset schedule). I consider these accounting policies to be appropriate and adequate for the purposes for which these accounts are intended.

### **Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Hedgerley Scout Group (Registered Charity number 300677)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hedgerley Scout Group Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **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 2024/5 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

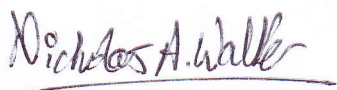
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 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:



Dated: 16 September 2025

Nicholas Anthony Walker, FCMA  
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