

## **1<sup>st</sup> IVER HEATH SCOUT GROUP**

### **Trustee's Annual Report 2024-2025**

Overview of the charity's activities through the year:

At 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 the numbers in the group overall had increased to 136, which represents an increase of approximately 2%

- Young People 4% decrease
- Adult Volunteers 8%

At the Annual Meeting held in September 2024 the Trustee Board reported that there had been some further amendments in the recommended structure of the Trustee Board and how it operated, hence the delay in holding the meeting. The Board were pleased to welcome Tricia Warwick and Paula Slack who were voted on as Trustees at the meeting, the Constitution was confirmed, the accounts were confirmed and a number of long service awards were presented.

During the year each Section has provided their Young People with a varied, exciting and challenging programme, focusing on providing them with #skillsforlife in a safe and secure environment. There were a number of events combining each of the Sections with the highlight being a Group Camp to Brownsea Island in May 2024. The individual sections have provided activities, which challenge the skills and aptitude of the Young People appropriate to their age and maturity and continue to provide excellent value for money

Looking forward we are again required to bring our Trustee Board into line with The Scouts policies and this will mean the constitution of the Board will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. The Trustees will be chosen for their aptitude and suitability to manage the governance of the group and during the coming months the Board will continue to review its members to ensure the Group is being managed in accordance with our constitution and in the best interests of the Group Scout Council.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT 2024-2025**

The accounts for the year 2024-2025 have been prepared using the format provided by the Scout Association for meeting the requirements of the Charity Commission to whom the accounts are submitted on an annual basis. Copies of the accounts are available for anyone to review, if required, please ask one of the Board if you wish to view them. These accounts have been approved by the Trustees and subject to your approval will be signed on their behalf by the Chairman and Treasurer. The completed accounts have been examined to ensure that the financial affairs of the Scout Group are administered correctly.

The accounts include the accounts from each of the sections and the Scout Group accounts. Each section funds its own activities and makes a contribution to the Group for the expenses of the HQ and the Membership fees due to the District. The Group manages the HQ and other central activities and co-ordinates fund raising activities.

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Funds brought forward 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	£32,271
Total receipts in year	£37,302
Total payments in year	£23,733
Funds carried forward 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	£45,840

#### **In 2024/2025**

##### **Expenditure**

The costs of running the scout hut were just over £6,500

The Membership Fees (Capitations) were £6,400

There were some additional sundry costs of £600

Annual Running Costs therefore total **£13,500**

## Income

Subscriptions in the year were £12,100

Gift Aid on Subscriptions £1,300

Total Income excluding fundraising **£13,400**

From the figures noted above the Board of Trustees have agreed an increase of £3 per month increase in subscriptions from September 2025. This will allow us to manage the increase in rent as a result of the new lease, the increased cost of utilities and the effect of inflation on other costs. The Trustee Board believe that this still represents really good value for money.

## Funds

The Group has agreed to maintain a minimum reserves equivalent to nine months' core operating expenditure. This level is considered appropriate to:

- Cover the ongoing running costs of the Group should income streams be interrupted
- Provide adequate time to implement corrective financial measures if required
- Ensure the Group can meet its financial obligations (e.g. rent, insurance, programme costs) during any period of transition or difficulty

The exact reserve target will be recalculated and reviewed annually as part of the budgeting process.

In addition to unrestricted general reserves, the Group has set aside designated reserves for specific future purposes. These funds are not legally restricted, but the Trustees have chosen to earmark them to ensure responsible planning and support for long-term objectives.

### Support Fund

To provide financial assistance to young people and families who may face barriers to participating in scouting activities due to financial hardship. This fund may be used to subsidise costs such as camp fees, uniform, transport, or special activity expenses. Applications are reviewed confidentially by the Group's Trustee Board to ensure appropriate use and fairness. To promote inclusion and equal access to Scouting, supporting the Group's commitment to removing financial barriers for participation.

### Equipment Fund

To cover the maintenance, replacement, or purchase of essential Scouting equipment and resources. Funds may be used for tents, cooking gear, adventure equipment, storage solutions, or items required to deliver safe and high-quality programme activities. To ensure long-term sustainability and readiness for activities, as well as the health and safety of members during events and camps.

### Building Fund

To support the repair, improvement, or future development of the Scout hut or any premises used by the Group. This may include structural repairs, facility upgrades, accessibility improvements, or contributions toward a new building project. To secure the long-term availability of a safe, functional space for Scouting activities and future growth of the Group.

All designated reserves are reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees as part of the budgeting process. Any reallocation or use of designated funds must be formally approved and recorded in meeting minutes. These reserves are reported in the annual accounts and trustees' report in accordance with the Charities SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice).

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<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>Designated funds</b>	
Support funds	2,000
Equipment fund	3,000
Building fund	<u>33 340</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>45,840</b>

## **Fundraising**

We are fortunate to have a really dedicated fundraising team and their efforts benefited the group as set out below

100 Club / Prize Draw

This continues to benefit the Group by nearly £900

Clothing collection (Bag2School)

This has raised a magnificent £1,751 (included within donations).

General

We have been fortunate indeed to have received some significant donations from individuals and companies and this has been instrumental in us being able to do the project work this summer.

Thank you to all the companies, leaders, parents, and young people and of course our fund raising committee for helping to raise this money

## **Summary**

The Group continues to be in a relatively healthy financial position. However, we do wish to make further improvements to the hut and garden, keep up with ever increasing running costs as well as buy more Scout equipment so we do need to keep up the fund raising efforts.

This report which is the Treasurer and Trustees Annual Report has been approved by the Board of Trustees and they now request that the Group Scout Council accept it.

Nichola Grayson,  
Scout Group Treasurer  
18/06/2025

Ashley Clark  
Examiner  
18/06/2025

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**Payments for the year ended  
31st March 2025**

	This year General Funds £	This year Restricted Funds £	This year Total £	Previous Year Total £
<b>PREMISES</b>				
<i>Hire of Hall for Events</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Council Tax</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Gas/Electricity</i>	2,572.50	0.00	2,572.50	4,162.03
<i>Insurance</i>	1,518.48	0.00	1,518.48	1,453.01
<i>Repairs and renewals</i>	1,021.77	0.00	1,021.77	411.21
<i>Water Rates</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Renovations</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,458.77
<i>Rent</i>	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00	0.00
<i>Legal fees re lease</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<hr/> 6,462.75	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 6,462.75	<hr/> 18,485.02
<b>DONATIONS/GRANTS</b>				
<i>Donations</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>				
<i>General</i>	579.97	0.00	579.97	1,573.93
<i>Mini Van</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Scouting Activities</i>	10,465.17	0.00	10,465.17	6,358.64
<i>Capitation</i>	6,464.00	0.00	6,464.00	6,360.00
<i>Inter-Section Transfers</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<hr/> 17,509.14	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 17,509.14	<hr/> 14,292.57
<b>FUND RAISING EXPENSES</b>				
<i>Supporters Club</i>	962.00	0.00	962.00	910.00
<i>Events etc</i>	1,349.50	0.00	1,349.50	7,061.97
	<hr/> 2,311.50	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 2,311.50	<hr/> 7,971.97
<b>ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES</b>				
<i>Stationery</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Bank Charges</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Lottery Licence</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Uniform</i>	316.37	0.00	316.37	867.76
<i>Equipment (New Scouting Materials)</i>	809.55	0.00	809.55	1,426.44
<i>Totem Pole</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<hr/> 1,125.92	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 1,125.92	<hr/> 2,294.20
<i>Transfer Capital Sum</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Transfer Interest</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Subs to teams</i>	3,676.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<hr/> 3,676.00	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00
<b>PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</b>				
<i>Hall renovations</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR</b>	<hr/> <b>31,085.31</b>	<hr/> <b>0.00</b>	<hr/> <b>27,409.31</b>	<hr/> <b>43,043.76</b>

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Iver Heath Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1<sup>st</sup> Iver Heath Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

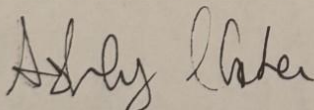
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directors given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: 

Relevant professional qualification: ACA, 5210379, ICAEW

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Date: 7 November 2025