

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A

Reference and administration details

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Roberta Anne Spurgeon	Trustee	
2	John Goodliffe	Chair	
3	Alistair Bradford	Trustee	
4	Wayne Simpson	Trustee	
5	Kathryn Hardy	Treasurer	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 3 Trustees and meets every 6 months.

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 gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

All sections have had the opportunity to camp and take part in outdoor adventurous activities. Indoor activities have included wide-ranging and vibrant programmes aimed at learning by doing and introduction to new topics and experiences. The Scout troops in particular have encouraged young people to take on responsibilities and shape their own programme.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Over the year our membership continued to grow and by the end there were sufficient to offer the prospect of a new section in the near future.

Section E

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 12 months running costs, circa £15,000, plus .

The Group held reserves of approximately £30,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by a transfer of funds from combining three scout groups into one in the last financial year, and this surplus has been reduced through additional expenditure by £3,000 in this year.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Sources of funds

The Group's principal sources of funds is membership subs with some additional ad hoc grant income for specific activities or capital projects. Fundraising provides a small amount of income for the group only.

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; Our funds enabled us to carry out much needed insulation of our building and support our Scouts with visits to France, win a sailing competition across the English Channel and traverse the River Wye by kayak. Our other sections also had the opportunity to attend various outdoor activities and overnight camping.

• investment policy and objectives; **Investment Policy**

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G

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)

KATHRYN HARDY	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

TREASURER	
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Date

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Gorsemoor Scout Group
Unaudited Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Gorsemoor Scout Group

Report to the proprietor on the preparation of the unaudited accounts of
Gorsemoor Scout Group

Year ended 31 March 2025

In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled the accounts on the following pages from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to me.

Ashman Accountancy Solutions

14 Horseshoe Close
Wimborne
Dorset
BH21 2UL
United Kingdom

Date: 26 September 2025

Gorsemoor Scout Group

Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Year to 31 Mar 2025	Period from 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Mar 2024
		£	£
	Note		
Turnover	2	36,789	20,359
Gross profit		<u>36,789</u>	<u>20,359</u>
Expenditure	2		
Premises costs		908	825
Staff costs		37,773	17,653
Legal and professional		350	-
General expenses		65	-
		<u>39,096</u>	<u>18,478</u>
(Loss)/profit for the year		<u>(2,307)</u>	<u>1,881</u>

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash at bank	30,351	32,658
Net current assets	30,351	32,658
Net assets	30,351	32,658
Financed by:		
Capital account	30,351	32,658

Gorsemoor Scout Group

Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost basis and on a basis which enables the profits to be calculated in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

2 Profit and loss account analysis

TURNOVER

	Year to 31 Mar 2025	Period from 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£
Membership Subscriptions	10,789	5,585
Other income	7,761	-
Activities	12,884	8,808
Other Income	39	16
Fundraising	359	548
Hire of Building	1,531	1,650
Other Scout Hut income	230	252
Grants	3,196	3,500
	36,789	20,359

EXPENDITURE

	Year to 31 Mar 2025	Period from 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£
Premises costs		
Rent	908	825

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

	Year to 31 Mar 2025	Period from 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£
Staff costs		
Membership Subscriptions	-	4,399
Youth Programme and Activities	17,297	8,529
Water & Sewage	511	207
Electricity and Gas	3,917	1,285
Facilities Maintenance	681	391
Insurance	1,504	198
Repairs and Renewals	5,997	2,160
Materials and Equipment	7,866	297
Uniforms	-	187
	<u>37,773</u>	<u>17,653</u>

	Year to 31 Mar 2025	Period from 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£
Legal and professional		
Accountancy fees	315	-
AGM Expenses	35	-
	<u>350</u>	<u>-</u>

	Year to 31 Mar 2025	Period from 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Mar 2024
	£	£
General expenses		
Training costs	65	-
	<u>65</u>	<u>-</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gorsemoor Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Gorsemoor Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Gorsemoor Scout Group 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 Gorsemoor Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the Gorsemoor Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do 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: *N. Ashman*

Name: Nichola Ashman

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): IFA/IPA 255890

Address: 14 Horseshoe Close, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 2UL

Date: 26th September 2025