



## Report & Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2025

### 1st Danbury Scout Group

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association: 3105  
Charity Registration Number: 302045

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## REPORT

### Appointments

|                 |     |
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| PRESIDENT       | n/a |
| VICE-PRESIDENTS | n/a |

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio

| <i>- Appointment</i>                    | <i>Name</i>   |
|---|---------------|
| Group Scout Leader                      | Kevin Mayle   |
| Assistant Group Scout Leader            | Paul Walker   |
| Group Chairman                          | Nigel Hills   |
| Group Secretary                         | Emily Storey  |
| Group Treasurer                         | Alan Dixon    |
| Section Leader - Lingwood Beaver Colony | Fiona Walker  |
| Section Leader - St Cleres Scout Troop  | Clive Pretty  |
| Section Leader - Riffhams Cubs          | Scott Boocock |

TRUSTEES: Elected

| <i>-Appointment</i> | <i>Name</i> |
|---------------------|-------------|
|                     | Paul Dodge  |
|                     | Sally Pain  |

BANKERS:  
Barclays Bank plc, Chelmsford High Street.

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| CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES (if any) | None |
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| OTHER ADVISORS | None |
|----------------|------|

## MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

### Group Chairman Report

#### Group Chair Report

This year has seen the Board of Trustees continue with the move to being more governance focused as Scouting UK completed it's long-awaited transformation to a new teams-based approach. The change has brought with it many challenges for all our volunteers as they have got to grips with a new membership system, requirements to complete updated online safety training and new roles. As trustees we have focused our bi-monthly meetings on monitoring our groups finances, risk awareness and ensure all members of the group are operating with in Scout Uk Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR). A key area for the trustees is ensuring the long-term financial security of the group as part of this we are looking to purchase the land we currently lease to side & rear of the hut and making plans to replace the mini-bus within the next few years.

Once again, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the other members of the Board of Trustees for giving up their time and expertise to ensure the smooth running of the management of the group. If you would like to join our amazing team of volunteers, there are always opportunities to get involved and we would love to talk to you about how you can help. Volunteering with the group is a great way to support our young people and all our volunteers make a huge difference to the group, whatever their role.

This year has seen a big change for the group as Kev Mayle, who has been Group Scout Leader for more than 10 years, decided it was time to step down at the end of March. During his time with the group we have built a new hut, survived a pandemic, opened 3 new sections and enjoyed two brilliant group camps. We are delighted he is staying on with Mildmay scouts and grateful for all the hours of volunteering he has given to ensure young people in Danbury get the most amazing experiences. This year we will also say good-bye to Alan Dixon who has been our treasurer over 20 years. Alan has steered the group through the financial challenges of building a new hut and the impact of COVID. He will be greatly missed by the Board of Trustees and the wider group.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to the entire team of amazing volunteers that we have in the Group and for making 1st Danbury Scout Group such a success. It seems obvious, but without our dedicated volunteers there would be no Scout Group.  
Nigel Hills, Group Chair

### Group Lead Volunteers Report

As you will see from the individual sections' reports it has been another amazing year for 1st Danbury Scouts. We have seen a small increase in our members as we continue to work to reduce our waiting list to give as many young people as possible the opportunity to join scouting. Most of our sections are at full capacity and we are extremely grateful to the section volunteers who have pushed above their regular numbers to help with the end of term move from squirrels to beavers to cubs to scouts to explorers, which is always a challenge to co-ordinate.

We have welcomed 5 new volunteers who have joined our squirrels, beavers & cub leadership teams. They have each brought skills and enthusiasm and we delighted to have them in the group. We are delighted to welcome Sam Jasper back to the group, Sam has been away at university and is now looking forward to getting involved with both Cubs & Explorers. Sadly we have also said good-bye to two volunteers as they have decided it is time for them to step down so would like to thank Alec and Jenny for all the time we have given to the group. We would also like to thank Chloe & Kirsty for their leadership of Dawson Cubs; we are so pleased they have both agreed to join of Support Team so that they can volunteer more flexibly with the group.

Our volunteers continue to provide a great range of activities and opportunities for our members. From weekly meetings focused on badge completion, kayaking & paddle boarding, sleepovers at the hut, expeditions and group activity day our volunteers are always looking for new ways to make life-long memories. We are very lucky to have such an amazing group of volunteers working with our sections giving up their time each week, at weekends and in the holidays. Looking forward we are excited to see our members applying for international opportunities, our cubs securing places on a county organised trip to Germany and Mildmay scouts heading to Denmark.

With a large and active group, we continually need to review our equipment and after more of one rather wet camp this summer we have identified that it is time to replace all our tents. We really appreciate the support of Board of Trustees as we make these purchases to enable us to continue to offer such a wide range of camping opportunities for our members. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the trustees for all the time and expertise they bring to the group.

With the changes to Board of Trustees we have created a Group Support Team to encompass some of the responsibilities previously covered by our exec. The support team look after our building, organising our fundraising, manage our website, maintain our equipment and help with events. They are key part of the Danbury Team and we would like to thank them all for volunteering.

In addition to our adult volunteers, we are very lucky to have a growing number of young leaders in the group. These young people bring energy, enthusiasm and ideas to our sections they are the future and we would like to thank each one for the everything they do.

Finally, we would like to thank all our young members for giving us a reason to volunteer, for their smiles and their enthusiasm. They are the reason every one of us volunteers with the group and we all love to see them grow in confidence and develop lifelong skills. Also, a huge thank you to all the parents who bring them to meetings and events, step in when need an extra pair of hands at a meeting and take time to thank our volunteers.

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

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

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year.

All figures are in pounds sterling (£).

Approved by the trustees on 6th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by Nigel Hills (Group Chairman) and Alan Dixon (Group Treasurer).

|                  |                |                 |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Name</b>      | Nigel Hills    | Alan Dixon      |
| <b>Position</b>  | Group Chairman | Group Treasurer |
| <b>Signature</b> | _____          | _____           |
| <b>Date</b>      |                |                 |

**RECEIPTS PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS SUMMARY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

|                                   | This Year                | Last Year                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total receipts for the year       | £55,231.82               | £62,332.39               |
| Total payments for the year       | £55,278.69               | £66,490.03               |
| Net receipts over payments        | -£46.87                  | -£4,157.64               |
| Balance B/Fwd from Prior Year     | £60,704.58               | £64,862.22               |
| <b>BALANCE C/FWD TO NEXT YEAR</b> | <b><u>£60,657.71</u></b> | <b><u>£60,704.58</u></b> |

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2025**

|                     |                                      |       | This Year       | Last Year       |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Monetary Assets     | See next page.                       | Total | £60,658         | £60,705         |
| Non-Monetary Assets |                                      |       |                 |                 |
|                     | Land and Buildings (1)               |       | £350,000        | £350,000        |
|                     | Minibus (2)                          |       | £619            | £774            |
|                     | Activity Equipment and Furniture (3) |       | £17,500         | £17,500         |
|                     | All Tentage and Canvas (3)           |       | £14,000         | £14,000         |
|                     | Canoe Equipment & Trailers (4)       |       | £10,000         | £10,000         |
|                     | Fireworks Equipment                  |       | £15,500         | £15,500         |
|                     | Total                                |       | <u>£407,619</u> | <u>£407,774</u> |

**Notes:**

- (1) Figure represents cost of new Scout Building
- (2) Depreciated at 20%
- (3) Valued on the basis of new-for-old.
- (4) Canoe valuation is in accordance with the insurance renewal, FY 2024-25

**Monetary Assets (Opening Balances):**

|                    | <u>Cash</u> | <u>Current<br/>Account</u> | <u>Deposit<br/>Account</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Squirrels          |             | £246.75                    |                            | £246.75      |
| Lingwood Beavers   |             | £374.89                    |                            | £374.89      |
| Mooresbridge Cubs  | £11.35      | £2,233.62                  |                            | £2,244.97    |
| Riffhams Cubs      |             | £699.66                    |                            | £699.66      |
| Dawson Cubs        |             | £295.70                    |                            | £295.70      |
| St Cleres Scouts   | £152.05     | £1,901.04                  |                            | £2,053.09    |
| Mandeville Scouts  |             | £1,628.81                  |                            | £1,628.81    |
| Mildmay Scouts     |             | £577.41                    |                            | £577.41      |
| Fireworks Account  |             |                            | £19,136.12                 | £19,136.12   |
| Group Exec Account |             | £3,339.20                  | £29,990.17                 | £33,329.37   |

Total Monetary Assets @ 31/3/2024

**£163.40   £11,297.08   £49,126.29   £60,586.77**

**Monetary Assets (Closing Balances):**

|                    | <u>Cash</u> | <u>Current<br/>Account</u> | <u>Deposit<br/>Account</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Squirrels          | £15.00      | £94.08                     |                            | £109.08      |
| Lingwood Beavers   | £86.81      | £759.48                    |                            | £846.29      |
| Mooresbridge Cubs  | £11.82      | £295.08                    |                            | £306.90      |
| Riffhams Cubs      |             | £507.89                    |                            | £507.89      |
| Dawson Cubs        |             | £481.27                    |                            | £481.27      |
| St Cleres Scouts   | £99.04      | £1,273.44                  |                            | £1,372.48    |
| Mandeville Scouts  |             | £1,234.61                  |                            | £1,234.61    |
| Mildmay Scouts     |             | £489.58                    |                            | £489.58      |
| Fireworks Account  |             |                            | £19,420.06                 | £19,420.06   |
| Group Exec Account |             | £5,074.67                  | £30,435.16                 | £35,509.83   |
| OSM Cards          |             | £379.72                    |                            |              |

Total Monetary Assets @ 31/3/2025

**£212.67   £10,589.82   £49,855.22   £60,657.71**

-£70.94

## 2024-25 Consolidated Accounts

### 1st Danbury Scout Group Annual Report 2024/25

|                                 | <u>Exec</u>              | <u>Sections</u>          | <u>Total</u>             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                   |                          |                          |                          |
| Activity Equipment              | £634.11                  |                          | £634.11                  |
| Bank Interest                   | £728.93                  |                          | £728.93                  |
| Donation                        | £1,345.90                | £131.50                  | £1,477.40                |
| Events                          | £5,062.30                | £9,185.61                | £14,247.91               |
| <i>Events - Cubs</i>            | £300.00                  |                          | £300.00                  |
| Explorers- Rent                 | £540.00                  |                          | £540.00                  |
| Fundraising                     | £2,917.12                |                          | £2,917.12                |
| Gift Aid                        | £4,335.25                |                          | £4,335.25                |
| <i>Membership Fees</i>          | £22,993.92               | £5,344.00                | £28,337.92               |
| Minibus                         | £484.00                  |                          | £484.00                  |
| RHI Rebate                      | £513.68                  |                          | £513.68                  |
| Uniform                         | £715.50                  |                          | £715.50                  |
|                                 | <b><u>£40,570.71</u></b> | <b><u>£14,661.11</u></b> | <b><u>£55,231.82</u></b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |
| Activity Equipment              | £2,146.14                | £48.00                   | £2,194.14                |
| Admin                           | £656.92                  | £667.80                  | £1,324.72                |
| Badges                          | £1,983.10                |                          | £1,983.10                |
| Cleaning                        | £2,548.26                |                          | £2,548.26                |
| Events                          | £2,526.61                | £12,860.12               | £15,386.73               |
| Events - Cubs                   | £530.00                  |                          | £530.00                  |
| Fundraising                     | £254.90                  |                          | £254.90                  |
| <i>Insurance</i>                | £1,475.92                |                          | £1,475.92                |
| Meetings                        | £0.00                    | £3,889.18                | £3,889.18                |
| Membership Costs                | £10,841.93               | £86.00                   | £10,927.93               |
| Minibus                         | £2,228.20                |                          | £2,228.20                |
| Section Subs                    | £5,076.00                |                          | £5,076.00                |
| Uniform                         | £1,209.34                |                          | £1,209.34                |
| Utilities                       | £5,281.64                |                          | £5,281.64                |
| Venue Maintenance               | £968.63                  |                          | £968.63                  |
|                                 | <b><u>£37,727.59</u></b> | <b><u>£17,551.10</u></b> | <b><u>£55,278.69</u></b> |
| <b>Account balances</b>         |                          |                          |                          |
| OSM Cards                       | £379.72                  |                          | £379.72                  |
| Current Bank Accounts           | £5,074.67                | £5,135.43                | £10,210.10               |
| F/W Deposit A/C                 | £19,420.06               |                          | £19,420.06               |
| Group Deposit A/C               | £30,435.16               |                          | £30,435.16               |
| Cash                            |                          | £212.67                  | £212.67                  |
|                                 | <b><u>£55,309.61</u></b> | <b><u>£5,348.10</u></b>  | <b><u>£60,657.71</u></b> |
| <b>Summary</b>                  |                          |                          |                          |
| Account balance brought forward | £52,466.49               | £8,238.09                | £60,704.58               |
| Total income                    | £40,570.71               | £14,661.11               | £55,231.82               |
| Total expenditure               | £37,727.59               | £17,551.10               | £55,278.69               |
| Net income                      | £2,843.12                | -£2,889.99               | -£46.87                  |
| Account balance carried forward | <b><u>£55,309.61</u></b> | <b><u>£5,348.10</u></b>  | <b><u>£60,657.71</u></b> |

## 1st Danbury Scout Group Section reports 2024/25

|                                 | <u>Squirrels</u> | <u>Beavers</u> | <u>Dawson</u> | <u>Riffhams</u> | <u>Moore's Bridge</u> | <u>Midmay</u> | <u>Mandeville</u> | <u>St Clare's</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Income</b>                   |                  |                |               |                 |                       |               |                   |                   |              |
| Donation                        |                  | £4.00          |               |                 | £127.50               |               |                   |                   | £131.50      |
| Events                          | £135.00          | £2,308.00      | £404.00       | £2,245.61       | £2,825.00             | £763.00       | £60.00            | £445.00           | £9,185.61    |
| Membership Fees                 | £378.00          | £1,366.00      | £468.00       | £828.00         | £630.00               | £603.00       | £522.00           | £549.00           | £5,344.00    |
| <b>Expense</b>                  |                  |                |               |                 |                       |               |                   |                   |              |
| Activity Equipment              |                  | £48.00         |               |                 |                       |               |                   |                   | £48.00       |
| Admin                           | £94.37           | £388.86        | £3.00         |                 |                       |               | £136.57           | £45.00            | £667.80      |
| Events                          | £215.00          | £2,739.14      | £496.20       | £1,799.99       | £4,892.13             | £1,208.01     | £265.29           | £1,244.36         | £12,860.12   |
| Meetings                        | £351.30          | £51.41         | £187.23       | £1,465.39       | £628.44               | £245.82       | £574.34           | £385.25           | £3,889.18    |
| <b>Membership Costs</b>         |                  | £86.00         |               |                 |                       |               |                   |                   | £86.00       |
| <b>Account balances</b>         |                  |                |               |                 |                       |               |                   |                   |              |
| <b>CASH</b>                     | £15.00           | £86.81         |               |                 | £11.82                |               |                   | £99.04            | £212.67      |
| Bank Balances                   | £94.08           | £759.48        | £481.27       | £507.89         | £295.08               | £489.58       | £1,234.61         | £1,273.44         | £5,135.43    |
| <b>Summary</b>                  |                  |                |               |                 |                       |               |                   |                   |              |
| Account balance brought forward | £256.75          | £481.70        | £295.70       | £699.66         | £2,244.97             | £577.41       | £1,628.81         | £2,053.09         | £8,238.09    |
| Total income                    | £513.00          | £3,678.00      | £872.00       | £3,073.61       | £3,582.50             | £1,366.00     | £582.00           | £994.00           | £14,661.11   |
| Total expenditure               | £660.67          | £3,313.41      | £686.43       | £3,265.38       | £5,520.57             | £1,453.83     | £976.20           | £1,674.61         | £17,551.10   |
| <b>Net income</b>               | -£147.67         | £364.59        | £185.57       | -£191.77        | -£1,938.07            | -£87.83       | -£394.20          | -£680.61          | -£2,889.99   |
| Account balance carried forward | £109.08          | £846.29        | £481.27       | £507.89         | £306.90               | £489.58       | £1,234.61         | £1,372.48         | £5,348.10    |

|                                  |                |                  |                |                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Parking at Church Green          |                | £155.28          |                | £146.82          |
| Minibus Hire                     | £248.00        |                  | £647.17        |                  |
| <b>Total Minibus</b>             | <b>£248.00</b> | <b>£155.28</b>   | <b>£647.17</b> | <b>£2,506.06</b> |
| <b>Utilities &amp; Insurance</b> |                |                  |                |                  |
| Electricity                      | £831.84        | £2,571.00        | £74.57         | £831.00          |
| Refuse                           |                | £200.72          |                | £197.69          |
| BT                               |                | £395.48          |                | £381.42          |
| Water                            |                | £61.60           |                | £76.17           |
| HQ Insurance                     |                | £1,440.03        |                | £1,245.68        |
| <b>Total Utilities</b>           | <b>£831.84</b> | <b>£4,668.83</b> | <b>£0.00</b>   | <b>£2,731.96</b> |
| <b>Carried forward ..</b>        | <b>£947.17</b> | <b>£5,361.51</b> | <b>£185.57</b> | <b>£3,311.77</b> |

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the  
1st Danbury Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:**

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").

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Name:**

**D J Hogg**

**Relevant professional opinion or body:**

**Chartered Institute of  
Management Accountants**

**Address:**

**38 Runsell Lane  
Danbury  
CM3 4NZ**

**Signed:**



**Date:**

17/7/2025