LONG ASHTON (ALL SAINTS) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302155

Details

Other names	25TH BRISTOL (ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON) BOY SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-05-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	45 Rayens Cross Road Long Ashton Bristol BS41 9EA
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Activities

Objects: 25TH BRISTOL (ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON) BOY SCOUT GROUP

Activities: Part of the National 'Scouts' Organisation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ALL SAINTS, LONG ASHTON
- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£46,516	£47,811	-	-
2024-12-31	£44,532	£36,837	-	-
2023-12-31	£33,638	£35,767	-	-
2022-12-31	£21,310	£18,545	-	-
2021-12-31	£10,485	£10,035	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,437	£14,209	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher John Aylmer Lewis	Chair	2026-07-01
ANDREW TYAS		2012-07-24
Iain Aldridge		2026-02-25
Jennifer Elizabeth Skrzypczyk		2025-06-18
Krystina Louise Hartry		2023-06-07
Norris David Riley		2023-06-15
Stuart McBride		2026-07-01
Theo Hartry		2025-06-18
matthew Wooldridge		2023-06-15

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Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group - Trustees' Annual Report 2025

For the period:

From	1 January 2025	To	31 December 2025
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	**Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group**
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**302155**
HQ Registration Number	

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association: **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 the purpose and objects	• Successfully ran and maintained 6 Sections within the Group:
	  o 2 Beaver Colonies
	  o 2 Cub Packs
	  o 2 Scout Troops
	• Successfully took on new Scout members, progressed existing members through Scouting, and released older Scouts into further Scouting, all while adhering to the values of Scouting.
	• All Sections enjoyed mixtures of indoor and outdoor activities, community support work and growth of individual skill and knowledge in age-appropriate ways.
	• Trained new leaders and encouraged the continual development of existing leaders.

	• Supported the local community with outreach activities for the good of the village.
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	• Continued to successfully deliver Scouting activities and programmes across Beaver, Cub and Scout sections within the Group. • Maintained strong youth membership and volunteer engagement throughout the year. • Continued progression of the new Scout HQ project at Wild Country Lane, including ongoing financial planning, project development and associated fundraising activity. • Maintained sound financial governance and charity compliance throughout the reporting period. • Invested in programme activities, equipment and resources to support high-quality Scouting experiences for young people within the local community.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	• The Group remains in a strong financial position, with total assets of £297,032.45 at 31 December 2025, including cash reserves of £250,448.45 and the Group's land and equipment assets. • Total income for the year was £46,515.65, with total expenditure of £47,810.88, resulting in a modest deficit of £1,295.23. The deficit reflects planned investment in both the delivery of Scouting activities and the continued progression of the new Scout Headquarters project. • During the year, £38,282.66 was invested directly into the HQ project, including design, enabling works, legal and statutory costs. This expenditure was significantly offset by £18,123.94 generated through fundraising, grant funding and interest earned on HQ reserves. • The Trustee Board continues to adopt a prudent approach to financial management, ensuring that funds are available both to support the day-to-day operation of the Group and to deliver the long-term objective of constructing a new permanent Group Scout Headquarters. • The Group's principal sources of income continue to comprise membership subscriptions, activity and camp income, fundraising events, donations, grants and interest earned on cash reserves. • Fundraising and grant income continue to play a significant role in supporting both the delivery of Scouting activities and the development of the new Scout Headquarters. • Following the financial year end, the Group successfully secured a £30,000 grant from the Bernard Sunley Foundation, together with further financial pledges from local benefactors and organisations. These awards are not reflected within the 2025 accounts but will support project delivery during 2026.

Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	• The Trustee Board's policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable the Group to continue operating effectively, whilst also providing resilience against unforeseen financial pressures. • At the end of the financial year, reserves remained significantly above the minimum level required for normal operational activities. This reflects the Group's long-term strategy of accumulating funds to deliver the new Scout Headquarters project. • As construction activity increases, the Trustee Board will continue to monitor reserves, cashflow and project commitments to ensure appropriate funding is available at each stage of the development whilst maintaining the financial stability of the charity.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	• The Trustee Board's investment objective is to protect capital whilst maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet operational requirements and the planned expenditure associated with the new Scout Headquarters. • Cash reserves are held with UK-regulated banking institutions, with surplus funds placed in low-risk interest-bearing accounts where appropriate. Interest earned during the year has made a valuable contribution towards funding HQ design and enabling works, allowing the Group's reserves to continue generating value while awaiting deployment on the project. • The Group does not undertake speculative investments.

A description of the principal risks	• The Trustee Board carried out a comprehensive risk audit of the Group’s activities during this period which was recorded in a new Group level Risk Register.
	• This identified the major risks to which the Trustee Board believes 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:
	    ◦ 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. Additional personal accident insurance cover has been paid for to cover risks to non-Member helpers.
	    ◦ 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 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. The Group is has appointed a Trustee to lead on volunteer recruitment.

	• Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. 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. • The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. • IT and Data Management is a key risk for the Group. The Trustee Board has appointed a Trustee with extensive IT and data management expertise as IT and Data Lead. He will draft data management policies for adoption by the Group and the establishment of a document management system and scouting specific email addresses to safeguard the Groups work.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity's governing documents are those of 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 (POR) of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a Trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board. They also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 7 Trustees and meets 6 times a year. The Trustee Board is supported by a Trustee who is Board Administrator. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly.

	The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly reviewing a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required; • Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board; • Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; • Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; • Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation;

Plans for future periods

Plans for future Periods	• The coming year represents one of the most significant periods in the Group's history as the new Scout Headquarters project progresses into the construction phase.
	• Key priorities for 2026 include:
	    o Progressing foundation, enabling and infrastructure works.
	    o Continuing the construction of the new Scout Headquarters.
	    o Securing additional grant funding and community fundraising to support later phases of the build.
	    o Maintaining strong financial governance through enhanced financial controls, budgeting and reporting.
	    o Recruiting a volunteer Bookkeeper to support the Treasurer as the scale and complexity of the Group's financial administration increases.
	    o Continuing to provide high-quality Scouting experiences for young people across all sections whilst ensuring the long-term sustainability of the charity.
	• The Trustee Board remains confident that, with continued support from members, volunteers, grant funders and the

	wider community, the Group is well positioned to deliver a modern, sustainable headquarters that will benefit future generations of young people in Long Ashton.

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	45 Rayens Cross Road, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9EA

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Simon Gwyn Jones	Chair	
2	Krystina Louise Hartry	Treasurer	
3	Norris David Riley	Secretary	
4	Theo Hartry	HQ Sub Committee Chair	
5	Jenny Skrzypczyk	Recruitment Lead	
6	Richard Pattenden	Risk Lead	
7	Matthew Wooldridge	Comms Lead	
8	Deborah Jean Erskine	President	
9	Andrew Tyas		
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Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Nick Gill	278 Canford Lane, BS9 3PL

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature	***Norris Riley***	
Full name	**Norris David Riley**	
Position held	**Secretary and Trustee**	
Date	**29 June 2026**	

<u>Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts for 2025</u>

The Group remains in a strong financial position at the end of the 2025 financial year.

Total income for the year was £46,515.65, compared with £43,986.32 in 2024. This increase was supported by continued subscription, activity and camp income, HQ fundraising, grant income, interest received and refunds.

Total expenditure for the year was £47,810.88, resulting in a small deficit of £1,295.23. This reflects continued investment in Scouting activities and the ongoing progression of the new HQ project, including design fees, enabling works, legal costs and council-related fees.

At 31 December 2025, the Group held cash at bank of £250,448.45, with total Group assets of £297,032.45, including the Wild Country Lane site and Group equipment.

The Group therefore remains financially secure, with substantial reserves available to support both day-to-day Scouting activities and the continued development of the new Scout HQ. As the project moves into its construction phase, careful financial management and robust financial oversight will continue to be a key priority.

During the financial year, £38,282.66 was invested directly into the HQ project. This expenditure was significantly offset through £18,123.94 of fundraising income, grants and interest earned on the HQ reserves. The interest generated from funds held for the HQ project has continued to play an important role in subsidising design and enabling works, ensuring that reserves continue to work for the Group while the project progresses.

The Trustee Board is also delighted to report that, since the year end and therefore not reflected within these accounts, the Group has secured a further £30,000 grant from the Bernard Sunley Foundation, alongside numerous additional pledges from local benefactors, businesses and organisations. This provides further confidence as we move into the construction phase of the project.

During the year, additional financial controls have been introduced, including new financial policies, annual budgets and a detailed HQ financial control tracker. These measures will enable the Trustee Board to monitor income, expenditure, committed costs and future funding requirements more effectively as the scale of the project continues to increase.

Looking ahead, fundraising activity will increase significantly throughout the 2026 financial year as we work towards completing our new Scout Headquarters as quickly as possible. We are incredibly grateful for the continued generosity of our members, supporters, grant funders and the wider Long Ashton community, whose support is making this once-in-a-generation project possible.

Finally, we are actively seeking to recruit a volunteer Bookkeeper to support the Treasurer with day-to-day financial administration and reporting. If you, or someone you know within our Scout community, has bookkeeping or finance experience and would be interested in volunteering a few hours each month, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the Treasurer at treasurer.lascouts@gmail.com for an informal conversation.

Krystina Hartry

Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group Treasurer

Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Summary 2025

In £'s	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Movement
Income							
Subscriptions, Activities & Camp	4,490.26	10,484.93	18,309.14	18,309.14	26,808.97	27,251.71	442.74
Activities & Camp	2,883.30		-530.99	-1,101.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations & Fundraising - Group	19,705.60	245,353.38	3,001.44	3,001.44	1,529.55	0.00	-1,529.55
Fundraising - HQ					364.22	7,880.50	7,516.28
Grants - HQ					10,812.63	5,000.00	-5,812.63
Interest Received					4,370.95	5,243.44	872.49
Admin					100.00	0.00	-100.00
Refund - HQ Exps						1,140.00	1,140.00
Total Income	27,079.16	255,838.31	20,779.59	20,779.97	**43,986.32**	**46,515.65**	2,529.33
Expenditure							
HQ Running Expenses	(1,070)	0			0.00	0.00	0.00
HQ Design Fees						(6,655.49)	-6,655.49
HQ Enabling Works						(13,379.82)	-13,379.82
HQ Legal Fees						(500.00)	-500.00
HQ Council Fees						(4,500.00)	-4,500.00
School Hire			(2,770)	(2,770)	(1,485.00)	0.00	1,485.00
New HQ	(6,462)	(2,875)	(55,291)	(55,291)	(14,694.89)	(14,387.35)	307.54
National Subs	(4,982)	(5,566)	(6,060)	(6,060)	(7,192.00)	(6,901.50)	290.50
Insurance	(817)				(52.00)	(52.00)	0.00
Activities, Camp Exps & Programme Resources		(2,080)			(12,857.15)	0.00	12,857.15
Group Events (AGM)						(167.40)	
Equipment			(2,036)	(2,036)	0.00	(272.41)	-272.41
Group Sundries - Badges/Neckers/etc						(429.00)	
Admin	(520)	(200)	(141)	(141)	(556.35)	(565.91)	-9.56
Total Expenditure	(13,851)	(10,721)	(66,298)	(66,298)	**(36,837.39)**	**(47,810.88)**	-10,973.49
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	£13,228.43	£13,228.21	£245,117.68	-£45,518.01	**7,148.93**	**-£1,295.23**	-£8,444.16

Statement of Assets as at 31/12/25			
Asset	**2024**	**2025**	**MVMNT**
Cash at Bank - Ac's			
Lloyds TSB current Account - Group Activities (460)	£46,289.76	£54,225.97	£7,936.21
Lloyds TSB current Account - HQ Activities (563)	£0.00	£979.04	£979.04
Lloyds TSB savings Account - Instant Access (060)	£144,908.08	£195,243.44	£50,335.36
Fixed Term Deposit Account - 6LS - 2025 AC - N/A	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Fixed Term Deposit Account - 9LS - MATURES FEB25	£60,000.00	£0.00	-£60,000.00
Fixed Term Deposit Account - 2LS - MATURED 11/4/25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Santander Account	£407.42	£0.00	-£407.42
Total Cash at Bank	£251,605.26	£250,448.45	-£1,156.81
Tangible Assets			
Land at Wild Country Lane	£45,584.00	£45,584.00	£0.00
Equipment	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
Cash	£545.84	£0.00	-£545.84
Total Tangible Assets	£47,129.84	£46,584.00	-£545.84
Total Group Asset Value	£298,735.10	£297,032.45	-£1,702.65

Long Ashton Scouts 2025 Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group** for the year ended December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Long Ashton (All Saints) 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 **Long Ashton (All Saints) 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 not kept in respect of the **Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. 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: N Gill

Name: Nicholas Gill

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA

Address: 278 Canford Lane, BS9 3PL

Date: 28 June 2026

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 4 to end date 3 1 1 2 2 4

Section A — **Reference and administration details**

Charity name	Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 2 1 5 5
HQ registration number	
Charity's principal address	3 Yanleigh Estate, Yanley Lane, Long Ashton, Bristol
Postcode	B S 4 1 9 L P

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	Simon Gwyn Jones	Chair	
2	Krystina Louise Hartry	Treasurer	
3	Norris David Riley		
4	Sean Adrian Davin	Group Lead Volunteer	
5	Debora Jean Erskine	President	
6	Andrew Philip Downey		
7	Andrew Tyas		
8	Dominic Anderson		
9	Matthew Wooldridge		
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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 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. The Group's Constitution is Chapter 5 of The Scout Association Policy, Operation and Rules.
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. It is a separate unincorporated educational charity within the Scouts' federated structure.
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: 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 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. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, President and 6 other Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 6 elected Trustees and 1 Nominated Trustee) and meets approximately every 3 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
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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 grant making; • 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	Ensured fiscal compliance as a charity - Raised monies through monthly subscriptions as well as fund raising activities, in order to invest in young people activities and a future headquarters building intended for better investment in youth - Enabled the running of Scouting in the village as a successful venture, giving greater life experiences to approximately 140 young people through skills and activities which are not normally available otherwise.

Section E	Financial Review
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Quantify and explain any designations	
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Further financial review details (optional information)	

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

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

• investment policy and objectives;

Investment Policy

Principal Sources of Funds:
The Group's principal sources of funds are membership subscriptions, activity and camp income, grant funding (particularly relating to the new HQ project), and donations raised through fundraising initiatives. Given the Group's ongoing capital project and its operational commitments, a low-risk approach has been adopted in line with charity best practice. The Group does not invest in longer-term or higher-risk vehicles such as stocks and shares. All funds are held in cash across three mainstream banks to maximise the statutory savings protection available under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

How Expenditure Supports the Charity's Objectives
All expenditure is closely aligned with the Group's charitable objectives: Namely, delivering high-quality Scouting programmes to young people in the local area and supporting the development of a new HQ facility to future-proof the charity's infrastructure. The Group Trustee Board monitors bank balances, projected cash flow, and interest rates to ensure value for money and optimal use of available funds. Where necessary, fixed-term or notice savings accounts are used to secure higher returns, but always with reference to the Group's short- and medium-term operational funding needs.

Investment Policy and Objectives: The Group's objective is to protect capital, ensure liquidity for operational and capital expenditure, and achieve a modest return through interest-bearing deposit accounts. The investment strategy prioritises capital security and responsible stewardship over financial return. All funds are held in accounts with UK-regulated institutions, and no speculative or high-risk investments are made. This policy is reviewed annually by the Trustee Board or more frequently if required by changing circumstances.

Section F — Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	The Group is currently planning the development of a new HQ building. Land for the site has been acquired. Full planning permission has been obtained. A s.278 agreement to agree safe road access with the local authority is being sought. This will be followed by highways works, enabling works and fundraising activities.

Section G — Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Norris David Riley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Secretary	
Date	1 5 0 6 2 5	

Treasurer's Report & Statement of Accounts for 2024

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Expenditure remained aligned with expectations, with the most significant areas being national subscriptions (£7,192), programme delivery (£12,857), and the HQ project (£14,694).

We have continued to improve internal processes this year, with a prepaid expense card system now live across all sections, ensuring leaders are no longer out of pocket and that group operations run more smoothly. This is part of our wider shift towards digitising our financial management for greater transparency and efficiency.

We have also made progress with Gift Aid. I'm pleased to confirm we have missed no reclaim deadlines. Our next claim - covering eligible donations from 2021 onwards - will be submitted in the coming months and we have until December 2025 to complete this. A provisional Gift Aid accrual of £12,647.26 has been included in this year's accounts, based on a conservative 60% recovery rate across the eligible period. We hope to improve on this as declarations are validated.

Our total cash reserves stood at £252,151.10 at year-end, with savings spread across a mixture of instant access and fixed-term deposit accounts. As deposits from the sale of the previous Scout Hut begin to mature, we plan to spread our risk across multiple new bank accounts, improving liquidity access and safeguarding our long-term position.

We remain in a very healthy position, with a total group asset value of £311,382.36 at year-end.

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Donations & Fundraising - Group	5,905.00	19,705.60	245,353.38	3,001.44	4,926.13	2,075.39	-2,850.74
Fundraising - HQ						364.22	364.22
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Total Income	19,711.00	27,079.16	255,838.31	20,779.59	**33,638.17**	**44,532.16**	10,893.99
Expenditure							
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Equipment	(456)			(2,036)	0	0.00	0.00
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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)	0	1	0	1	2	3	to end date	3	1	1	2	2	3

Section A **Reference and administration details**

Charity name	Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	3 0 2 1 5 5
HQ registration number	
Charity’s principal address	3 Yanleigh Estate, Yanley Lane, Long Ashton, Bristol
Postcode	B S 4 1 9 L P

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	Simon Gwyn Jones	Chair	
2	Krystina Louise Hartry	Treasurer	
3	Norris David Riley	Secretary	
4	Sean Adrian Davin	Group Scout Leader	
5	Debora Jean Erskine	President	
6	Andrew Philip Downey		
7	Andrew Tyas		
8	Dominic Anderson		
9	Matthew Wooldridge		
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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 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. The Group's Constitution is Chapter 5 of The Scout Association Policy, Operation and Rules.
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. It is a separate unincorporated educational charity within the Scouts' federated structure.
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: 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 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. The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, President and 5 other Trustees (including 2 Ex Officio Trustees, and 6 elected Trustees and 1 Nominated Trustee) and meets approximately every 3 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)

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 property and equipment. The Group has sufficient contents insurance in place to mitigate against loss of its property and equipment.

- 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. Additional personal accident insurance cover has been paid for to cover risks to non-Member helpers.

- 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. The Group is seeking to appoint a volunteer to coordinate the recruitment and management of all volunteers, including Leaders.

- Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 14. 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.

- The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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	Successfully ran and maintained 6 Scouting sections within the Group: 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops. - Successfully took on new Scout members, progressed existing members through Scouting, and released older Scouts into further Scouting, all the while adhering to the values of Scouting throughout. - All Sections enjoyed mixtures of indoor and outdoor activities, community support work and growth of individual skill and knowledge in age appropriate ways - Trained new leaders and encouraged the continual development of existing leaders - Supported the local community with outreach activities for the good of the village.

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 grant making; • 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

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Section D	**Achievements and performance**
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	Ensured fiscal compliance as a charity - Raised monies through monthly subscriptions as well as fund raising activities, in order to invest in young people activities and a future headquarters building intended for better investment in youth - Enabled the running of Scouting in the village as a successful venture, giving greater life experiences to approximately 120 young people through skills and activities which are not normally available otherwise.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	N/A - The group operates at a circa £5,000 annual operating profit level.

Further financial review details (optional information)

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• the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	The Group's operational 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. Group funds are currently held across 2 mainstream banks in order to maximise the statutory savings protection offered (extending to 3 in the year ahead). That being said, HQ project funds are significant and growing. Where possible the group splits the HQ reserves between 2 existing savings deposit accounts to maximise interest revenue able to be produced and we will continue to do so where applicable.
• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.
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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Norris David Riley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Secretary	
Date	3 0 1 0 2 4	

Treasurers Report & Statement of Accounts for 2023

2023 was a busy and exciting year for the group and I have had the honour of taking on the role of Group Treasurer mid-way through the 2023 financial year following the AGM in June 23 from Phil Downey who had been in post for a significant period so I thank him for his help and guidance over that transition.

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Admin	(65)	(520)	(200)	(141)	0
Total Expenditure	(12,968)	(13,851)	(10,721)	(66,298)	**(35,767)**
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	6,743	13,228	245,118	(45,518)	**(2,129)**

Statement of Assets as at 31/12/23	
Lloyds TSB current Account	£43,566.28
Lloyds TSB savings Account	£40,482.63
Lloyds TSB Deposit Account	£160,000.00
Santander Account	£407.42
Total Bank	£244,456.33
Land at Wild Country Lane	£45,584.00
Equipment	£1,000.00
Total Group Asset Value	**£291,040.33**

Scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of
Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended December 31st 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 2 of the Treasurers Report as included within the Long Ashton Scouts AGM report for 2023.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Nick Gill
Address: 278 Canford Lane, BS9 3PL
Date: 30th October 2024

Accounts

Treasurer's Report – 2020

At an operational level the Group operated at a deficit of £5 – possibly more luck than judgement during the chaos of 2020. Reduced subs due to the reduction in activities, minimal activities though a lot of administration as people had paid for events which required a refund etc.

Overall the Group had a surplus in 2020 of £13,228 due to a Government premises COVID grant of £10,000, the catch up of Gift Aid reclaim of £9,696 and new HQ expenses of £6,462, with the aggregated cost of HQ expense now amounting to £7,805.

The old HQ value has been revised to £244,468 which is the net amount (after all costs) of the sale with the funds received in early January 2021.

Overall the Group remains in a healthy financial position – the closing bank balance stood at £46,267 and with the activity on the new HQ then for 2021 the accounts will be split between the daily operations and new HQ.

Many thanks to Annabelle Richards who has cast her eye over the accounts and independently verified their accuracy.

Phil Downey
Treasurer — June 2021

Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Summary

In £'s	2017	2018	2019	2020	Comments
Income					
Subscriptions	9,118	11,989	13,806	7,732	
Activities	1,234				
Camp	3,358				
Donations / Gift Aid	1,781	1,000	5,935	9,696	4 years Gift Aid reclaimed
Fund Raising		225	(30)	10	
Other				10,000	Government COVID Grant
Total Income	15,490	13,214	19,711	27,437	
Expenditure					
HQ Running Expenses	(1,697)		(205)	(1,070)	
School Hire	(3,500)	(4,157)	(3,940)		
New HQ	(200)	(130)	(1,343)	(6,462)	
National Subs	(3,900)	(3,876)	(4,004)	(4,982)	
Insurance	(917)	(866)	(933)	(817)	
Activities - expenses	(2,302)	(1,419)	(2,022)	(359)	
Camp - Expenses	(3,299)				
Badges etc.	(77)				
Equipment			(456)		
Admin	(80)	(21)	(65)	(520)	
Total Expense	(15,972)	(10,469)	(12,968)	(14,209)	
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(481)	2,745	6,743	13,228	

Statement of Assets

Santander			£20,710	
Lloyds			£26,407	
Total Bank				£47,117
Owing to Schools				(£850)
Total Available				£46,267
Building – Providence Lane				£244,468

Equipment				£1,000
Total				£291,735