

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: ○ 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 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.
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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.
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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.
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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;
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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: ○ Progressing foundation, enabling and infrastructure works. ○ Continuing the construction of the new Scout Headquarters. ○ Securing additional grant funding and community fundraising to support later phases of the build. ○ Maintaining strong financial governance through enhanced financial controls, budgeting and reporting. ○ Recruiting a volunteer Bookkeeper to support the Treasurer as the scale and complexity of the Group's financial administration increases. ○ 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
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	wider community, the Group is well positioned to deliver a modern, sustainable headquarters that will benefit future generations of young people in Long Ashton.
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Reference and administration details

Principal Address	45 Rayens Cross Road, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9EA
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	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	<i>Norris Riley</i>	
Full name	Norris David Riley	
Position held	Secretary and Trustee	
Date	29 June 2026	

Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts for 2025

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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