

26TH BRISTOL (NORTH COTE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 302156

Details

Other names 26TH BRISTOL, NORTH COTE, BOY SCOUT GROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-02-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 26TH BRISTOL, NORTH COTE, BOY SCOUT GROUP.

Activities: To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. The method of achieving the aim of the Scout Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and law and guided by adult leadership.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRISTOL
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£106,582	£81,366	-	-
2024-03-31	£95,392	£76,294	-	-
2023-03-31	£91,377	£144,349	-	-
2022-03-31	£67,630	£56,809	-	-
2021-03-31	£44,588	£33,321	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anna-Clare Temple		2024-09-26
Bethan Lora Guest		2024-09-26
George Anthony Fletcher		2024-04-15
Helen Ruth Thomas		2025-09-22
Helen Shirley Hobbs		
Jill Neild		2020-09-03
Kieron Ross		2025-09-22
Natalie Claire Forster		2024-09-26
Suzanne Jones		2024-09-26

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Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name		Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard	Bennett	Group Lead Volunteer	
3	Jonathan	Barton	Chair	
4	Helen	Hobbs	Treasurer	
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14	George	Sawkins		April-Sept 2024
15	George	Fletcher	Secretary	
16	Bethan	Guest		Sept 2024 - March 2025
17	Suzanne	Jones		Sept 2024 - March 2025
18	Anna-Clare	Temple		Sept 2024 - March 2025
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20	Stuart	Gist		Sept 2024 - March 2025

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Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the subscription fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and letting the building. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

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The Group has systems in place to comply with data regulations. And internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies.

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Additional details of the objectives and activities

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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

The Group continued to thrive with 230 young people, 27 young leaders and 47 adults in the Group plus many other volunteers across 9 sections.

The group's main sources of income are subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and hall letting. The British Gas 'feed in tariff' gave the group a healthy income of £4.6k, hall letting £24.5k and subscriptions retained £19k and gift aid £7.8k.

Camping continues to be a very important part of the Group's activities making a large proportion of income and expenditure in the year 2023/24.

Generally most utility bills increased due to cost of living price increases. Gas & electricity bills are now more stable.

The Group income this year was £106k and expenditure £81k, at year end the Group held £101k in the bank.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short and to accumulate a reserve to support building capital expenditure. The Group's Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months' costs, approx. £25k.

The current bank balance is above the level required for current operating expenses. However, the Group has a substantial building asset and equipment that needs to be maintained has a rolling 5-year capital expenditure plan to regularly replace infrastructure and kit (for example replacing windows and doors downstairs and purchasing replacement tents), which will reduce this current accumulated reserves position.

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks with some funds are held in a 32 day notice account to maximise interest received.

Section F Other Optional Information

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

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Helen Hobbs

Jon Barton

Full name(s)

Helen Hobbs

Jon Barton

Position (e.g. Sec/Chair)

Treasurer

Chair

22 September 2025

26th Bristol (Northcote) Scout Group (Charity no.302156)

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	31,336	32,754
Donations	1,015	1,625
Legacies	-	
Gift Aid	8,324	7,838
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	40,675	42,217
Activities		
Sectional Activities/Events	-	-
Beavers activities	2,120	3,140
Cubs activities	4,035	6,521
Scout Activities inc camps	19,411	24,216
Sub total	25,566	33,877
Fundraising events (gross)		
Parents & Friends	168	168
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	168	168
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	22,886	24,503
Feed in Tariff	5,394	4,615
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	28,280	29,118
Investment income		
Bank interest	703	1,202
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	703	1,202
Total Gross Income	95,392	106,582
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	95,392	106,582

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Receipts and payments account

	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	12,485	13,455
Youth programme and activities	4,251	2,695
Adult support and training	924	3,764
Cleaning	7,178	4,080
Water and Sewerage	458	574
Electricity and Gas	6,739	5,006
Insurance	5,727	6,033
Repairs and Renewals	2,796	6,981
Materials and equipment	2,841	2,543
Broadband	461	460
Council Tax	-	205
Scout events inc Camps	17,400	20,751
Cub events inc Camps	6,761	7,164
Beavers events inc Sleepovers	3,234	3,922
Badges	662	1,368
Upper Hall Build	2,620	-
Go Cardless payment fees	1,757	1,999
American Exchange event		366
Sub total	76,294	81,366
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	76,294	81,366
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	76,294	81,366
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,098	25,216
Cash funds last year end	57,086	76,184
Cash funds this year end	76,184	101,400

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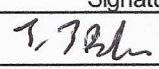
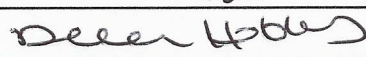
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date	To	Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	01/04/2024 Unrestricted funds £	31/03/2025 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	28,037	16,884
Bank deposit account	47,984	84,353
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	163	163
Total cash funds	76,184	101,400
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings at cost	52,584	52,584
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	127,000	127,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	179,584	179,584
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced - cleaning	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities - reserves	25,000	25,000
Sub total	25,000	25,000
Total net assets	230,768	255,984

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees in September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Print Name
Jon Barton Chair
Helen Hobbs Treasurer

England & Wales

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 26th Bristol (Northcote) Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 26th Bristol (Northcote) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 26th Bristol (Northcote) 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 26th Bristol (Northcote) 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 26th Bristol (Northcote) 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: 

Name: MRS EMMA BROOK

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

Address: 124 REEDLEY ROAD, BRISTOL, BS9 1BG.

Date: 5-9-2025.

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HQ registration number	<input type="text" value="10009914"/>
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Jon Barton

Full name(s)

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Treasurer

Chair

26 September 2024

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Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
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Receipts and payments

	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	19,240	31,336
Donations	1,367	1,015
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	14,522	8,324
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	35,129	40,675
Activities		
Sectional Activities/Events 2022/23	11,685	-
Beavers activities		2,120
Cubs activities		4,035
Scout Activities inc camps	18,263	19,411
Sub total	29,948	25,566
Fundraising events (gross)		
Parents & Friends	180	168
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	180	168
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	20,704	22,886
Feed in Tariff	5,165	5,394
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	25,869	28,280
Investment income		
Bank interest	211	703
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	211	703
Total Gross Income	91,337	95,392
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	91,337	95,392

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	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	12,485
Youth programme and activities	16,300	4,251
Adult support and training	2,919	924
Cleaning	-	7,178
Water and Sewerage	134	458
Electricity and Gas	6,437	6,739
Insurance	5,138	5,727
Repairs and Renewals	6,851	2,796
Materials and equipment	5,334	2,841
Broadband	461	461
Scout events inc Camps	18,657	17,400
Cub events inc Camps	-	6,761
Beavers events inc Sleepovers	-	3,234
Badges	-	662
Upper Hall Build	78,509	2,620
Go Cardless payment fees	1,809	1,757
Grants	1,800	-
Sub total	144,349	76,294
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	144,349	76,294
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	144,349	76,294
Net of receipts/(payments)	53,012	19,098
Cash funds last year end	110,098	57,086
Cash funds this year end	57,086	76,184

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For the year from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	01/04/2023 Unrestricted funds £	31/03/2024 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	25,062	28,037
Bank deposit account	31,862	47,984
Building society account	-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	
Cash/Floats	162	163
Total cash funds	57,086	76,184
(agree balances with receipts and payments account) ok		
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings at cost	52,584	52,584
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	127,000	127,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	179,584	179,584
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced - cleaning	3,500	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities - reserves	25,000	25,000
Sub total	28,500	25,000
Total net assets	208,170	230,768

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees in 2024 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

	Jon Barton Chair
	Helen Hobbs Treasurer

England & Wales

Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 26th Bristol (Northcote) Scout Group Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 26th Bristol (northcote) Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 26th Bristol (Northcote) 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 26th Bristol (Northcote) 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 26th Bristol (Northcote) 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:

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Name:

MES EMMA BROOK

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

ACMA.

Address:

124 REEDLEY ROAD, BRISTOL BS9 1BG.

Date:

17-7-2024

26TH BRISTOL (NORTH COTE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302156

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	<input type="text" value="26<sup>th</sup> Bristol (Northcote) Scout Group"/>
Other names the charity is known by	<input type="text"/>
Registered charity number (if any)	<input type="text" value="302156"/>
HQ registration number	<input type="text" value="10009914"/>
Charity's principal address	<input type="text" value="Northcote
Great Brockridge
Westbury on Trym
Bristol BS9 3TY"/>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name		Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard	Bennett	Group Scout Leader	
2	Peter	Gilbert	Chair	Until 22/9/22
3	Jonathan	Barton	Secretary/Chair	Secretary until 22/9/22 then Chair role
4	Helen	Hobbs	Treasurer	
5	James	Rowe		
6	Alvar	Bray		
7	Karen	Tindall		
8	Jill	Neild		
9	Timothy	Baker		
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11	Martha	Taylor		
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Type of advisor	Name	Address

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<p>How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)</p>	<p>The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.</p>
<p>Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)</p>	<p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, 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.</p> <p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets at least four times a year.</p> <p>New members of the Board of Trustees complete 'Essential Information for Board of Trustees' training when joining the committee.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maintenance of Group property; • The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; • The insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Group public occasions; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Appointing any sub committees that may be required; • Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

<p>Risk and Internal Control The Board of Trustees 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:</p> <p>Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p>Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the subscription fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p>Reduced income. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and letting the building. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities</p>

should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee 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.

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The Group has systems in place to comply with GDPR regulations.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

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Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: a) enjoy what they are doing and have fun b) take part in activities indoors and outdoors c) learn by doing d) share in spiritual reflection e) take responsibility and make choices f) undertake new and challenging activities g) make and live by their Promise.

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

Contribution made by volunteers;

The Group relies on volunteers to run all of its sections and manage the building. Due to the Group's size and assets it needs considerable support to operate. The Group is extremely grateful to all of our leaders and parents for their incredible contribution to the Group.

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

The Group continued to thrive with a new Scout Section opening in September 2022. With 235 young people and 38 adults in the Group plus many other volunteers across 9 sections.

The group's main sources of income are subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and hall letting. All income streams have now completely stabilised to pre-Covid19 levels. The group received £1k donations from the Lloyds Bank Foundations thanks to matched giving volunteer hours. The British Gas 'feed in tariff' gave the group a healthy income of £5k, hall letting £20k and subscriptions retained £19k and gift aid £14k.

Major achievement to support the expansion of the Group was the complete refurbishment of the upstairs to create a new hall enabling sections to meet simultaneously. This was a significant capital investment of £79k which will continue to give long term benefit for young people for years to come.

Camping continues to be very important part of the Group's activities making a large proportion of income and expenditure at £18k in the year 2022/23. With the growth in numbers the group also needed to purchase additional patrol tents at a cost of £5k.

Gas & electricity bills rose 81% increase due to the increase in energy prices globally. Grants of £1800 were made to those participating in the District International adventure to Nepal.

The Group income this year was £91k and expenditure £144k, at year end the group held £57k in the bank.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short and to accumulate a reserve to support building capital expenditure. The Group's Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months' costs, approx. £25k.

The current bank balance is above the level required for current operating expenses. However, the Group has a substantial building asset and equipment that needs to be maintained has a rolling 5-year capital expenditure plan to regularly replace infrastructure and kit, which will reduce this current accumulated reserves position.

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies and some funds are held in a 32 day notice account to maximise interest received.

Section F Other Optional Information

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

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Helen Hobbs

Jon Barton

Full name(s)

Helen Hobbs

Jon Barton

Position (e.g. Sec/Chair)

Treasurer

Chair

19 September 2023

26th Bristol Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Receipts and payments

	21/22 Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	27,763	31,695
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	11,648	12,455
Net membership subscriptions retained	16,115	19,240
Donations	3,746	1,367
Feed in Tariff	4,515	5,165
Meeting Activities & events	9,895	11,685
Camps	-	18,263
Gift Aid	4,612	14,522
Longleat event	2,235	-
Sub total	41,118	70,242
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Government Grants/State Aid	10,667	-
Sub total	10,667	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Friends of Northcote donations	204	180
Donations	-	-
Field Grass donation	-	-
Sub total	204	180
Investment income		
Bank interest	8	211
Building Society interest	-	-
Property Rent income	15,054	20,049
Hall Hire	579	655
Sub total	15,641	20,915
Total Gross Income	67,630	91,337
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	67,630	91,337

26th Bristol Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds 2021/22 £	Unrestricted funds 2022/23 £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	15,160	16,300
Adult support and training	1,831	2,919
Cleaning	3,135	-
Water and Sewerage	721	134
Electricity and Gas	3,562	6,437
Insurance	7,683	5,138
Repairs and Renewals & Equipment	15,441	6,851
Equipment	2,220	5,334
Bank charges - Go cardless	1,234	1,809
Upper Hall	-	78,509
Longleat	4,161	-
Camping	-	18,657
Broadband	461	461
International Grants	1,200	1,800
Sub total	56,809	144,349
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	56,809	144,349
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	56,809	144,349
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,821	53,012
Cash funds last year end	99,277	110,098
Cash funds this year end	110,098	57,086

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-22	31/03/2023
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	16,328	25,062
Bank deposit account	93,608	31,862
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	162	162
Total cash funds	110,098	57,086
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim		
Sub total		
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail		
Quoted investments		
Other investments - detail		
Sub total		
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock		
Other stock		
Land and buildings at cost	52,584	52,584
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc revalued Jan 23	120,000	127,000
Other		
Sub total	172,584	179,584
Liabilities		
Cleaning for 22/23 not yet invoiced		3,500
Reserves		25,000
Loan - detail		
Other liabilities		
Sub total		28,500

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by

Signature

<i>JJB</i>
<i>Helen Hobbs</i>

Print Name

JON BARTON	Chair
HELEN HOBBS	Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

26th BRISTOL SCOUT GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 1-3

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

Name: MRS EMMA BROOK

Qualification: ACMA

Address: 124 REEDLEY ROAD, BRISTOL

BS9 1BG

Date: 30th AUG 2023

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name		Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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5	James	Rowe		
6	Alvar	Bray		
7	Richard	Carling		To February 22
8	Jill	Neild		
9	Timothy	Baker		
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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.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group continues thrive with 224 young people and 38 adults in the group plus many other volunteers across 8 sections. The group's main sources of income are subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and hall letting. All income streams have now recovered to pre-Covid19 levels. The only area that remained impacted by Covid19 was the inability to go camping in Summer 2021. The group received £1.4k donations from the Lloyds Bank Foundations thanks to matched giving volunteer hours. Amazon donated £1.4k from their charitable foundation. The British Gas 'feed in tariff' gave the group a healthy income of £4.5k. The group also received a Covid19 grant of £10.6k and gift aid of £4.6k. On the expenditure side the Group subsidised a large group event to Longleat by £2k and

invested in outdoor canopy area at a cost of £8k, it also had to undertake asbestos works in the boiler room at a cost of £2k. The group saw almost 2 year's worth of buildings insurance premiums this year which was a result of a timing issue as the renewal is due in early March, just ahead of the year end and no longer payable via instalments. The gas & electricity contracts expired in January 22 so there will be considerable increase in these utility bills in the coming year due to the increase in energy prices globally. The group made a surplus of £10.8k at year-end.

Section E Financial Review

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Further financial review details (optional information)

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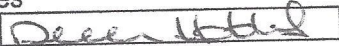
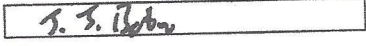
Section F Other Optional Information

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

In the coming financial year the group will support the rapid increase in the number of sections meeting by using £80k from reserves to invest in the reconfiguration of the building layout to create a second 'meeting hall' upstairs, as well as purchasing additional tents.

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)	Helen Hobbs	Jon Barton
Position (e.g. Sec/Chair)	Treasurer	Chairman
	22 September 2022	

26th Bristol Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022

Receipts and payments

	20/21 Unrestricted funds £	2021/22 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	10,590	27,763
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	10,646	11,648
Net membership subscriptions retained	56	16,115
Donations	1,168	3,746
Feed in Tariff	5,160	4,515
Meeting Activities & events	1,586	9,895
Gift Aid	10,227	4,612
Longleat event		2,235
Sub total	18,085	41,118
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Government Grants/State Aid	19,431	10,667
Sub total	19,431	10,667
Fundraising (gross)		
Friends of Northcote donations	204	204
Donations	-	
Field Grass donation	1,020	
Sub total	1,224	204
Investment income		
Bank interest	57	8
Building Society interest	-	
Property Rent income	5,066	15,054
Hall Hire	725	579
Sub total	5,848	15,641
Total Gross Income	44,588	67,630
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	44,588	67,630

26th Bristol Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds 2020/21 £	Unrestricted funds 2021/22 £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	3,270	15,160
Adult support and training	418	1,831
Cleaning	4,582	3,135
Water and Sewerage	410	721
Electricity and Gas	2,978	3,562
Insurance	4,683	7,683
Repairs and Renewals & Equipment	15,282	15,441
Equipment		2,220
Bank charges - Go cardless		1,234
Misc - Covid 19 Activity refunds	410	
Longleat		4,161
Treeplanting	828	
Broadband	460	461
International Grants		1,200
Sub total	33,321	56,809
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total		
Total Gross Expenditure	33,321	56,809
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	33,321	56,809
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,267	10,321
Cash funds last year end	88,010	99,277
Cash funds this year end	99,277	110,098

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

31-Mar-21

31/03/2022

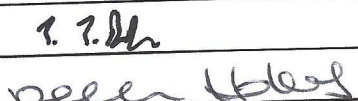
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Cash funds		
Bank current account	45,718	16,328
Bank deposit account	53,397	93,608
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	162	162
Total cash funds	99,277	110,098
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim		
Refund Avon Jamboree fees		
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Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
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Motor vehicles	-	-
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Other	-	-
Sub total	172,584	172,584
Liabilities		
Activity refunds due to Covid19 not yet processed to parents		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

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Signature


Print Name
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 HELEN HIGGS Treasurer

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Qualification: CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Address: 124 REELEY ROAD, BRISTOL BS9 1BG

Date: 20-8-2022

26TH BRISTOL (NORTH COTE) SCOUT GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 302156

Accounts

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For the period

From to

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	<input type="text" value="26<sup>th</sup> Bristol (Northcote) Scout Group"/>
Other names the charity is known by	<input type="text"/>
Registered charity number (if any)	<input type="text" value="302156"/>
HQ registration number	<input type="text" value="10009914"/>
Charity's principal address	<input type="text" value="Northcote
Great Brockeridge
Westbury on Trym
Bristol BS9 3TY"/>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name		Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard	Bennett	Group Scout Leader	
2	Peter	Gilbert	Chairman	
3	Jonathan	Barton	Secretary	
4	Helen	Hobbs	Treasurer	
5	James	Rowe		
6	Alvar	Bray		
7	Richard	Carling		
8	Christopher	Hobbs		
9	Jill	Neild		
10	Timothy	Baker		
11	Nicholas	Mitchell		
12	Sebastian	Brown		From Sept 2020
13	George	Sawkins		From Sept 2020
14	Martha	Taylor		From Sept 2020
15	Frances	Chesneau		From Sept 2020
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice) You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: 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	<p>The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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.</p> <p>The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets at least four times a year.</p> <p>New members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training when joining the committee.</p> <p>This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maintenance of Group property; • The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; • The insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Group public occasions; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Appointing any sub committees that may be required; • Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the subscription fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and letting the building. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities

should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

The Group has systems in place to comply with GDPR regulations.

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.

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

- Contribution made by volunteers;

The Group relies on volunteers to run all of its sections and manage the building. Due to the Group's size and assets it needs considerable support to operate. The Group is extremely grateful to all of our leaders and parents for their incredible contribution to the Group.

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

The group continues thrive with 199 young people and 38 adults in the group plus many other volunteers across 8 sections. Due to the uncertainty around Covid19 and the predicted loss in the group's income, the group focussed on essential spend only in this financial year. The group did invest in temporary improvements for the outdoor areas. The group took advantage of the building being unoccupied and complete necessary repainting works around the building at a cost of £8k. The group's main sources of income are subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and hall letting. Rental income and subscriptions were significantly impacted by COVID19 with the restrictions forcing the building to be closed with hall rental income down by £12k and subscriptions reduced by £12k

However, the Government Coronavirus State Aid granted the Group £19k which helped greatly with the shortfall. The group also received £1.1k donations from the Lloyds Bank Foundations thanks to matched giving volunteer hours. The British Gas 'feed in tariff' gave the group a healthy income of £5k and Gift aid £10k. The group had a surplus of £11k at year-end.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short and to accumulate a reserve to support building capital expenditure. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months' costs, approx. £25k. The Covid19 pandemic has served to prove the importance of the reserves.

The Group held reserves of approximately £99k against this at year end. This is above the level required for current operating expenses. The Group has a substantial building asset and equipment that needs to be maintained has a rolling 5 year capital expenditure plan to regularly replace infrastructure and kit. On the capital expenditure plan is a project to reconfigure parts of the building layout to make better use of areas for all users. Covid19 emphasized the importance of the outdoor spaces/activities and this also will be focus for improvements. The first stage will be a planning application for covered outside area behind the kitchen, at a cost of approx. £10k.

Further financial review details (optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies and some funds are held in fixed term deposit account to maximise interest received.

Section F Other Optional Information

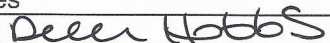
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

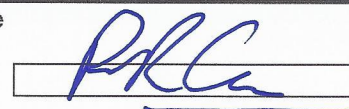
The group continuously identifies works for its 5 years' capital expenditure programme to ensure the building is appropriately maintained. The group has expanded Scouting sections in recent years and is investigating reconfiguration options for the building and outdoor spaces. This will be a continual project for the next few years as it requires both investment and resource to support changes.

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)

Helen Hobbs

Peter Gilbert

Position (e.g. Sec/Chair)

Treasurer

Chairman



26th Bristol Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Receipts and payments

	2019/20 Unrestricted funds £	2020/21 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	19,914	10,590
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	8,326	10,646
Net membership subscriptions retained	11,588	-
Donations	1,761	1,168
Feed in Tariff	4,405	5,160
Activities	9,372	1,586
Gift Aid	-	10,227
Camps	10,430	-
Sub total	37,556	18,085
Grants		
Maintenence grant	-	-
Government Grants/State Aid	-	19,431
Sub total	-	19,431
Fundraising (gross)		
Friends of Northcote donations	234	204
Donations	-	-
Field Grass donation	-	1,020
Sub total	234	1,224
Investment income		
Bank interest	225	57
Building Society interest	-	-
Property Rent income	14,693	5,066
Hall Hire	2,150	725
Sub total	17,068	5,848
Total Gross Income	54,858	44,588
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	54,858	44,588

26th Bristol Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds
2019/20
£

Unrestricted funds
2020/21
£

Payments

	Unrestricted funds 2019/20 £	Unrestricted funds 2020/21 £
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	9,789	3,270
Adult support and training	2,441	418
Cleaning	4,266	4,582
Water and Sewerage	509	410
Electricity and Gas	3,434	2,978
Insurance	4,542	4,683
Repairs and Renewals & Equipment	2,156	15,282
Van	936	-
Misc - Covid 19 Hall hire refunds	250	-
Misc - Covid 19 Activity refunds	3,569	410
Camps	17,410	-
Treepplanting	-	828
Broadband	439	460
International Grants	500	-
Sub total	50,241	33,321
Fundraising expenses		
Off the Record		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	50,241	33,321
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	50,241	33,321
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,617	11,267
Cash funds last year end	83,393	88,010
Cash funds this year end	88,010	99,277

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
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Total cash funds	88,010	99,277
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	10,226	
Refund Avon Jamboree fees	1,158	
Hall hire payments outstanding	2,205	1,063
Refund of overpayment		
Sub total	13,589	1,063
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
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Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings at cost	52,584	52,584
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	120,000	120,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	172,584	172,584
Liabilities		
Activity refunds due to Covid19 not yet processed to parents	320	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	230	
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	550	-

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Print Name
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Date: 1-10-21