



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 **To** 31/03/2025

Charity name: 44th Whitetree Scout Group

Charity registration number: 302160

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	44th Whitetree Scouts exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The charity is guided by the Scouting Association values, namely integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	44th Whitetree Scouts runs the following groups: one Beaver Colony (6-8 years olds); two Cub Scout groups (8-10.5 years old); and two Scout groups (10.5-14 years old). Under normal circumstances, our groups meet weekly and engage in a range of age appropriate activities both in and outdoors. Examples of activities include: crafts, den making, forest school, orienteering, cooking, archery, shooting, cycling, first aid, swimming, rock climbing, hiking, camping and more.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of 44th Whitetree Scouts take into account the Charities Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	44th Whitetree Scouts is run entirely by volunteers including the Board of Trustees, Group Scout Leaders, Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and parent / carer volunteers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Membership numbers remain high and a waiting list is in operation. Our young people have taken part in and enjoyed a wide range of fun and educational activities during this period. All groups contributed to the highly successful non-fireworks bonfire night celebration.</p> <p>Beavers have taken part in traditional games, creative play (e.g. a giant marble run), outdoor pursuits (camp fire, den building), a fish & chip shop walk and junk modelling. They also took part in the Children in Need 5k fundraising walk.</p> <p>Cubs have enjoyed orienteering, pioneering, camping, backwoods cooking, archery, fishing and night hikes. There was also a visit to a local fire brigade station.</p> <p>Scouts have also been busy with open fire cooking, swimming excursions, archery, paddleboarding, laser tag to name a few. They have also had sessions on first aid, electronics and fire safety. Group Camp was a great success also.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Group held £18,945 in unrestricted funds at the end of this period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Group's reserves policy is to hold sufficient resources to continue its charitable objectives, should income and fundraising fall short.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Board of Trustees is currently considering various options with regards to the upkeep of the Hut building. Enquiries are being made to see if soundproofing would be a viable option, as well as improving the heating/air con within the building. Some funds will also be used shortly to address the upkeep of the perimeter hedge.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are raised through membership fees and fundraising events. Reserve funds are in high interest accounts. All sections are at capacity. Gift aid will shortly be claimed for 22-23, 23-24 and 24-25.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Group does not invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares and holds its funds in mainstream banks or building societies. The Group holds £31,112 in bonds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Falling membership numbers (impacting income) but has not materialised this year. Damage to the scout hut and equipment - sufficient buildings and contents insurance is in place. Injury to volunteers and members - accident insurance held through the Scout Association, regular risk assessments conducted for all activities. Reduced income from fund raising - reserves policy in place. Reduction in volunteers - consolidation / contraction of the Group. Financial mismanagement - the Group has in place a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance

		against material mismanagement or loss e.g. 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that all insurable risks are covered.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the ByLaws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scouting Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The Group uses the Scout Association policies, procedures and training material for the induction and training of trustees. This includes Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR online training modules amongst others. Trustees have to evidence completion of the training (100% pass of assessment for each module is required).
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees that meets every three months and holds an Annual General Meeting. Trustees complete 'Being a Trustee in Scouts' training within the first five months of joining the Board. Additional safeguarding and safety training is also undertaken by Trustees.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leaders and is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintenance of the Group property • raising of funds and the administration of Group finance • insurance of persons, property and equipment • assisting in recruitment of leaders and other adult support • appointing sub committees as required • appointing group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected <p>All Board meetings are minuted. 44th Whitetree Scouts has a direct reporting line to the Bristol Cabot Scouts district group.</p>

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	44 th Whitetree Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	302160
Charity's principal address	44th Whitetree Scout Hut Fallodon Way Henleaze Bristol BS9 4HR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Katherine Carr	Chair	Voted in May 2025.	
	2	James Hopkins	Treasurer		
	3	Louise Lawton	Secretary		
	4	Ewan Watson	Group Scout Leader		
	5	Kathryn Webster	Facilities		
	6	Alex Allen	Group Scout Leader		
	7	David Evans	Group Scout Leader	Stood down as Chair May 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

	Signature(s)	Louise Lawton	
	Full name(s)	Louise Lawton	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
	Date		

44TH BRISTOL (WHITE TREE) SCOUT GROUP

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 44TH BRISTOL (WHITE TREE)
SCOUT GROUP**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 44TH BRISTOL (WHITE TREE) SCOUT GROUP (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 Trust 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: *Andrew Mayer*

Name: Andrew Mayer ACA

Address: SOJA Limited, 23 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bristol, BS32 4NH

Date: 18/01/2026



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Charity Name
44TH BRISTOL (WHITE TREE) SCOUT GROUP

No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	1,564	-	-	1,564	5,906
Rent	4,671	-	-	4,671	4,308
Subscription	24,764	-	-	24,764	24,388
Utilities refund	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Interest received	459	-	-	459	393
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,458	-	-	32,458	34,995
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bonds	31,059	-	-	31,059	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,059	-	-	31,059	-
Total receipts	63,517	-	-	63,517	34,995
A3 Payments					
Administration & Governance	9,518	-	-	9,518	7,666
Equipment & Supplies	586	-	-	586	2,196
Event & Fundraising	849	-	-	849	1,244
Programme & Activities	16,777	-	-	16,777	19,965
Training & Development	20	-	-	20	75
Utilities & Premises	9,666	-	-	9,666	4,161
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	37,416	-	-	37,416	35,307
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Bonds	31,112	-	-	31,112	30,093
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,112	-	-	31,112	30,093
Total payments	68,528	-	-	68,528	65,400
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,011	-	-	- 5,011	- 30,405
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,956	-	-	23,956	54,361
Cash funds this year end	18,945	-	-	18,945	23,956

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	18,945	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,945	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

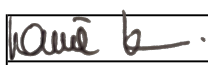

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Bonds	Unrestricted	31,112	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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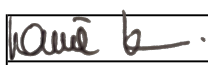

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