

5th Testwood Scout Group

England & Wales · Charity number 302291

Details

Other names	23RD ROMSEY (TESTWOOD) BOY SCOUT GROUP, 5TH NEW FOREST NORTH (TESTWOOD) SCOUT GROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-12-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS, AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

Activities: As per the Purpose, Values and Method of the Scout Association. Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Classification

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

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£54,242	£41,815	-	-
2024-12-31	£50,100	£47,872	-	-
2023-12-31	£52,750	£43,020	-	-
2022-12-31	£39,022	£36,023	-	-
2021-12-31	£23,468	£26,970	-	-
2020-12-31	£17,059	£13,237	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert Sanders	Chair	2026-04-29
Joshua Treen-Cooper		2025-09-26
KERIE WALLACE		
Max Sebastian Simes		2026-04-29
Melanie Green		2020-07-15
SARAH CHALLIS		2025-11-15
Scott Barton		2025-09-26
Steven Mark Ball		2022-11-08
Trudi Morris		2026-04-29

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Trustee's Annual Report

For the period 1st January to 31st December 2025

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Trustees for the period

Name	Role	Dates acted (if not entire period)
Hayley Simes	Chair of Board of Trustees (ex-officio)	
Steven Osborn	Group Lead Volunteer (ex-officio)	
Mel Green	Trustee and Minute taker	
Steven Ball	Group Treasurer (ex-officio)	
Faye Osmond	Beaver Team Leader (ex-officio)	01.01.25 – 26.09.25
Sarah Challis	Cub Team Leader (ex-officio until 26.09.25) Co-opted Trustee – Fundraising expertise	01.01.25 – 26.09.25 15.11.25 -
Craig Challis	Cub Team Leader (ex-officio)	01.01.25 – 26.09.25
Joe Simes	Scout Team Leader (ex-officio)	01.01.25 – 26.09.25
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Heather Ball	Trustee	01.01.25 – 24.04.25
Grace Angove	Trustee	01.01.25 – 19.01.25
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For the first time, every young person from every age range was able to access nights away opportunities. The 4–6-year-old Squirrels joined in with a District Sleepover at Sandleheath in their first ever overnight adventure and was such a success that another is planned for 2026. Meanwhile the 6–8-year-old Beavers enjoyed sleepovers at Christmas and further afield at Lymington; and the 8–10-year-old Cubs took a magical journey to Parent and Child camp at Ferny Crofts, Wolf camp, a camp to earn the Personal Challenge and organizing the show-stopping District 'Sleepover with Sharks' at the National Aquarium, Plymouth. The Scouts maintained their active camping form through offering Wilderness camp, Cycle camp, a Summer camp near Bristol, Expedition Challenge, the Elm Tree and Emlyn camping competitions, and joining the District Expedition to the Lake Districts – a variety of experiences to suit different interests and abilities of the Scouts.

Outside of overnight adventures, the sections also took part in a number of joint activities. Squirrels joined in a Fun Day at Ferny Crofts alongside Squirrels from across Hampshire, from across the District at a picnic, and taking part in the Reindeer challenge trophy. Beavers complete their annual pilgrimage to Paulton's Park alongside district Christingles, and campfires to name two. Cubs enjoyed the Muntjac trophy of challenges – emerging victorious – and Mud Run at Ferny Crofts with Scouts taking on the Stag's and Eagle Trophies in addition to the events already mentioned.

The group's adults and young people from all sections assembled on a few occasions this year for Group events; in July at Lymington Salt Water Baths for a summer's evening of water-based fun to bond the group, showed dignity and service in November by attending the Remembrance Day Service in Totton, and many joined us that same month for a Maintenance Day, taking on a number of tasks around our hall and grounds to care for our hall for the year ahead, and rounded out the year with a Campfire at our hall to share festive spirit with our young people, parents and carers.

The two fundraising events this year were wildly successful and helped boost the finances of the group and our aspirations to make improvements to our facilities. The Donkey Derby in May, held jointly between Eling and Testwood Scout groups, raised a very healthy profit for the group from the community fun day and event, and equally making a positive contribution to the image of Scouts. Thanks to the support of our community, the Totton Santa Run was successful despite uncertainty from necessary changes to the Christmas Fayre and the cancellation of other community events that we used to promote the Santa Run at. Our thanks of course go to the organising teams and the many volunteers who helped make these events such a success.

There have been a number of recruitment needs this year, the most acute being the need for new leadership at Black Water Beaver Colony after an unexpected loss of regular leaders. Thanks to a number of leaders filling in for a time, efforts organised behind the scenes, and support from the Growth and Development team, three new regular volunteers were found at the close of the year. Additionally, other volunteers have been found for multiple sections, and recruitment campaigns are ongoing for replacement trustees and Trustee roles, and for the Group Lead Volunteer.

Achievements

As outlined by our summary of the Group's activities, the Trustees are confident that 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.

Awards of badges and challenge awards, as well as the Top Awards for the section, remained strong and the number of nights away activities offered allowed excellent access for all our young people. Satisfaction with the group remains high and young people were able to make their thoughts known to the trustees.

Numbers of adult volunteer grew slightly within the year, with a number of new volunteers welcomed into their role to replace others who were scaling back or retiring from their roles. Our adult volunteers were fully compliant by the end of the year.

Membership numbers recovered slightly this year, with 102 young people recorded in the January 2026 census compared to 99 in January 2025. There was slight growth in all sections bar Beavers, which is amid a demographic and recruitment slump.

Following the Scout Association's Transformation changes, all volunteers were transitioned to their new roles, teams and ways of working. All volunteers were required to complete refreshed and enhanced safety learning, with many picking up new learning requirements. By the end of 2025, the group was completely compliant with these requirements, enhancing safety and safeguarding compliance for the benefit of our young people.

The success of both the Totton Santa Run and the Donkey Derby this year saw a buoying of the charities finances in the face of rising costs, unlocking major development projects of our facilities, the providing of excellent community events to our local area and the advancement of Scouting's image and brand also.

Financial overview

Income for 2025 remained healthy in the face of uncertain costs associated with running the charity and its groups activities. Early in 2025, the Trustee board identified a gap between operating costs and subs, so took the decision to increase membership fees in 2025, having not done so for a few years. Even with this action, membership fees saw a dip this year (2025: £14,681, 2024: £15,098) and activity fees were approximately £1,000 higher with the sections continuing to undertake an extensive array of activities.

Donations were slightly lower (2025: £310, 2024: £588), however income from hiring our hall to various other community groups continued to perform well (2025: £4,555, 2024: £4,148). The group was able to claim Gift Aid on donations from 2024, which entered the groups account in 2025 and came to £3,011 across all sections.

Income from the Santa Run and Christmas Fayre was £6,140 and the Donkey Derby brought in £11,511 (both before costs) with the Donkey Derby event being shared with Eling Sea Scouts.

In total, income for 2025 was £54,242, around £4000 more than 2024.

Expenditure saw spend on youth programme and activities decrease (2025: £6,386, 2024: £7,137) and membership paid on to district drop to £6,386 (from £7,137 in 2024). These figures are due to the lower numbers enrolled during the 2025 period.

With the improved situation of having a regular cleaning service in place at the hall, (having seen a long period of time without one), cleaning cost increased from £288 a year to £1,184. Utility bills stabilised (2025: £2,945, 2024: £3,033), however the group's insurance increased to £2,158 (from £1,992 in 2024). All other expenses remained stable and consistent with 2024.

Payments associated with the Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre were £2,051, slightly lower than 2024 as we were able to use left over stock from 2024 event. The cost of putting on the Donkey Derby was £5,012, approx. £1,600 higher due to the expanding size of the annual event (expenses were shared with Eling Sea Scouts). **In total, expenditure was £41,815, around £6,000 lower than 2024.**

The group have various maintenance and improvement projects on-going, many of which have been carried over to this financial year. The additional income from very successful fundraising activities and the gift aid claim have provided a small buffer which will support these works in 2026/27 period.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should the hall become unusable, or should income and fundraising significantly fail. The Group's Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold reserves of £12,000 based upon the rationale:

- a sum equivalent temporary hire of a hall, for 20 weeks, 10 hours a week at £40 an hour (£8,000).
- a fund for storage, insurance excess and other materials (£4,000)
- loss of hall hire income balanced by savings from utilities and maintenance.
- Sums sufficient to allow for emergency fundraising activities, external grants and support to be organised and arranged.

These reserves were last reviewed and agreed at a Board of Trustees meeting on 12th July 2024.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments and therefore has adopted a risk-averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks in savings accounts which can be accessed at short notice.

Future plans

Young people across the group continue to have access to a varied and exciting array of events, joint activities with others in the District and County, residential events and adventurous activities as part of the weekly programme. Sections are expected to continue this varied programme, and seeking to increase the achievement of badges and completion of the Top Awards.

2026 sees the launch of the Scouts' new nine-year strategy and three-year action plan, which the group will need to review and adapt their own development priorities to match. Volunteers will continue to be encouraged to develop their skills through skills weekends, achieving permits, and completing their wood badges where not already achieved.

While our recruitment efforts for sections have yielded results, including the rescue of the Blackwater Beaver colony, there is more to do to ensure good succession planning is in place across the group in every role. In particular, our Group Lead Volunteer, Group Chair and Group Treasurer all announced they were stepping down from their roles in 2026 with replacements not yet apparent in all cases by the end of the year and in some cases by the time of the AGM. Through engaging our community, social media campaigns and seeking external support, we are endeavouring to find the recruits we need.

The group has the benefit of two established fundraising events in the Totton Santa Run and Donkey Derby and following the success of the first joint Donkey Derby with Eling, these will provide the group with a strong financial footing for our charitable purposes and our modernisation of our facilities. There are currently three projects in current stages of planning to improve our toilets, repair our leaky roof and replace our external storage, and next year will require significant effort to bring these projects to fruition. Outside of these projects, our regular cleaner and annual maintenance days help to look after what we have as best as we can.

2026 marks the start of a new chapter at 5th Testwood Scout Group, and together the Trustees believe the charity to be on good footing to meet the challenges it will face.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of the 5th Testwood Scout group:

Date:

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	Jan-25	To	Dec-25

Receipts and payments

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	£ 14,681	-	£ 15,845	-
Activity fees and receipts	£ 13,453	-	£ 12,525	-
Donations	£ 310	-	£ 588	-
Legacies	£ -	-	-	-
Gift Aid	£ 3,011	-	-	-
Group membership fees from Cerberus	£ 180	-	£ 300	-
Miscellaneous	£ 37	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 31,672	-	£ 29,258	-
Grants				
Maintenence grant	-	-	-	-
Other grants	£ -	-	-	-
Sub total	£ -	-	£ -	-
Fundraising events (gross)				
Santa run/Christmas Fayre	£ 6,140	-	£ 7,623	-
Donkey Derby	£ 11,511	-	£ 8,969	-
Other fundraising activities	£ 98	-	£ 21	-
Fundraising for External charities	£ 170	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 17,919	£ -	£ 16,613	£ -
Scout HQ income				
Hire of building	£ 4,555	-	£ 4,148	-
Hire of equipment	£ -	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 4,555	-	£ 4,148	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Savings Account 51333368	£ 96	-	£ 82	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 96	-	£ 82	-
Total Gross Income	£ 54,242	-	£ 50,101	£ -
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	£ 54,242	-	£ 50,101	£ -

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For the year from	Jan-25	To	Dec-25

Receipts and payments

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on	£ 6,386		£ 7,137	-
Youth programme and activities	£ 16,790		£ 19,293	-
Adult support and training	£ 150		£ 175	-
Rent	£ 500		£ 500	-
Utilities	£ 2,945		£ 3,033	-
Insurance	£ 2,158		£ 1,992	-
Repairs and Renewals	£ 2,318		£ 1,796	-
Materials and equipment	£ 1,153		£ 4,763	1,328
Stationery and Printing	£ 91		£ 457	-
Contribution to camp costs	£ -			-
Uniforms/badges/clothing	£ 752		£ 2,197	-
AGM and trustee expenses	£ 50		£ 86	-
Cleaning	£ 1,184		£ 288	-
Gift Aid paid to Explorers	£ -			-
Sundries	£ 105		£ 115	-
Sub total	£ 34,582	-	£ 41,832	1,328
Fundraising expenses				
Santa Run/Christmas Fayre	£ 2,051	-	£ 2,638	-
Donkey Derby	£ 5,012	-	£ 3,402	-
Other fundraising costs		-	-	-
Monies raised for external charities	£ 170	-		-
Sub total	£ 7,232	-	£ 6,040	-
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 41,815	-	£ 47,872	1,328
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	£ 41,815	£ -	£ 47,872	1,328
Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 12,427	-	£ 2,229	£ 1,328
Cash funds last year end	£ 46,713		£ 45,339	£ 1,328
Cash funds this year end	£ 59,140	£ -	£ 47,568	£ -

Note 1

Note 2

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

Year start date

Year end date

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2025		2024	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account (Group)	£ 40,148		£ 27,829	
Bank current accounts (Sections)	£ 6,788		£ 5,958	-
Savings account	£ 12,193		£ 12,071	-
Cash/Floats	£ 11		£ 856	-
Total cash funds	59,140	-	46,713	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account)</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>agreement error</small>	<small>ok</small>
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/District	-	-	-	-
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	£ 1,000	-	£ 1,000	-
Garland Lodge (2024 valuation)	£ 680,495	-	£ 680,495	-
Garage QM Store		-		-
Explorer Den Portacabin		-		-
Motor vehicles		-		-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 3,200	-	£ 3,200	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 684,695	-	£ 684,695	-
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	£ 743,835	£ -	£ 731,408	£ -

Notes on the accounts.

Note 1: Restricted funds were spent in 2024 on equipment in hall for sections including WiFi and AV.

Note 2: Discrepancy between these values was discussed and scrutinised by trustee board and auditor. Concluded to be likely caused by multiple internal transactions between the groups six different accounts whilst funding joint activities, leading to double counting errors.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on xxxxx and signed by the following:

Signature

Print Name

	Chair	Hayley Simes
	Treasurer	Steven Ball
	Group Scout Leader	Steven Osborn

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th Testwood Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th Testwood Scouts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Testwood Scouts 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 5th Testwood Scouts 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 kept in respect of the 5th Testwood Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; and
2. the accounts 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: Siân Winter

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CPFA (CIPFA membership number – 18311)

Address: Birchlands, Whitemoor Lane, Winsor, Southampton. Hants. SO40 2HD

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The 2024 calendar year saw a varied and quality programme offered to the young people based at 5th Testwood Scouts, from the age 4 to 18 years, and covering a huge range of skills appropriate to the age ranges of the five sections. Efforts to strengthen the leadership teams of a number of sessions have been successful with the support of a Growth and Development Officer from Hampshire Scouts. The summer of 2024 saw a successful handover between volunteer teams of the Squirrels section, with new volunteers recruited and releasing Joe and Vicky after their help in setting up the section to re-focus onto their other older sections. Additionally, efforts to recruit new volunteers for the Wednesday Rover Test Beaver colony were successful, with the section rescued from the brink of closure at the start of the year.

All sections of the group have enjoyed a nights away opportunity, with more planned, with the highlight being a District Camp at Ferny Crofts involving all sections taking part in adventurous activities over several zones and themes and with an 'Around the World' theme complete with costume, decoration and traditional scouting skills including campfires and evening activities.

In addition, many of our sections were able to enjoy nights away through the year; the Beavers enjoyed a District sleepover in February and their own sleepover in June. Cubs took part in a January based Wild West Parent and Cub camp, an islands themed Summer Camp in August, and a residential in November at Broadstone Warren Scout Adventures, taking advantage of external funding to reduce any financial pressures faced by our new cohort of Cubs, many of whom weren't able to attend earlier in the year. Scouts meanwhile took part in their February Polar camp, Camping competition in June, Expedition Challenge camp in early July and the annual Summer Camp in late July before rounding out the camping season with the County organized Chaos Camp in September.

The group's adults and young people from all sections assembled on a few occasions this year for Group events; in July at Lymington Salt Water Baths for a summer's evening of water-based fun to bond the group, showed dignity and service in November by attending the Remembrance Day Service in Totton, and many joined us that same month for a Maintenance Day, taking on a number of tasks around our hall and grounds to care for our hall for the year ahead.

The two fundraising events this year were wildly successful and helped boost the finances of the group and our aspirations to make improvements to our facilities. The Donkey Derby in May, held for the first time jointly between Eling and Testwood Scout groups, raised a very healthy profit for the group from the community fun day and event, and equally making a positive contribution to the image of Scouts. Despite tense weather warnings which saw many other events cancelled, the Totton Santa Run was able to go ahead and led to one of our best attended and most profitable of these events in their run. Our thanks of course go to the organising teams and the many volunteers who helped make these events such a success.

Achievements

As outlined by our summary of the Group's activities above, the Trustees are confident that 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.

Awards of badges and challenge awards, as well as the Top Awards for the section, remained strong and the number of nights away activities offered allowed excellent access for all our young

people. Satisfaction with the group remains high and young people were able to make their thoughts known to the trustees.

Numbers of adult volunteer grew slightly within the year, with a number of new volunteers welcomed into their role to replace others who were scaling back or retiring from their roles. Our adult volunteers were fully compliant by the end of the year.

Membership numbers saw a dip this year, with 99 recorded in the January 2025 census down from 121 in January 2024. There was slight growth in Squirrels, and Beavers saw an increase from a slump the previous year. The slump in new joiners observed elsewhere over the past few years saw fewer Cubs this year, with Scouts returning to their regular levels from a high point.

The success of both the Totton Santa Run and the Donkey Derby this year saw a buoying of the charities finances in the face of rising costs, unlocking major development projects of our facilities, the providing of excellent community events to our local area and the advancement of Scouting's image and brand also.

Financial overview

Income for 2024 remained varied and healthy in the face of increasing costs associated with running the charity and its activities. Membership fees saw a modest increase (2024: £15,845, 2023: £15,098) and activity fees were £2,000 higher due to a more packed programme of events than usual including the District Camp. Donations remained high (2024: £588, 2023: £641) and income from hiring our hall to various other community groups increased by around £1,200 (2024: £4,148, 2023: 2,960). The group was able to claim GiftAid on donations, however this was received by the group in 2025 and will form part of accounts for that year.

Income from the Santa Run and Christmas Fayre was £7,623, a brilliant increase on the previous year (2023: £5,348) compared to a similar cost base. The Donkey Derby brought in £8,969 to the group after being shared with Eling Sea Scouts with whom the event was jointly delivered. While this is less than the previous year when the group delivered the event alone (2023: £11,868), the bigger event brought in much more income in total, and through sharing resources and volunteers allowed for a more satisfactory event to volunteers and community alike. **In total, income for 2024 was £50,100**, around £2,500 less than 2023 but remaining at the higher level established that year.

Charitable expenditure increased by £2,200 compared to last year with continuing increases on the different unavoidable costs associated with our running. Membership fees that are paid on to District, County and National increased for us by around £800, and with such an active programme, spending on youth programme and activities increased significantly (2024: £19,293, 2023: £14,975) mostly a result of the District Camp.

There were expected increases in expenditure for adult support and training as leaders completed activity permits, badges as young people achieved more, and insurance, repairs and renewals and stationary and printing from inflation in these areas. There was a large investment in equipment this year, mainly ahead of the District Camp and in WiFi and AV equipment for the hall (2024: £4,763, 2023: £1,088) which also used the £1,328 reserved funds set aside for this purpose.

As expected historic backlogs were finally addressed, costs for lease of the hall (2024: £500, 2023: £2,620) and utilities (2024: 3,033, 2023: £4,058) both decreased to expected levels.

Payments associated with the Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre were similar to 2023, with a difference of only £116. The cost of putting on the Donkey Derby was £3,402, around half the previous year (2023: £6,482) as expenses were shared with Eling Sea Scouts. **In total, expenditure was £47,872**, around £4,000 higher than 2023.

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should the hall become unusable, or should income and fundraising significantly fail. The Group's Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold reserves of £12,000 based upon the rationale:

- a sum equivalent temporary hire of a hall, for 20 weeks, 10 hours a week at £40 an hour (£8,000).
- a fund for storage, insurance excess and other materials (£4,000)
- loss of hall hire income balanced by savings from utilities and maintenance.
- Sums sufficient to allow for emergency fundraising activities, external grants and support to be organised and arranged.

These reserves were last reviewed and agreed at a Board of Trustees meeting on 12th July 2024.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments and therefore has adopted a risk-averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks in savings accounts which can be accessed at short notice.

Future plans

The Scout Association's Transformation changes, which came into effect at the end of 2024, have seen the launch of new processes and rules; significant time will be required to bring the group into line with these new processes.

This includes a completely new adult learning scheme, with volunteers needing to complete additional training modules and a new Safety module for the benefit of our young people before the summer holidays in 2025. We need to encourage our volunteers to continue to develop their skills in leading our young people, so we are using these changes to the benefit of our volunteers.

Our recruitment efforts for some sections in 2024 yielded some positive results, however more volunteers are sought for Squirrels on Mondays and are urgently sought for Beavers on Tuesdays to prevent this section's closure. Through discussions with parents, social media campaigns and seeking external support, we are endeavouring to recruit to keep this section open for 6-8 year olds.

Young people across the group continue to have access to a varied and exciting array of events, joint activities with others in the District and County, residential events and adventurous activities as part of the weekly programme. Building on the increasing achievement of badges and completion of the Top Awards, progress in these areas are expected to continue apace.

The group has the benefit of two established fundraising events in the Totton Santa Run and Donkey Derby and following the success of the first joint Donkey Derby with Eling, these will

provide the group with a strong financial footing for our charitable purposes and our modernisation of our facilities. There are currently three projects in current stages of planning to improve our toilets, repair our leaky roof and replace our external storage, and next year will require significant effort to bring these projects to fruition in the short timescales our volunteers and community expect of us. Outside of these projects, our regular cleaner and annual maintenance days help to look after what we have as best as we can.

2025 and beyond presents the 5th Testwood Scout Group with a number of challenges linked to our buildings, our charitable foundation and preparations for the future. Throughout all of this however, our programme has never been stronger, and the Trustees' efforts are focused on providing the best facilities and footing for our Scouts and volunteers.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of the 5th Testwood Scout group:

Date:

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	Jan-24	To	Dec-24	

Receipts and payments

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	£ 15,845	-	£ 15,098	-
Activity fees and receipts	£ 12,525	-	£ 10,382	-
Donations	£ 588	-	£ 641	-
Legacies	£ -	-	-	-
Gift Aid	£ -	-	£ 4,641	-
Group membership fees from Cerberus	£ 300	-	£ 375	-
Miscellaneous	£ -	-	£ 96	-
Sub total	£ 29,258	-	£ 31,233	-
Grants				
Maintenence grant	-	-	-	-
Other grants	£ -	-	£ 900	-
Sub total	£ -	-	£ 900	-
Fundraising events (gross)				
Santa run/Christmas Fayre	£ 7,623	-	£ 5,343	-
Donkey Derby	£ 8,969	-	£ 11,893	-
Other fundraising activities	£ 21	-	£ 134	-
Fundraising for External charities	£ -	-	£ -	-
Sub total	£ 16,613	£ -	£ 17,370	£ -
Scout HQ income				
Hire of building	£ 4,148	-	£ 2,960	-
Hire of equipment	£ -	-	£ 20	-
Other Scout hut income	£ -	-	£ -	-
Sub total	£ 4,148	-	£ 2,980	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Savings Account 51333368	£ 82	-	£ 52	-
The Scout Association Short Term	-	-	£ 136	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 82	-	£ 188	-
Total Gross Income	£ 50,100	-	£ 52,671	£ -
Asset and investment sales, etc.				
	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	£ 50,100	-	£ 52,671	£ -

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	Jan-24	To	Dec-24	

Receipts and payments

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on	£ 7,137	-	£ 6,383	-
Youth programme and activities	£ 19,293	-	£ 14,975	-
Adult support and training	£ 175	-	-	-
Rent	£ 500	-	£ 2,620	-
Utilities	£ 3,033	-	£ 4,058	-
Insurance	£ 1,992	-	£ 1,768	-
Repairs and Renewals	£ 1,796	-	£ 778	-
Materials and equipment	£ 4,763	1,328	£ 1,088	-
Stationery and Printing	£ 457	-	£ 279	-
Contribution to camp costs		-	£ 134	-
Uniforms/badges/clothing	£ 2,197	-	£ 1,595	-
AGM and trustee expenses	£ 86	-	£ 45	-
Cleaning	£ 288	-	£ 293	-
Gift Aid paid to Explorers		-	£ 599	-
Sundries	£ 115	-	£ 87	-
Sub total	£ 41,832	1,328	£ 34,702	-
Fundraising expenses				
Santa Run/Christmas Fayre	£ 2,638	-	£ 2,754	-
Donkey Derby	£ 3,402	-	£ 6,482	-
Other fundraising costs		-	-	-
Monies raised for external charities		-		-
Sub total	6,040	-	£ 9,236	-
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 47,872	1,328	£ 43,938	-
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	£ 47,872	£ 1,328	£ 43,938	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 2,228	1,328	£ 8,733	-
Cash funds last year end	£ 45,339	£ 1,328	£ 36,605	£ 1,328
Cash funds this year end	£ 47,567	£ -	£ 45,338	£ 1,328

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	Jan-24	To	Dec-24	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account (Group)	£ 27,829		£ 30,363	1,328
Bank current accounts (Sections)	£ 5,958		£ 8,271	-
Savings account	£ 12,071		£ 5,961	-
Cash/Floats	£ 856		£ 744	-
Total cash funds	£ 46,713	-	£ 45,339	1,328
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Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/District	-	-	-	-
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	£ 1,000	-	£ 1,000	-
Garland Lodge	£ 680,495	-	£ 495,000	-
Garage QM Store	-	-	-	-
Explorer Den Portacabin	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 3,200	-	£ 3,200	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 684,695	-	£ 499,200	-
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	£ 731,408	£ -	£ 544,539	£ 1,328

Notes on the accounts.

Note 1: Restricted funds were spent in 2024 on equipment in hall for sections including WiFi and AV.

Note 2: 2024 figure based on a 2024 insurance valuation, 2023 based on 2018 valuation.

Note 3: Discrepancy between these values was discussed and scrutinised by the trustee board and auditor. Concluded to be likely caused by multiple internal transactions between the groups six different accounts whilst funding joint activities, leading to double counting errors.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on xxxxxxxx and signed by the following:

Signature

Print Name		
Chair		Hayley Simes
Treasurer		Steven Ball
Group Scout Leader		Steven Osborn

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th Testwood Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th Testwood Scouts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Testwood Scouts 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 5th Testwood Scouts 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 – matter of concern identified

I have completed my examination. I have identified a matter of concern in my report because of the imbalance noted in the accounts. As noted by the Treasurer it appears this is most likely due to mis-recording of some cash transactions in the 2024 year.

I confirm that no other material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination that give me cause to believe in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 5th Testwood Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records, or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Siân Winter

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CPFA (CIPFA membership number – 18311)

Address: Birchlands, Whitemoor Lane, Winsor, Southampton. Hants. SO40 2HD

Date: 5 September 2025

5th Testwood Scout Group

England & Wales - Charity number 302291

Accounts

Trustee's Annual Report

For the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 302291.

This document is issued to demonstrate compliance with the Charities Act 2011 in demonstrating our purpose and activities as being for the public benefit and that the trustees have demonstrated regard to the commission's guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Trustees for the period

Name	Role	Dates acted (if not entire period)
Hayley Simes	Group Chairperson (ex-officio)	
Steven Osborn	Group Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Mel Green	Group Secretary (ex-officio)	
Steven Ball	Group Treasurer (ex-officio)	
Faye Osmond	Beaver Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Sarah Challis	Cub Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Craig Challis	Cub Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Joe Simes	Scout Leader (ex-officio) and Quartermaster	
Max Simes	Assistant Scout Leader (nominated)	01.01.23–06.07.23
Kerie Wallace	Explorer Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Heather Ball	Cub Scout parent representative (elected)	
Jacqueline Fry	Cub Scout parent representative (elected)	06.07.23-31.12.23
Grace Angove	Scout parent representative (elected)	09.02.23-

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. The Scout Association's governing document is a royal charter which gives authority to the Bye-laws of the Association and the *Policy, Organisation and Rules* of the Scout Association. The group is a trust established under these rules which are common to all Scout groups. At the previous AGM, we reconfirmed our use of the model constitution as laid out in *Policy, Organisation and Rules* 5.4.

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the *Policy, Organisation and Rules* of the Scout Association (POR).

The group is managed by an elected board of trustees, comprising a Group Chairperson, Group Scout Leader, Group Treasurer and Group Secretary along with individual section leaders, parent's representatives and others nominated onto the committee for their knowledge or skills. The Trustee Board meets every two months on average.

5th Testwood Scout Group
Garland Lodge
Blackwater Drive, Calmore
Southampton, SO40 2QJ

The Group Board of Trustees exists to ensure Scouting is run safely, legally and in line with our charitable purpose. They must be confident that:

- The charity is well managed, carrying out its purpose for the public benefit,
- Our activities comply with our governing document and the law,
- We are following *POR* and the rules of the Charity Commission
- Young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels
- The group has sufficient resources to meet the planned work of the group.

The group has systems that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss. These include requiring two signatories for all payments made by any section within the group, expenditure of a certain amount being approved by a wider group of leaders, maintaining a risk register of potential risks to the charity and mitigating against these and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives of the group

The objectives of the group are as part of the wider Scout Association. The purpose of the Scout Association is “to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.”

This is achieved through the Scout Method which states that “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;
- and make and live by their Promise.”

We are guided by the Values of Scouting which are:

- 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.

In line with the Scout Association, our goals to 2025 are based around achieving:

- Growth; enabling more young people and adult volunteers to benefit from scouting and the skills it gives them.
- Inclusivity; ensuring barriers to inclusion are removed and working to build tolerance.
- Community impact; making a difference in our local and global community.
- Youth-shaped; ensuring our young people get a voice in scouting, share their experiences and take on leadership roles.

Activities

The 2023 calendar year saw the newest branch of the Scouts family tree come to the group with the launch of the Squirrels Scouts Drey bringing the Scouts programme to early years children. Running from a child's fourth birthday up until the transition to Beaver Scouts at around age 6, the new section mixes the Scout traditions of getting outdoors and trying new skills with a simple programme based around stories, song, games and activities. A trial period was run from around Easter through into the summer and continued from there to the current day, with Vanessa Slawson helping with the trials and with Joe, Vicky, Sarah, Scott and Melissa taking the lead for the rest of the year to great success. As the year closed, efforts were underway to recruit the new generation of Squirrels leaders from the parents of the young people.

With the exception of our Squirrels, all our sections took part in confidence and skills building Nights Away from home. The Beavers enjoyed a District sleepover at Calshot Activity Centre and their own at Injoy barely a month later with a camp in the summer and a Christmas sleepover to boot. Our Cubs enjoyed a sleepover at Jungle Jeans, along with Wolf Camp and Summer Camp during the nicer months while Scouts had the Camping Competition, Eagle Trophy and May Camp as key nights away opportunities.

The young people continue to attend district events as they return and adapt to the new bigger district; among those events not already mentioned, the Beavers attended a district Campfire and Christingle, our award holders took part in an Awards day at Ferny Crofts and the Scouts took part in two Stag's Head trophies. Additionally, our Beavers took part in the County's day to Paulton's Park and Marwell Zoo, our Cubs returned to the Panto in December and the RNLI Lifeboat station at Calshot in March, and our Squirrels took to Ferny Crofts for their Squirrel Fun Day which was loved by all. This in addition to the various other active nights, including multiple cycling evenings and Bouldering for the Scouts too.

In November, the group's adults and young people from all sections attended the Remembrance Day Service in Totton, although the planned St. George's Day service in Burley was called off due to the aftermath of a wet winter. November also saw host to an all sections Maintenance Day, taking on a number of tasks around our hall and bringing many young people and parents getting stuck in.

The Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre fought against cost-of-living concerns and worries due to late applicants to be a comfortably profitable event this year and the Donkey Derby in May was a massive success, thanks to the hard work of the organising team along with the volunteers from both the group and Eling who helped make the day happen.

We have been able to recruit a number of new adult volunteers this year to support in some roles within the group. Our efforts still continue as more are needed in certain sections to ensure sustainable growth and support, and Young Leaders have been fewer in number this year.

Achievements

By the end of the year, the group had grown again, with the Squirrel section making up for lower numbers in the Beavers notably, and the induction of a number of additional volunteers into the Cubs and Scout sections in particular. Satisfaction with the group remains high and young people were able to make their thoughts known to the trustees. The year ended with all adults fully compliant in their roles and with their training following months and years of hard effort from the volunteers concerned and those who support the scheme.

The success of the Totton Santa Run solidifies our template for the event as a successful, deliverable event for the group that really excels with the full support of our community. The runaway success of the Donkey Derby has given the group a much needed boost to finances when costs are ever increasing, without the need to draw further from our parents' pockets. This helps not only develop our HQ, but keep Scout activities affordable so those who need us most can benefit from the skills that Scouts teaches. In also providing such as well regarded and well run community event solidified the group at the heart of the Totton community in a way difficult to do previously.

Through these activities, the Trustees are confident that 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.

Financial overview

While membership within the group increased by the end of the year, this was primarily through the launch of the new Squirrel Scout section, who did not pay membership fees for much of the 2023 year. Therefore, membership fees remained similar with a £500 decrease compared to the previous year. 2022 was a very busy year for activities, so income from activity fees decreased by £700 in line with expectations.

There was a notable increase in donations this year (2023: £641, 2022: £70) and the group was able to claim GiftAid on donations after a backlog following the pandemic and a change of Treasurer – this brought in £4,641 for the group from the government. There was also £900 in grants received this year linked to the setting up of the new Squirrels Drey from a combination of Scouting within the New Forest, Hampshire and nationally.

Income from the Santa Run and Christmas Fayre was £5,348; it was noted last year that the 2022 figure of £6,485 was higher as some raffle income from the 2021 event was not banked until 2022. Income from other sources such as donations and streams such as through Easy Fundraising or donations of clothing increased slightly this year as new parents learned about these fundraising streams.

The largest new stream of income, by far, was the Donkey Derby which in 2023 was run by the 5th Testwood Group. The event brought in income of £11,868 before expenses. Income from hire of our hall remained steady at just short of £3,000. **In total, income for 2023 was £52,750**, a significant increase of over £13,700 on 2022.

Charitable expenditure compared to last year saw a further increase of around £5,000 with notable price increases on the different unavoidable costs associated with our running. Despite a modest increase in membership numbers, the membership fees that are paid on to District, County and National increased for us by £1,200. Spending on youth programme and activities was largely unaffected, with a small drop in spending of around £500.

Expenses on repairs, renewals, stationary, uniform and badges and cleaning fell compared to the year before, with uniform and badges being a notable drop as sections topped up their badge stocks the year previously and with a surplus of national events. 2023 saw the Coronation, with a commemorative badge purchased for each member of the group, but this required fewer badges than the year before when there were three events where all members received badges (The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, In Remembrance of the Queen and Remembrance Sunday).

As expected, rises in the costs of insurance, materials and equipment was experienced. After lengthy negotiations with the council about our lease, this was resolved at the beginning of 2023 which saw the new higher payment and back payments being made, in total a cost of £1,620. Additionally, higher costs of energy, and errors in reporting that were rectified in 2023, saw cost of utility bills increase sharply by £3,000 during the year. While much of this was covering payments for energy used, we expect energy bills to continue to be substantial in future years.

Payments associated with the Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre were around £3,000 lower than 2022 as we benefitted from having topped up needed supplies the previous year. The cost of putting on the Donkey Derby was £6,482. **In total, expenditure was £43,020**, around £7,000 higher than 2022.

In 2023, the Board of Trustees agreed to look again at the £1,328 restricted funds held within the account. This was always set aside for equipment for activities, initially a climbing wall. As feasibility determined it would be impractical to install a wall at the hall, the aim of the funds was redirected, and agreed by Group Council, into supplying upgraded AV equipment in the hall which would benefit all users. These plans are due to come to fruition in 2024.

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. The Group's Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold the following reserves:

- a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs (£8,000).
- a fund for the replacement/maintenance of assets such as the hall and equipment (£1,500)
- Section support (by request) (£500)

These reserves were last reviewed and agreed at a Board of Trustees meeting on 22nd February 2018. It is due to be revisited in the 2024 year.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments and therefore has adopted a risk-averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks and The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

This latter service was closed in April 2023, and the £10,861.92 held within was returned to the group. It continues to serve as our reserve fund. This policy is due to be revisited during the 2024 year.

Future plans

With newer volunteers beginning to become confident in their roles, work continues to recruit and welcome more, especially into Squirrels and Beavers, to keep these sections sustainable and to enable growth in the numbers of young people in these sections.

Our adult volunteers in the section continue to develop their own skills, with a number working on achieving Adventurous Activity Permits so adventurous activities can be safely delivered by the group's adults. A number will also be on track to earn their Wood badge this year coming.

All ages of the group continue to plan an ambitious array of events and residential activities including a District Camp to be held at Ferny Crofts in May. Offering our young people to network with other young people from across the newly expanded District, as well as try new adventurous activities with a range of choice, the camp promises to be a great opportunity for the young people and planning was underway at the turn of the year.

The Donkey Derby in May also brings new opportunities for the group as, for the first time, a joint event is proposed with both Eling and Testwood providing resources and people power to run the event with the bonus that this can make the event bigger and better than before. The fundraising potential of this, as well as the Totton Santa Run, help unlock a number of our ambitions to improve our headquarters which is much loved but in desperate need of some attention.

In addition to maintenance days, we aim to complete some repairs to our facilities and roof and complete some upgrades to our electrics to bring them into line with modern regulations. We continue to search for a cleaner for the hall to keep it in the best condition possible.

Changes to Scout processes and rules are afoot in the coming future with the aim to demystify the organisation to prospective volunteers and parents, simplify some roles and strengthen the governance functions of the Trustee board by responding to recent changes. While the exact date for a number of these is unknown, some will begin to take effect in time of or before the next AGM. The group's leadership is ready for these Transformation changes, when they come within 2024 or 2025. In the meantime, compliance, great opportunities, and skills for life continue to drive the group.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of the 5th Testwood Scout group:

Date:

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	Jan-23	To	Dec-23	

Receipts and payments

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	£ 15,179	-	£ 15,655	-
Activity fees and receipts	£ 10,382	-	£ 11,096	-
Donations	£ 641	-	£ 70	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	£ 4,641	-	-	-
Group membership fees from Cerberus	£ 375	-	£ 900	-
Miscellaneous	£ 31	-	£ 122	-
Sub total	£ 31,249	-	£ 27,844	-
Grants				
Maintenance grant	-	-	-	-
Other grants	£ 900	-	£ 437	-
Sub total	£ 900	-	£ 437	-
Fundraising events (gross)				
Santa run/Christmas Fayre	£ 5,348	-	£ 6,485	-
Donkey Derby	£ 11,868	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	£ 218	-	£ 142	-
Fundraising for External charities	-	-	£ 1,072	-
Sub total	£ 17,433	£ -	£ 7,699	£ -
Scout HQ income				
Hire of building	£ 2,960	-	£ 3,001	-
Hire of equipment	£ 20	-	£ 20	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 2,980	-	£ 3,021	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Savings Account 51333368	£ 52	-	£ 3	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ 136	-	£ 18	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 188	-	£ 21	-
Total Gross Income	£ 52,750	-	£ 39,022	£ -
Asset and investment sales, etc.				
	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	£ 52,750	-	£ 39,022	£ -

Note 1

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	Jan-23	To	Dec-23	

Receipts and payments

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on	£ 6,383	-	£ 5,143	-
Youth programme and activities	£ 14,975	-	£ 15,455	-
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
Rent	£ 1,620	-	-	-
Utilities	£ 4,058	-	£ 1,027	-
Insurance	£ 1,768	-	£ 1,584	-
Repairs and Renewals	£ 778	-	£ 1,610	-
Materials and equipment	£ 1,088	-	£ 991	-
Stationery and Printing	£ 279	-	£ 299	-
Contribution to camp costs	£ 134	-	-	-
Uniforms/badges/clothing	£ 1,595	-	£ 2,416	-
AGM and trustee expenses	£ 45	-	-	-
Cleaning	£ 293	-	£ 340	-
Gift Aid paid to Explorers	£ 599	-	-	-
Sundries	£ 171	-	£ 20	-
Sub total	£ 33,785	-	£ 28,886	-
Fundraising expenses				
Santa Run/Christmas Fayre	£ 2,754	-	£ 5,848	-
Donkey Derby	£ 6,482	-	£ 200	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Monies raised for external charities	-	-	£ 1,089	-
Sub total	£ 9,235	-	£ 7,137	-
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 43,020	-	£ 36,023	-
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	£ 43,020	-	£ 36,023	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 9,730	-	£ 2,999	-
Cash funds last year end	£ 36,605	£ 1,328	£ 33,606	£ 1,328
Cash funds this year end	£ 46,335	£ 1,328	£ 36,605	£ 1,328

Note 2
Note 2

5th Testwood Scouts Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date	
For the year from	Jan-23	To	Dec-23	

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2023		2022		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	
Cash funds					
Bank current account (Group)	£ 30,363	1,328	£ 10,857	1,328	
Bank current accounts (Sections)	£ 8,271		£ 8,018	-	
Savings account	£ 5,961		£ 5,843	-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ -		£ 10,726	-	Note 3
Cash/Floats	£ 744		£ 1,161	-	
Total cash funds	£ 45,339	1,328	£ 36,605	1,328	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	agreement error	ok	ok	ok
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	
Debts due from the County/District	-	-	-	-	
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		-	£ 800	-	
Garland Lodge (based on 2018 insurance valuation)		-	£ 495,000	-	Note 4
Garage QM Store		-	-	-	Note 5
Explorer Den Portacabin		-	-	-	Note 5
Motor vehicles		-	-	-	
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		-	£ 3,400	-	
Other		-	-	-	
Sub total	£ -	-	£ 499,200	-	
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total net assets	£ 45,339	£ 1,328	£ 535,805	£ 1,328	

Notes on the accounts.

Note 1: The higher income in 2022 for the Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre was due to some monies from the 2021 event only being banked in the 2022 calendar year.

Note 2: The rent for the 2022-23 year was paid, along with back payments, in January 2023 and an increase in utilities was expected this year due to poor estimations on usage of late. These owed payments were made in the first half of 2023, hence a higher total for these utilities.

Note 3: The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service was closed in May 2023. The balance was then transferred into the main Group Account. Its balance upon closure was £10,861.92. These funds continue to act as the Group's reserves funds as laid out in our policy, listed as part of the Trustees Annual Report.

Note 4: The Board of Trustees aim to have the hall revalued in 2024.

Note 5: Asset items shown at nil value as they have depreciated fully. No market value remaining.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 27th March 2024 and signed by the following:

Signature

	Print Name
Chair	Hayley Simes
Treasurer	Steven Ball
Group Scout Leader	Steven Osborn

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th Testwood Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th Testwood Scouts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Testwood Scouts 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 5th Testwood Scouts 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 kept in respect of the 5th Testwood Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; and
2. the accounts 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: Siân Winter

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CPFA (CIPFA membership number – 18311)

Address: Birchlands, Whitemoor Lane, Winsor, Southampton. Hants. SO40 2HD

Date: 2 April 2024

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Date: 2 April 2024

5th Testwood Scout Group

England & Wales - Charity number 302291

Accounts

Trustee's Annual Report

For the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 302291.

Trustees for the period

Name	Role	Dates acted (if not entire period)
Debbie St. John	Group Chairperson (ex-officio)	01.01.22-15.10.22
Hayley Simes	Group Chairperson (ex-officio)	18.10.22-
Julie Mair	Group Scout Leader (ex-officio) until August Deputy Group Scout Leader (ex-officio) from August	
Steven Osborn	Beaver Scout Leader (ex-officio) until August Deputy Group Scout Leader (ex-officio) until August Group Scout Leader (ex-officio) from August	
Mel Green	Group Secretary (ex-officio)	
Lynne Patience	Group Treasurer (ex-officio)	01.01.22-08.11.22
Steven Ball	Group Treasurer (ex-officio)	08.11.22-
Faye Osmond	Beaver Scout Leader (ex-officio)	20.07.22-
Sarah Challis	Cub Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Craig Challis	Cub Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Joe Simes	Scout Leader (ex-officio) and Quartermaster	
Max Simes	Assistant Scout Leader (nominated)	
Kerie Wallace	Explorer Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Heather Ball	Beaver Scout parent representative (elected)	
Jessica Barraclough	Beaver Scout parent representative (elected)	
Katrina Seddon	Cub Scout parent representative (elected)	
Kelly Willoughby	Cub Scout parent representative (elected)	



Structure, Governance and Management

The charity's governing documents are those of the Scout Association. The Scout Association's governing document is a royal charter which gives authority to the *Bye-laws* of the Association and the *Policy, Organisation and Rules* of the Scout Association. The group is a trust established under these rules which are common to all Scout groups. At the AGM for the 2021 year, we reconfirmed our use of the model constitution as laid out in *Policy, Organisation and Rules (5.3-5.5, January 2023 edition)*.

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the *Policy, Organisation and Rules* of the Scout Association (POR).

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The group is managed by an elected executive committee, or board of trustees, comprising a Group Chairperson, Group Scout Leader, Group Treasurer and Group Secretary along with individual section leaders, parent's representatives and others nominated onto the committee for their knowledge or skills. The committee meets every two months on average.

The Group Executive committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their role. Members are legally and financially responsible for the running of the Scout Group. Their responsibilities include:

- Maintaining group property so that it is safe to use.
- Raising funds and administering the group's finances.
- Insuring persons, property and equipment linked to the group.
- Ensuring good relations between the group, our local community and the wider public.
- Assisting to recruit leaders and other supporting volunteers.
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required.

The group has systems that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement and loss. These include requiring two signatories for all payments made by any section within the group, expenditure of a certain amount going through the full executive committee and insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives of the group

The objectives of the group are as part of the wider Scout Association. The purpose of the Scout Association is "to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society."

This is achieved through the Scout Method which states that "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;
- and make and live by their Promise."

We are guided by the Values of Scouting which are:

- 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.

In line with the Scout Association, our goals are based around achieving:

- Growth; enabling more young people and adult volunteers to benefit from scouting and the skills it gives them.
- Inclusivity; ensuring barriers to inclusion are removed and working to build tolerance.
- Community impact; making a difference in our local and global community.
- Youth-shaped; ensuring our young people get a voice in scouting, share their experiences and take on leadership roles.

Activities

In 2022 the 5th Testwood Scout Group celebrated its 60th anniversary, initially founded in 1962 as the 23rd Romsey (Testwood) Scout Group. To celebrate, the group's members of all ages joined for a big group camp at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre in May. As well as a packed programme of activities, involving both current and former members of the group throughout its 60 year history, volunteer Kerie Wallace was presented his Silver Wolf award and an artwork for the HQ was created.

In addition to this camp, all sections had other opportunities to undertake nights away as part of the programme including a sleepover for Beavers, Parent and Child and Summer camps for Cubs and the 'Return of the Camp' for Scouts. Additionally, many of the Explorer Scouts from the linked Unit Cerberus were involved in a large trip organized by Hampshire Scouts to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland where they undertook a wide variety of activities including river rafting, mountain walking, climbing and many more.

As part of the new larger New Forest district, our leaders continue to attend and develop district events for the benefit of our young people. A number of our sections took part in the Soap Box Derby go-cart race, the Beavers attended a district Campfire (in the rain) and a picnic in the National Park and our award holders took part in an Awards day. Additionally, our Beavers took part in the County's day to Paulton's Park and our Cubs participated in Ferny Croft's Fright Night both in October. In November, the group's adults and young people were able to safely meet and attend the Remembrance Day Service in Totton as part of one of the widest community gatherings seen of late.

The Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre saw competition from new and competing events this year however still saw a good number of runners and a good showing at the fayre despite cold weather. Focusing on the core event from last year made for a much easier-to-organise event and with a firmer base to build from in the future. We were also approached this year by 4th Eling Sea Scouts about running the Annual Totton and Eling Donkey Derby in 2023 as they were unable to do so; the Group agreed to do so and planning was well underway by the time of year end.

In August, Steven Osborn stepped down as Beaver Scout Leader and took on the role of Group Scout Leader. New adult volunteers in the Scout troop and Beaver colonies has made for a more stable situation in these sections and recruitment remains active in all sections. Young Leader development within the group has been very positive with them helping the young people make their voice heard too.

After the bumper works in 2021, maintenance and development of our HQ focused on more general improvements and tree works with plans afoot for more.

Achievements

By the end of the year, the group had grown its number of young people to its highest levels in recent decades, representing the hard work of many of our volunteers over years. Satisfaction with the group remained high and volunteer turnover was low during the year. Training compliance was significantly improved with our volunteers now sufficiently prepared for their roles. The Totton Santa Run made a modest profit, despite needing to restock a great deal of the supplies needed for this year's event.

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.

Financial overview

With an increase in membership within the group, income through membership subscriptions rose substantially by around £5,000 with a £7,000 increase in activity fees as all sections embarked on grander and more numerous camps and events as restrictions eased sufficiently to allow that to happen.

Income from the Santa Run and Christmas Fayre was around £2,700 more than the previous year, however as noted last year this included some raffle income from 2021 as this was not banked until 2022. Income from other sources such as donations and streams such as through Easy Fundraising, Amazon Smile or donations of clothing fell this year with plans to advertise these to new parents in the future.

With more users of our hall, income from this rose to £3,001 and the group was able to take advantage of a grant from Hampshire Scouts to cover the necessary costs of replacing materials associated with the creation of the New Forest Scout District and the associated renaming of the group to 5th Testwood. **In total, income for 2022 was £39,022**, near double the income for 2021.

Charitable expenditure compared to last year saw an increase of around £5,000. This was primarily driven by a much higher expenditure on youth programme and activities as Group camp, section events and camps and more adventurous section meetings following the pandemic fed through. There were significant reductions in the amount spent on repairs and renewals and materials and equipment as the lockdown projects were completed with more minor reductions in cleaning and stationery. There were increases for insurance, badges as a number of notable national events occurred this year for which memorial badges were produced and utilities. We are expecting significant increases to some costs such as utilities in 2023 and rent, which was paid for 2022 in January 2023.

Payments associated with the Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre were slightly higher than a normal year as various supplies were topped up, however many of these remain in place for the 2023 event. **In total, expenditure was £36,023**, around £9,000 more than the year before.

Overall, the group contributed around £3,000 to the reserves of the group which will help buffer the group from the cost-of-living crisis and associated price rises affecting all areas of the group and the upfront costs required to host the Annual Totton and Eling Donkey Derby.

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. The Group's Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold the following reserves:

- a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs (£8,000).
- a fund for the replacement/maintenance of assets such as the hall and equipment (£1,500)
- Section support (by request) (£500)

These reserves were last reviewed and agreed at the Exec meeting on 22nd February 2018.

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments and therefore has adopted a risk-averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks and The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

Future plans

Following the rapid growth of the group in 2022, we plan to ensure all our new members are welcome and we are able to sustain them as they move up through the group in the following years. Recruitment of volunteers and ensuring all volunteers remain trained and in the right roles is important during this time so a full and balanced programme can be offered to all.

All ages of the group are planning an ambitious array of events and residential activities and the group intends to invest in training of leaders to ensure more hold the permits needed to run activities safely and in equipment to bring some activities closer to home such as tomahawk throwing.

In September 2022, the group was offered the opportunity to deliver the Annual Totton and Eling Donkey Derby, previously run exclusively by the 4th Eling Sea Scouts as their main fundraising event. As a well established and respected community event, and given that Eling felt unable to deliver the event themselves this year, we were honored to take on this event and plan to deliver a successful and profitable event in May 2023. This will be run in addition to the Christmas Fayre and Totton Santa Run which will return in December 2023.

Excitingly, the group plans to introduce Squirrel Scouts for 4-6 year olds within 2023 introducing a new programme, young people and parents into the group for the first time. While this will require some investment in terms of time and volunteer time, we believe this will be justified in the longer term.

In addition to regular maintenance tasks, in the following year we aim to bring forward plans to fundraise and deliver a renovation to our hall toilets as the area most in need of improvement and how to ensure the safe and suitable storage of all the group's equipment.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of the 5th Testwood Scout group:

Date:

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	Jan-22	To	Dec-22	
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Receipts and payments

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	£ 15,655	-	£ 10,903	-
Activity fees and receipts	£ 11,096	-	£ 4,038	-
Donations	£ 70	-	£ 491	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Group membership fees from Cerberus	£ 900	-	£ 537	-
Miscellaneous	£ 122	-	£ 1,177	-
Sub total	£ 27,844	-	£ 17,145	-
Grants				
Maintenence grant	-	-	-	-
Other grants	£ 437	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 437	-	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)				
Santa run/Christmas Fayre	£ 6,485	-	£ 3,797	-
Other fundraising activities	£ 142	-	£ 261	-
Fundraising for External charities	£ 1,072	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 7,699	£ -	£ 4,058	£ -
Scout HQ income				
Hire of building	£ 3,001	-	£ 2,203	-
Hire of equipment	£ 20	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 3,021	-	£ 2,203	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Bank Account 51333368	£ 3	-	£ 1	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ 18	-	£ 62	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 21	-	£ 63	-
Total Gross Income	£ 39,022	-	£ 23,468	£ -
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	£ 39,022	-	£ 23,468	£ -

Note 1

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	Jan-22	To	Dec-22	
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Receipts and payments

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Membership subscriptions paid on	£ 5,143	-	£ 4,178	-
Youth programme and activities	£ 15,455	-	£ 7,942	-
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	£ 230	-
Utilities	£ 1,027	-	£ 906	-
Insurance	£ 1,584	-	£ 1,438	-
Repairs and Renewals	£ 1,610	-	£ 4,717	-
Materials and equipment	£ 991	-	£ 1,455	-
Stationery and Printing	£ 299	-	£ 374	-
Contribution to camp costs	-	-	-	-
Uniforms/badges/clothing	£ 2,416	-	£ 2,125	-
AGM and trustee expenses	-	-	£ 21	-
Cleaning	£ 340	-	£ 500	-
Gift Aid paid to Explorers	-	-	-	-
Sundries	£ 20	-	£ 19	-
Sub total	£ 28,886	-	£ 23,905	-
Fundraising expenses				
Santa Run/Christmas Fayre	£ 5,848	-	£ 3,064	-
Donkey Derby	£ 200	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-
Monies raised for external charities	£ 1,089	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 7,137	-	£ 3,064	-
Total Gross Expenditure	£ 36,023	-	£ 26,970	-
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-
Total payments	£ 36,023	-	£ 26,970	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 2,999	-	-£ 3,501	-
Cash funds last year end	£ 33,606	£ 1,328	£ 37,107	£ 1,328
Cash funds this year end	£ 36,605	£ 1,328	£ 33,606	£ 1,328

Note 2

5th Testwood Scouts

Receipts and payments account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	Jan-22	To	Dec-22	
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2022		2021	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account (Group)	£ 10,857	1,328	£ 10,358	1,328
Bank current accounts (Sections)	£ 8,018	-	£ 5,974	-
Savings account	£ 5,843	-	£ 5,840	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	£ 10,726	-	£ 10,708	-
Cash/Floats	£ 1,161	-	£ 726	-
Total cash funds	£ 36,605	1,328	£ 33,606	£ 1,328
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account)</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>ok</small>	<small>ok</small>
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/District	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-
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Garland Lodge (based on 2018 insurance valuation)	£ 495,000	-	£ 495,000	-
Garage QM Store	-	-	-	-
Explorer Den Portacabin	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£ 3,400	-	£ 2,800	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	£ 499,200	-	£ 498,500	-
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	£ 535,805	£ 1,328	£ 532,106	£ 1,328

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Notes on the accounts.

Note 1: The higher income for the Totton Santa Run and Christmas Fayre was due to some monies from the 2021 event only being banked in the 2022 calendar year.

Note 2: The rent for the 2022-23 year was paid, along with back payments, in January 2023 and will be shown on those accounts. An increase in utilities as expected has not occurred this year and following further investigation in the beginning of 2023, we anticipate much higher costs in 2023.

Note 3: Asset items shown at nil value as they have depreciated fully. No market value remaining.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 5th June 2023 and signed by the following:

Signature

Print Name

	Chair	Hayley Simes
	Treasurer	Steven Ball
	Group Scout Leader	Steven Osborn

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th Testwood Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th Testwood Scouts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Testwood Scouts 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 5th Testwood Scouts 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 kept in respect of the 5th Testwood Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; and
2. the accounts 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: Siân Winter

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CPFA (CIPFA membership number – 18311)

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