

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date)

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to end date

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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

9th St Albans Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

3 0 2 5 7 4

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

68 Lemsford Road

St Albans

Postcode

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Simon de Baat	Chairman	21/06/24-31/03/25
2	Nicola Pearce	Secretary	
3	Robert Baker	Treasurer	
4	Mark Wilkinson		
5	Claire Wainwright		
6	Latie Mordecai		
7	Matthew Durkin		
8	Philippa Tulberg		
9	Greg Smith		21/06/24-31/03/25
10	Sarah Clyne		21/06/24-31/03/25
11	Harry Kinsley		21/06/24-31/03/25
12	Christopher Welford		21/06/24-31/03/25
13	David Head	Chairman	01/04/24 - 21/06/24
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Gary Heywood	1 Silk Mill Road, Redbourn, AL3 7GE

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

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

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Individual Section Leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent representatives and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

The Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
The maintenance of Group property;
The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
Group public occasions;
Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	<p data-bbox="737 275 1008 296">Risk and Internal Control</p> <p data-bbox="737 302 1321 438">The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:</p> <p data-bbox="737 470 1349 663">Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.</p> <p data-bbox="737 695 1321 804">Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.</p> <p data-bbox="737 835 1338 1029">Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p data-bbox="737 1060 1349 1253">Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p> <p data-bbox="737 1285 1346 1449">Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.</p>

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Purpose of Scouting Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>The Scout Method Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	<p>Scouts During the year to 31st March 2025, the Troops averaged approximately 20 young people with 5 leaders supporting them.</p> <p>Cubs During the year to 31st March 2025, the Packs averaged approximately 20 young people with 5 leaders supporting them.</p> <p>Beavers During the year to 31st March 2025, the Colonies averaged approximately 18 young people with 6 leaders supporting them.</p>
Public benefit statement	<p>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.</p>
Section D	Achievements and performance
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>As can be seen by the Sectional Reviews, the Group has continued to run and engage its young people throughout the financial year. Highlights for the sections, include activities such as a Centenary Camps involving all sections, Night Hikes and a Night at the Zoo.</p>

Section E	Financial Review
<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p>	<p>Reserves Policy</p> <p>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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10,000.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of approximately £32,000 against this at year end. This is above the level/below required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by the need for future potential expenditure on the buildings and premises.</p>
<p>Further financial review details</p> <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); 	<p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.</p> <p>The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.</p>

Section F	Other Optional Information
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Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)								
Full name(s)	Simon de Baat	Robert Baker						
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman	Treasurer						
Date	<table border="1"><tr><td>3</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>4</td><td>0</td><td>5</td></tr></table>		3	0	0	4	0	5
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9th St Albans Scout Group (Charity no. 302574)

Receipts and payments account

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

Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	14,370	12,475
Donations	183	653
Gift Aid	-	1,998
Sub total	14,553	15,126
Fundraising events (gross)		
Section activities	3,762	1,994
Camping	6,085	2,260
Sub total	9,847	4,254
Scout hut income		
Hire of building and premises	2,720	2,485
Sub total	2,720	2,485
Total Gross Income	27,120	21,865
Total receipts	27,120	21,865

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Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid to District	7,847	5,883
Adult support and training	50	100
Electricity, Gas and Telephone	3,665	3,852
Insurance	1,595	1,719
Repairs and Renewals	4,772	3,278
Materials and equipment	2,682	1,447
Section activities	3,980	2,571
Contribution to camp costs	5,507	2,087
Bank and OSM charges	866	675
General expenses	127	98
Sub total	31,091	21,710
Total Gross Expenditure	31,091	21,710
Total payments	31,091	21,710
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,971	155
Cash funds last year end	36,096	35,941
Cash funds this year end	32,125	36,096

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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

	31st March 2025 Unrestricted funds	31st March 2024 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Bank current account	32,125	36,096
Total cash funds	32,125	36,096
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Total net assets	32,125	36,096

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 30th April 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Simon de Baat Chair
	Robert Baker Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 9th St Albans Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 9th St Albans Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 9th St Albans Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 9th St Albans Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

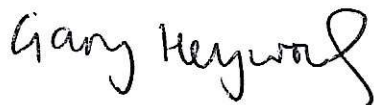
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 9th St Albans Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Gary Heywood R.C.A

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

Address: 1 Silk Mill Road, Redbourn, AL3 7GE

Date:

12/6/25
