

## The 17<sup>th</sup> St Albans Scout Group

### The Trustees Report April 2024 – March 2025

The 17<sup>th</sup> St Albans Scout Group is a thriving group, and we have children attending between the ages of 6 and 14. Over the past year, we have successfully filled our Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and Scout Troop. As a result, we have had to open a second Beaver Colony. Each group runs a fun, balanced program teaching children skills for life suitable for their different ages. The Beavers work towards their Bronze King's Scout Award and last year a couple of Beavers achieved this prestigious award before moving up to the Cubs. Once in Cubs the children have continued working towards their silver King's Scout Award, finally earning the Gold Kings Scout award in Scouts.

Over the past year we held a successful Group Camp with members of all sections attending. During the event the children were able to participate in a range of outdoor activities including caving, rock climbing and navigating giant inflatables. The Scouts have also run an additional camp allowing the children to increase the number of nights away this year. The year has also included night hikes and first aid evenings as well as regularly cooking over open fires. On top of these Group activities, our Scout Troup has taken part in several district competitions including I'm a Scout Get Me Out of Here, Derek Turner (a night navigation competition) and The Scarefest.

The Group remains in a good financial position, and we are starting to renegotiate extending our lease of the land on which Scout Hall stands, with the Local Authority.

#### Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee Report above.

Signed on behalf of the 17<sup>th</sup> St Albans Scout Group board of Trustees.

*A.N.Carruthers*

Andrew Carruthers

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

# 17th St Albans (Abbey) Scout Group

## 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

### Opening Bank Account Balances

Nat West Current Account

**£30,617.25**

**Total Cash at Bank**

**£30,617.25**

### Adjustments from last year

Unpaid Letting Invoices (1366, 1374)

£1,662.50

Unpresented Cheques (Chqs 1217,1232)

-£1,036.80

625.70

### START OF YEAR BALANCE

**£31,242.95**

### INCOME

Letting

8,207.00

Subscriptions & Donations

26,145.78

HMRC Gift Aid Refund

1,790.47

### TOTAL INCOME

**£36,143.25**

### EXPENDITURE

Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water, Broadband)

2,494.49

Hall Expenses & Maintenance

8,882.81

Scout Shop (Badges Etc.)

730.55

Equipment

1,628.83

Insurance & Professional Fees

830.05

Scout Association Capitation Fees

5,852.00

Training

0.00

Scouting Activities

8,602.88

Activity / Leaders' out of pocket expenses

607.39

### TOTAL EXPENDITURE

**£29,629.00**

### END OF YEAR BALANCE

**£37,757.20**

### Adjustments for Bank Balance

Unpaid Lettings Invoices (1385,1384,1383)

-6,422.00

Unpresented Cheques (1217,1262,1263)

1,310.70

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**£32,645.90**

End of Year at Bank

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**The 17<sup>th</sup> St Albans Scout Group**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**302576**

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**

**Name:**

**Morgan Howell**

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**None**

**Address:**

**4 Prae Close**

**St Albans**

**AL3 4SF**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

None