

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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 to end date

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Section A	Reference and administration details
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Charity name

The 15th Reigate (Chipstead) Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

Bramblewood, Coulsdon Lane

Chipstead

Coulsdon

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	Colin Brockwell	Group Lead Volunteer	
2	Richard Mills	Treasurer	
3	Alan Batrick	Grounds	
4	The Scout Association	Trustee	
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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

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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

How the charity is constituted

(e.g. trust, association, company)

The Group is a trust established under its own deed adopted from the standard contained within The Scout Association 'Policy, Organisation & Rules'.

Trustee selection methods

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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

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 (*currently vacant*), Treasurer and 2 Trustees and meets every 6 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.

Risk and Internal Control

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:

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

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

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.

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, whereupon operational control together with all assets and liabilities would pass to Reigate District.

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, whereupon operational control together with all assets and liabilities would pass to Reigate District.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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>Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections have weekly meetings where they take part in confidence, skills and team building activities. Key events during the 2024/25 year were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The re-opening and recruitment into a new Scout Troop * Several smaller community sessions * 100% of Leaders achieving their Wood-Badges for their training commitments
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments. 	<p>This year the Group's Scouting activities and development have only been possible with the super effort of a small Leadership Team, including additional input in covering troop Leader absences. This has highlighted further the primary focus for adult recruitment going forward.</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

The main achievements during the year are the completion of a significant maintenance and investment programme for the grounds and hut to improve the safety and facilities available to all the members. The key completed projects were:

- (i) replacement of the Scout Hut roof, guttering and fascia
- (ii) repairs to the storage huts
- (iii) grounds improvements, including new fencing, gate repairs, tree safety works, undergrowth clearance, new hedging & tree planting
- (iv) installation of new energy efficient lighting and cabling

Funding of these projects has been the via the local council Community Infrastructure Levy, and the support of a local charity, The Chipstead Village Preservation Society.

Other achievements include:

- * a significant increase in the number of youngsters in the Group and waiting to join;
- * the starting of community engagement

Section E	Financial Review
<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p> <p>Quantify and explain any designations</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 6 months running costs, circa £5,000.</p> <p>The Group held reserves of approximately £18,000 in unrestricted funds at the year end, comfortably above the level for operating expenses.</p> <p>The balance of designated / restricted funds at the year end was £nil (2024: £1,352)</p>
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)</p>	
<p>Further financial review details (optional information)</p> <p>Additional information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and objectives; 	<p>Investment Policy</p> <p>The Group's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk 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**

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

The Group's priorities for the future are:

- * developing and increasing the Leadership Team;
- * further development of the excellent site for use in nationwide and international Scouting;
- * further engagement with the local community

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Richard Mills	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Treasurer	
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Date

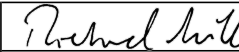
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR FROM 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

Receipts & Payments	2024/25			2023/24		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Subscriptions	6,031.00		6,031.00	2,930.25		2,930.25
Donations	100.00		100.00	1,164.00		1,164.00
Gift Aid	-		-	1,747.47		1,747.47
Grants	-	38,000.00	38,000.00	-	12,520.00	12,520.00
Income from section activities	435.35		435.35	492.00		492.00
Scout Hut hire income	300.00		300.00	130.00		130.00
Interest received	181.02		181.02	0.65		0.65
Transfer	-		-	-		-
Total receipts	7,047.37	38,000.00	45,047.37	6,464.37	12,520.00	18,984.37
Payments						
Capitation	(1,590.00)		(1,590.00)	(1,056.00)		(1,056.00)
Section expenses	(3,667.36)		(3,667.36)	(2,372.00)		(2,372.00)
Utilities	(94.90)		(94.90)	(1,480.27)		(1,480.27)
Insurance	(282.59)		(282.59)	(267.28)		(267.28)
Repairs & Maintenance	(1,610.26)	(39,352.44)	(40,962.70)	(3,299.26)	(11,167.56)	(14,466.82)
Admin/other expenses	-		-	-		-
Total expenses	(7,245.11)	(39,352.44)	(46,597.55)	(8,474.81)	(11,167.56)	(19,642.37)
Net of receipts & payments	(197.74)	(1,352.44)	(1,550.18)	(2,010.44)	1,352.44	(658.00)
Cash funds balance last year end	18,272.36	1,352.44	19,624.80	20,282.80	-	20,282.80
Cash funds balance this year end	18,074.62	(0.00)	18,074.62	18,272.36	1,352.44	19,624.80
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Assets & liabilities at year end						
	2024/25			2023/24		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds						
Lloyds Bank current account	7,643.60		7,643.60	17,350.16	1,352.44	18,702.60
Lloyds deposit account	10,181.02		10,181.02	-		-
Barclays Bank current account	-		0.00	672.20		672.20
Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-		0	-		-
Floats	250.00		250.00	250.00		250.00
	18,074.62	-	18,074.62	18,272.36	1,352.44	19,624.80
Non-monetary assets						
Land & Buildings	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00
Stock & equipment			-			-
	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Liabilities						
Creditors, loans and other liabilities			-			-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	28,074.62	-	28,074.62	28,272.36	1,352.44	29,624.80

The above Financial Summary was approved by the Trustees on 26th January 2026
and signed on their behalf by:

Signature



Print Name

Richard Mills

Analysis of Grants (Restricted funds)	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
R&B Community & Infrastructure Levy - Tree Safety works	-	7,520.00
R&B Community & Infrastructure Levy - Grounds fencing works	-	5,000.00
R&B Community & Infrastructure Levy - Scout Hut repairs	29,000.00	-
CVPS - Scout Hut Repairs	6,000.00	-
R&B Community & Infrastructure Levy - Lighting replacement	3,000.00	-
	38,000.00	12,520.00

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The 15th Reigate
(Chipstead) Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The 15th Reigate
(Chipstead) Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity
Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required
by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: James Fowler

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Date: 26 January 2026