

***1<sup>st</sup> Bradford on Avon Scout Group***

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ending**

***31st March 2025***

**Charity Number = 308236**

**Charity Reference Number = XN62767**

**1<sup>st</sup> Bradford on Avon Scout Group**

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2025**

**Section A Objectives and activities**

<b>Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document</b>	<p>The objectives of the group is as a unit of the Scout Association.</p> <p><b>The purpose of scouting</b> Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.</p>
<b>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</b>	<p>The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association.</p> <p>The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.</p>
<b>Public Benefit</b>	<p>The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit on deciding what activities the charity should undertake.</p> <p>Membership subscriptions are charged to cover the immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions</p> <p>Two key principles demonstrate scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the scout method young people develop towards their full potential and there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from scouting are incidental, other than to those as beneficiary.</p>

**Section B Achievements and performance**

<b>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</b>	<p>The Group has delivered a fun, varied and challenging programme over the course of the year for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts.</p> <p>Each section holds regular weekly meetings taking care to react to any instances of covid 19 within each age group. The Group held a very successful Group camp near Bath and both the Cubs and Scouts held very successful camps. The Group Executive (now Group Trustee) meetings have continued to be held regularly both in person and online.</p> <p>We are continuing to develop a strategy for the future regarding the Scout HQ. We are looking at several options including the redevelopment of the site.</p>
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## Section C Financial review

<b>Policy on Reserves</b>	<p>The Group 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 trustee Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, approximately £10k</p> <p>The Group held free reserves of approximately <b>£65k</b> against this at year-end</p>
<b>Further financial review details</b>	<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>

## Section D Structure, governance and management

<b>Type of governing document</b>	<p>The Group governing documents are those of 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</p>
<b>How the charity is constituted</b>	<p>The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts</p>
<b>Trustee selection methods</b>	<p>The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association</p>
<b>Additional governance issues</b>	<p>The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Committee, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout Group that 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 applicable</p>
	<p>The committee consist of 11 Independent members who meet at least 6 times a year</p> <p><b>Ex – officio</b> Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Joint Group Scout Leaders</p> <p><b>Nominated 3 (Section leaders)</b> <b>Elected Members 3 <i>NB nominated members cannot be a greater number than elected members</i></b></p>
	<p>This Group trustee Committee exists to support the Group Leaders in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and is responsible for:</p> <p>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.</p>

	The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered
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## Section E Reference and administration details

<b>Charity Name</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Bradford on Avon Scout Group
<b>Charity Number</b>	XN62767
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	35 Leigh Park Road, Bradford on Avon

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
	<b>Ex Officio</b>		
1	Jarrold Hill	Chairperson	
2	Nicholas McGrogan	Secretary	
3	Graham Cheshire	Treasurer	
4	Christopher Pugh	JGSL	
5	Alistair Purches	JGSL	
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	<b>Nominated</b>		
	Pauline Hurley	Leader (Beavers)	
	Frazer Buxton	Leader (Cubs)	
	Tim Doran	Leader (Scouts)	
	<b>Elected</b>		
	Tim Yeomans	Premises	
	Vacant	Parent Rep	
	Florence Battle	Community Member	

## Name and address of advisor

<b>Type of advisor</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Independent Scrutineer	Mr Paul Nicholson	11, Northleigh, BOA, Wilts. BA15 2RG

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature</b>	<i>Graham Cheshire</i>
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<b>Full name</b>	Graham Cheshire
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<b>Position held</b>	Group Treasurer
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<b>Date</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025
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# Scrutineer's report to the trustees

## Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bradford on Avon Scout Council

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

### Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 4

### Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: .....

R.K. Nicholson

Address: .....11, Northleigh .....

.....Bradford on Avon.....

.....Wiltshire BA15 2RG.....

Date: .....

20/6/2025

# 1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group

## Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

Year end date

For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	14390.33	12627.92
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-5778.00	-4975.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	8612.33	7652.42
Donations	5852.66	6030.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid	2687.38	1662.83
Closure of Section Building society/Bank account Balance xfer to Group	0.00	0.00
Camps: Scouts Cycling Camp, Scout Snowdrift (Dartmoor) activity, Group Camp, Scout Camp	14791.95	15639.49
Other similar income	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31944.32</b>	<b>30984.74</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Maintenenance grant	0.00	0.00
Other grants - Explorers	3000.00	500.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3000.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Fundraising (gross)</b>		
Scout sleep out	0.00	4170.02
Uniform including badges	156.10	83.40
Other fundraising activities	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>156.10</b>	<b>4253.42</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	383.96	450.37
Building Society interest	1293.71	667.47
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Property Rent income	0.00	0.00
Other investment income	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1677.67</b>	<b>1117.84</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>36778.09</b>	<b>36856.00</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>36778.09</b>	<b>36856.00</b>

# Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date

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For the year from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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## Receipts and payments

2024/25  
Unrestricted  
funds  
£

2023/24  
Unrestricted funds  
£

### Payments

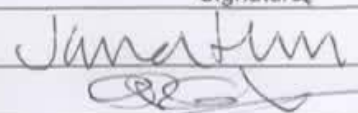
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Youth programme and activities (Subs to sections)	2200.00	2421.00
Group Development	30955.00	0.00
Rent	134.40	172.62
Water and Sewerage	653.80	590.47
Electricity and Gas	1084.30	1222.94
Insurance	2509.59	2578.77
Repairs and Renewals	906.52	920.31
Materials and equipment	3286.52	114.39
Camp costs: Scouts Activities, Group Camp 2022 & 2023, Scout Camp 2022, Cub Camp 2023	15564.48	17184.27
Uniforms	0.00	178.65
Internet	390.36	515.87
Premises - Cleaning	1223.11	1254.09
Community	30.00	2579.12
Section Expenses (Group Responsibility)	2406.24	1116.61
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>61344.32</b>	<b>30849.11</b>
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>		
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Other fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>61344.32</b>	<b>30849.11</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>61344.32</b>	<b>30849.11</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-24566.23</b>	<b>6006.89</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>90219.56</b>	<b>84212.67</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>65653.33</b>	<b>90219.56</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	12800.36	14299.26
Bank Savings Account (Development)	10000.00	42744.10
Building society account	34469.91	33176.20
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Cash/Floats	0.00	0.00
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>65653.33</b>	<b>90219.56</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Badge stock	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	0.00	0.00
Other stock	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	0.00	0.00
Motor vehicles	0.00	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Bursary Fund	4000.00	0.00
Scout Activities	93.40	2226.83
Beavers & Explorers	898.01	935.08
Group Kit reserves	2891.16	850.00
Other liabilities (Camps)	682.45	2429.13
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8565.02</b>	<b>6441.04</b>

### Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (the date of the trustee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature  


Print Name  
 Jarrod Hill Chairman  
 Graham Cheshire Treasurer