



# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

The Paddock, off Brookfield Road, Cheadle SK8 1EX

*Registered charity no. 520173*

## Reports and Accounts

*for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### #SkillsForLife



## Scouts

2nd Cheadle

**Squirrels** **BEAVERS** **cubs** **scouts** **EXPLORERS** **network**

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

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Group Lead Volunteer & Trustee	Stuart Cox
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Trustee	Colin Rankin
Trustee	David Critchlow
Trustee	Sarah Norbury

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	Oak Squirrel Drey	Sarah Norbury
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# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group, it is with great pride that I present the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025.

As we reflect on the year, we do so with a deep sense of achievement, resilience and community spirit that continues to define our Group as our Scout Group has continued to thrive. The Group has enjoyed another busy and exciting year, one packed with camps, off-site events and fun and challenging activities, which our young people embraced with adventure, service and learning with enthusiasm.

We've welcomed new members across all sections and have seen an increase in volunteer numbers. This growth is a testament to the enduring appeal of Scouting and the dedication of our leaders, parents, and supporters.

During the year, we set up our first Squirrel Drey, Oak, which has been such a success that we agreed to set up a second Squirrel Drey, Ash, which started in April 2025. I want to thank all the leaders who have played such an important role in the success of Squirrels at 2nd Cheadle during its first year.

The Group also reestablished a Network section, for members who wish to retain a close connection with the Group and their friends after leaving formal Scouting at 18 years old. Network launched in 2024 and has seen good take up in its first year.

All of the above has contributed to the Group's success in growing our membership numbers and, at the end of January 2025, we had 224 members, an increase of 14 members over the year.

Financially, we remain in a stable position thanks to prudent management of our income, and our fundraising efforts have enabled us to invest in new equipment and improve our facilities.

Membership subscriptions make up the majority of our income; however, the Group's fundraising efforts make a significant and necessary contribution to our ability to remain in a healthy financial position. This year, we staged our 46th Ram Roast and Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale, both in May 2024.

The Group continues to be governed by its Board of Trustees and, during the year, we held four Group meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 January 2024. These meetings were attended by leaders of each Section, and we are often joined by parents of our young members, which provides a range of perspectives and experience that inform the direction of the Group and how we manage it. Each Section Lead has continued to be responsible for delivering their programmes and each report into our Group Lead Volunteer. During the year, we welcomed four new Trustees to the Board, and I look forward to working with each of them as fellow Board members over the coming years.

For me, the key to the success of the Group is our team of leaders who deliver varied and interesting programmes for their respective sections and the support of the Group's leadership team has continued to be vital for the Group to function effectively. Our leaders put in countless hours to both plan and deliver exciting activities for our young people, as well as helping to run the Group and supporting our fundraising events.

I'd therefore like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Leaders for their hard work and dedication to the young people and the Group throughout the year, and which, in my opinion, makes 2nd Cheadle "Second to None".

*Will Simpson*  
Group Chairman

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## TRUSTEES REPORT

*for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEERS REPORT

#### MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

##### Group Membership

Our annual membership count this year is 222 registered members across all sections - Squirrels, Beavers (x2), Cubs (x2), Scouts, and Explorer Scouts including 48 adult volunteer leaders/helpers that give their time freely, throughout the year. Young members wishing to join are added to waiting lists until a place becomes available or offered places in neighbouring Scout Groups within Cheadle or Stockport Districts.

##### Group Achievements

In January we opened our first Squirrel drey - Oak Squirrels which has been a great success bringing together youth members aged 4 to 6 years of age along with a brand new leadership team. The drey started with 12 members and has since increased to 16.

At the other end of the age sections, Endeavour Network Unit was established for members aged 18 to 25 years of age who wish to stay involved in Scouting and continue with the award scheme.

Our major fundraising event the 'Ram Roast' held in May was successful despite a last-minute venue change due to the grounds of the Abney Scout & Guide Centre being too wet. For the first time in its history, it was moved back to our headquarters with the parade extended finishing outside. A huge logistical event relocating but was helped by the community of Cheadle supporting us with a great turnout.

The sale of Bedding Plants continues to flourish with excellent plants, baskets and tubs purchased from Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale.

During October, all age members came together to visit, survey, clean and lay a poppy at all 73 Commonwealth War Graves situated within Park Road, Cemetery, Cheadle in conjunction with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. This included a general tidy around each grave and a litter pick in the cemetery and surrounding areas and pathways.

In November all sections of the Group attended our annual bonfire and firework display, held within our HQ grounds. Refreshments were cooked and served by members of Discovery Explorer Scout Unit.

Our presence at Cheadle's Remembrance Sunday parade and service grows each year, which is jointly organised with other youth groups and Churches within Cheadle.

Throughout the year, all age members joined forces with Cheadle Civic Society to keep Cheadle tidy of litter visiting local parks, car parks and the High Street clean.

The Group has moved to a more team-based approach and got to grips with the new volunteer learning experience and membership system from The Scouts.

A number of new adult leaders have joined the Group throughout this year and have successfully completed their 'growing roots' learning. This along with existing leaders have completed on-going learning modules such as safeguarding, safety and first response courses.

Several leaders completed their Wood badge learning, and a number were also presented with Long Service Awards.

My thanks go to all members of the Group Trustee's Board.

## 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

### Sectional Scouting Activities

Another amazing year for members of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group with youth members continuing to enjoy an array of sectional programmes, activities, camps and away days.

Once again leaders produced a variety of innovative, constructive and exciting weekly programmes along with additional activities of camps, pack holidays, walks, badge days, water sports, educational trips, climbing, archery and craft activities.

All sections celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Halloween and Christmas with special themed nights.

Oak Squirrel drey enjoyed lots of new activities including a scavenger hunt, learning about the solar system, model making and musical sessions.

Moseley and Abney Beaver colonies both enjoyed various food themed nights, backwoods cooking, games, science experiments, craft activities, walks and parties. Abney Beavers held a sleepover camp at Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Wessex and Mercia Cub packs both enjoyed various food themed nights, games, craft activities, colditz, bowling, athletics, science experiments, pioneering team building challenges and backwoods cooking. Camps and pack holidays were held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre - Mellor, Stockport, Clogwyn Scout Activity Centre - Bangor, North Wales, Forest Camp & Activity Centre, Sandiway, Cheshire and Bramhope Scout Campsite & Activity Centre - Bramhope, Leeds.

The Scout troop enjoyed pioneering, foreign food cooking challenges, wide games, patrol challenges, taskmaster challenges, trading post, fire lighting, go-kart building, golden boot football tournament, archery, air rifle shooting, canoeing and climbing. An indoor weekend camp was held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre - Mellor, Stockport traditional summer week-long camp under canvas at Llanderfel, Bala - North Wales and an autumn weekend camp under canvas at Dunham Massey Scout Campsite - Dunham, Altrincham. Some of the older Scouts completed an Expedition challenge walk over a weekend which included camping overnight at Gradbach Scout Campsite - Staffordshire.

Discovery Explorers have again enjoyed another active year. Nights away included a summer camp at Gladstonbury - Flintshire, North Wales and a Christmas camp at Scammonden Activity Centre, Scammonden, Huddersfield. Explorers continue to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's Awards completing overnight self-sustained expeditions towards these. Several Explorers are now supporting younger age sections. Explorers continue to enjoy a variety of social nights activities, highlights include visiting Escape rooms Manchester, caving trips, short evening hikes, golf driving range, canoeing, zip line, abseiling, bike rides, archery and sessions on the local climbing wall.

Across all sections, various activity and proficiency badges were achieved and awarded along with the Chief Scout's Acorn, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards across all age ranges.

My thanks go to all our volunteer adult leadership team and helpers for providing a safe, fun and exciting programme throughout the year.

This year was truly another remarkable year for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group creating memories, friendships and skills for life!

Stuart Cox

Group Lead Volunteer



# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

2<sup>nd</sup> Cheadle Scout Group

#### On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

520173

#### Set out on pages

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#### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

22/09/2025

Name:

James Michael Dodd

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

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### Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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## 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

### STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	31,537	28,544
Capitation Paid by Group on behalf of Sections	(10,725)	(9,455)
Less Membership Subscriptions to Cheadle & District	(8,768)	(8,707)
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	12,045	10,383
Gift Aid	6,878	4,491
Donations and Grants	16,596	3,181
Bank Interest	30	26
Other Income (Refunds, etc)	440	458
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	13,298	13,631
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	2,355	1,914
Group Transfer	0	180
Other Fundraising	0	434
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Camps, Activities and Trips	12,348	14,457
Neckers, Badges and Book Sales	653	386
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	<b>64,642</b>	<b>49,540</b>

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## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2025

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
<b>Resources Expended:</b>		
Youth Programme and Activities	5,591	3,871
Camps, Activities and Trips	11,974	16,743
Adult Support and Training	973	370
Business Rates	905	159
Ground Lease	0	0
Water	373	481
Electricity	2,551	2,092
HQ Insurance	2,056	4,259
HQ Maintenance	5,825	2,809
Equipment	1,447	1,568
Group Vehicles	4,417	4,089
Neckers, Badges and Books	2,456	3,045
Postage and Stationery	0	154
Broadband, IT and website	599	589
Bank Charges	103	384
Donations / Grants	68	97
Oak Squirrels Start Up Grant	0	500
<b>Fundraising (Gross):</b>		
Ram Roast	6,318	6,688
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,414	1,047
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<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>47,071</b>	<b>48,944</b>
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## 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

### STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ending 31st January 2025

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>	64,642	49,541
<b>Total Resources Expended:</b>	(47,071)	(48,944)
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Net Operating Income	17,571	597
Deferred income	3,453	3,453
Depreciation (Building)	(5,863)	(5,863)
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<b>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year:</b>	15,161	(1,813)
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Funds at 31st January 2024	65,621	67,434
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<b>Funds at 31st January 2025:</b>	<b>80,782</b>	<b>65,621</b>
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All activities are classed as continuing. Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## BALANCE SHEET for the year ending 31st January 2025

	2025 Funds £	2024 Funds £
<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>		
Building	66,213	69,524
Property Improvements	20,418	22,970
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Bank Current Accounts - Restricted	0	0
Bank Current Accounts - Unrestricted	51,077	33,226
Bank Deposit Accounts	2,136	2,105
Cash	0	310
<b>Total Cash:</b>	<b>53,213</b>	<b>35,642</b>
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<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>139,844</b>	<b>128,136</b>
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<b>Non-Current Liabilities:</b>		
Deferred Income (Building)	49,062	51,515
Deferred Income (Property Improvements)	8,000	9,000
Cheadle & District Building Loan	2,000	2,000
<b>Net Assets:</b>	<b>80,782</b>	<b>65,621</b>
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<b>Analysis of Funds:</b>		
Unrestricted Funds	80,792	65,621
Restricted Funds	0	0
<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>80,782</b>	<b>65,621</b>
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Approved by the Trustees on 22nd September 2025.

Stuart Cox  
Group Lead Volunteer

Thomas Flanagan  
Group Treasurer

# 2nd Cheadle SCOUT GROUP

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS** *for the year ending 31st January 2025*

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (SORP) and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Except where stated, all funds held are unrestricted being donations or other income received or generated for the objects of the group for its general purpose and not restricted as to their use.

### **OTHER ASSETS**

The land and buildings at The Paddock are leased to The Scout Association Trust Corporation by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. The Association holds the premises in trust for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group who pay the ground rent and insure the buildings at a replacement cost of £800,132.

Scouting Equipment is valued at £94,128 and is insured for this sum. This sum also includes two storage containers sited within the grounds of the Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

The Group owns two vehicles - a van and a minibus. The value of both vehicles have been written off in previous year's accounts and its value is not reflected in the accounts.

### **TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

None of the trustees were remunerated during this or the previous year.

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