

**58th DONCASTER (BESSACARR)
SCOUT GROUP**

REG CHARITY NO 524731

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR

ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

OFFICIALS

Chairman – Chris Benstead

Joint G S L – Rob Simmonds / David Plant

Secretary – Jo Thompson

Group Treasurer – Trevor Charlton

Group registered number with The Scout Association 22715

Charity Registered number 524731

58th Doncaster (Bessacarr) Scout Group

YEAR Ending 31st March 2025

		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
	<u>2024/2025</u>		<u>2024/2025</u>
<u>Starting Balance at Bank</u>			
Nat West	£ 192.97	Group Membership	£ 10,655.56
Lloyds Current Account	£ 13,044.62	Youth programme and activities	£ 31,833.28
Lloyds Fixed Saving	£ 10,000.00		
Lloyds Instant Saving	£ 15,021.38		
Expense Account	£ 1,692.58	Activity Equipment	£ 4,215.55
		Venue Maintenance	£ 15,120.67
<u>INCOME</u>			
Subs	£ 27,640.88	Electricity, Gas & Water	£ 5,494.33
Activities	£ 24,953.40	Council Tax, Rates, Lease	£ 206.32
Donations	£ 2,429.86	Insurance	£ 1,691.81
		Minibus	£ 2,981.64
Hire	£ 11,084.03		
Bank Interest	£ 537.22	AGM and Trustee Expenses	£ 1,838.52
Gift Aid Claim	£ 4,970.22	Fundraising Expenses	£ -
		<u>End Balance at Bank</u>	
		Nat West	£ 200.64
		Lloyds Current Account	£ 10,485.40
		Lloyds Fixed Saving	£ 10,000.00
		Lloyds Instant Saving	£ 15,188.96
		Expense Account	£ 1,654.48
TOTAL	£ 111,567.16	TOTAL	£ 111,567.16

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

58TH DONCASTER SCOUT GROUP

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

5 2 4 7 3 1

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

THE PHOENIX CENTRE

SCOUTING WAY

DONCASTER

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	David Plant		
2	Trevor Charlton		
3	Robert Simmonds		
4	Chris Benstead		
5	Andy Morris		
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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

The Group's 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.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

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

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

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

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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 Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every month.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This 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.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee 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 increased the amount of insurance cover to ensure we have 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.

The Committee will raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, this will be done every year.

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.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 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.

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 a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. The Group have also changed the meeting and governance structure to ensure all required aspects 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>Weekly meetings help build relationships with other youngsters & leaders, visits to other organisations help education & broaden interests, camps to encourage learning outdoor skills, physical ability & social skills ceremonies & parades to raise awareness & support in the community overseas trips for education & social skills.</p> <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>
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
Public benefit statement	<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>Volunteers form the executive & the leadership team (approx. 30 in number)</p> <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	Weekly meetings carried out a variety of camps & activities badge work carried out by youngsters visits to other organisations. Our HQ continued to be developed with more purchases to support our groups, fundraising was also carried out for equipment purchase, section funds, camps & activities. Our HQ building is extremely popular in the Community and is used by several local groups as well as numerous private Birthday parties etc. Other Scout groups also made use of the HQ building and mobile Climbing Wall for weekend activities. Overall we have managed to get our HQ building self funding through hires whilst not impacting Scouting groups use which always has priority. Fundraising can then be given back to the children attending group meetings and activities.
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Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<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 Executive Committee 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 £10,000 against this at year end.</p>
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	
Further financial review details (optional information)	
<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's Income and Expenditure is very 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.</p>

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Executive 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 Executive considers the cash flow requirements. We always invest below the level of the banking guarantee scheme (£85,000 as at 31/03/2019) as an extra safeguard.

- investment policy and objectives;

Section F

Other Optional Information

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

We plan to improve our services over the coming year to allow us to give the widest range of safe activities. We currently have waiting lists for all of our sections which is testament to the good work our Section teams undertake.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

C Benstead

R Simmonds

Full name(s)

Chris Benstead

Rob Simmonds

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Chair

Joint Lead Volunteer

Date

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58th Doncaster Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	27,641	21,455
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	10,656	8,991
Net membership subscriptions retained	16,985	12,464
Donations	2,430	26,872
Contribution to Camp Costs		
Contribution to Activities	24,953	23,326
Hire	11,084	16,391
Sub total	55,453	79,053
Sundry		
Badges/T Shirts/Neckers/Woggles/Uniform/Books/Caps	-	-
Clothing	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		
General		
Gift Aid	4,970	4,226
	-	-
Grants	-	-
Sub total	4,970	4,226
Investment income		
Nat West Current Account Interest	-	-
Lloyds Accounts Interest	537	21
Skipton Building Society Interest		
Sub total	537	21
Total Gross Income	60,960	83,300
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	60,960	83,300

58th Doncaster Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2023/24 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	31,833	43,880
Water and Sewerage		
Electricity and Gas (Utilities)	5,494	4,604
Insurance	1,692	1,548
Repairs and Renewals	15,121	13,132
Materials and equipment	4,216	3,278
Printing, postage & Stationery		-
Badges/T Shirts/Neckers/Woggles/Uniform/Books/Caps		
AGM and trustee expenses	1,839	1,151
Mini Bus Expenses	2,982	1,630
Training		
Lotteries License		
Gifts		-
Entertainment		
Marketing		
HQ Build		
Banking Costs		
Cleaning		
Council Tax, Rates, Lease	206	126
Sub total	63,382	69,350
Fundraising expenses		
Wristbands	-	
General (PV Books)	-	-
New HQ	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Expenditure	63,382	69,350
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	63,382	69,350
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,422	13,951
Cash funds last year end	26,001	38,709
Cash funds this year end	23,579	26,001

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Nat West Bank Account	201	193
Lloyds Current Account	10,485	13,045
Lloyds Fixed Savings	10,000	10,000
Lloyds Instant Savings	15,189	15,021
Cash/Floats	1,654	1,693
Total cash funds	37,529	39,952
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Electricity	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 12 May 2025 (the date of the Trustees Meeting) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

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Print Name

Chris Benstead	Chair
Trevor Charlton	Treasurer

