

## **REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024-25**

This is the report for financial year 2024-25 presented to the Scout Council Annual General Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> North Leeds Alwoodley Scout Group.

### **Charitable Activities**

During the year Alwoodley Scout Group has provided a varied programme for 65 young people of all ages. It has delivered this programme through 38 weekly term time evening meetings, 13 events at a weekend and an annual week-long camp.

The youngest section (Beavers) had delivered a varied programme of meetings throughout the year ranging from craft skills to physical activity and community projects. In addition, they have been involved with district fun days and sleepovers with sections of other ages.

The middle age section (Cubs) has provided a similar weekly meeting programme of age suitable activities and nights away at Cub Camp and winter weekends as well as wider involvement with district activities such as fun days and junior warrior events.

In addition to a weekly meeting programme, the eldest section (Scouts) held a week-long summer camp near Chester with a variety of outdoor activities and several weekend events during the year. These included two winter weekends, one camping and one in a hostel, a water activity weekend providing water safety training and adventure, a junior warrior event and a long weekend at Hag Dyke Hostel high in the Yorkshire Dales.

In addition to the youth sections' activities the scout group has undertaken maintenance works on the scout building to ensure a safe and secure meeting place for the 3 scout group sections, the Goonies Explorer Scout Unit and Rainbows, Brownies and Guides sections for Girlguiding.

### **Stewardship**

Our financial health remains strong, as detailed in the Treasurer's Report. We have embarked on a programme of simplifying the accounts and management of funds across the group which will deliver benefit in future years helping us to more clearly focus on funding opportunities for helping young people develop their skills for life.

In January 2024 a new Trustee Board was established to replace the previously existing Executive and Hut Management Committees. The transition to a trustee board is driving a review of policies and processes which will be seen more fully in the coming year and enable clearer budgeting and strategy setting.

### **Public Benefit and Volunteer Contribution**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Through our continuing programme of regular meetings and adventurous activities we continue to meet our charitable objectives for own members and for the wider scouting and girl guiding community through the maintenance of a shared venue. We are supported by 20 volunteer leaders, 5 young leaders and 6 independent trustees (i.e. not also volunteers). The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship headings.

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****Income**

		<b>Account balances</b>	<u>31-Mar-25</u>	<u>31-Mar-24</u>
Membership Subscriptions	9024.00	Barclays - Group	2436.17	2384.07
Events receipts	4355.20	Barclays - Cubs	328.09	264.59
Bank Interest	487.76	HSBC	3447.73	5416.44
Fundraising receipts	10725.36	Virgin Money	13813.76	11599.47
Hut Fees	6756.65	Leeds BS	19023.99	18569.05
Other	288.00	Leeds BS - Beavers	2971.01	2971.01
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**Expenditure**

Activity Equipment	3770.97
Camp & Events costs	8377.71
Meeting Programme costs	1325.92
Badges	427.73
Fundraising costs	3440.11
Membership costs	3568.50
Admin	604.36
Bank Fees	688.05
Hut Fees	3507.90
Venue maintenance	567.24
Utilities	3391.03
Rent	160.00
Rates	380.49
Insurance	610.84

**Summary**

	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
Account balance b/f	41204.63	49457.37
Total income	31636.97	22622.91
Total expenditure	30820.85	30875.65
Net income	816.12	-8252.74
Account balance c/f	42020.75	41204.63

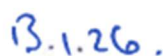
**Auditors Report**

I confirm that the attached accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

for Alwoodley Scout Group are in accordance with the books and vouchers submitted.



J R KILNER FCA



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## **RESERVES POLICY**

16<sup>th</sup> North Leeds Alwoodley Scouts states that a reserve amount will be agreed by the Trustee Board that is sufficient to cover

- one year's running costs for the Scout Hut. i.e. maintenance only, no improvements.
- one year's normal fundraising income
- a contingency amount to cover unforeseen or emergency expense

For year ending 31 March 2025 the reserve level was agreed at £10000 being made up £5000 running costs, £2500 fundraising income and £2500 contingency.

The financial assets at the end of the year stand at a significant excess to this reserve amount primarily due to grants received during the Covid pandemic. There is ongoing discussion about the use of the excess for a capital project to extend the facilities for the provision of services.

## **INVESTMENT POLICY**

Current policy states that any surplus monetary funds that are not required for funding the programme for the year are to be held in cash in a suitable deposit account of a recognised UK bank or building society.

At the end of the year £19024 was invested with Leeds Building Society leaving £22997 for funding the programme of events for the coming year.

Report compiled by Thomas Wake, Chair of Trustees 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Report approved at the Scout Council AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026