



Group Annual Report 2025

(1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025)

Thursday 27th November 2025 – 7:30pm
Kibworth Scouts & Guides Headquarters



1st KIBWORTH SCOUT GROUP - SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

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AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Governance topics**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sat 28th Sept 2024
 - b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
 - c. Note the Group's financial year
 - d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
 - e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board
 - f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM)
- 4. Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Lead Volunteer's Group review
 - b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts
- 5. Making appointments**
 - a. Appoint the Group Chair, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - b. Appoint the Group Treasurer, following recommendation from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board, following recommendations from the open selection process initiated by the Group Trustee Board
 - d. Appoint the Auditor for the 2025-2026 financial year
- 6. Closing remarks**

Welcome

Welcome to 1st Kibworth Scout Groups 2025 AGM. It has been yet another incredible year for the young people in Kibworth. Many have overcome fears, tried new things, created lasting memories and formed new friendships. The young people have developed the skills they need for school, for collage, for university, for employment, for the tricky challenge and the big dreams – The skills they need for life.

1st Kibworth remains a large and successful group with continued growth, Over the year our biggest highlight has been the kind donation and work completed on land in the center of the village. We are incredibly grateful to the family for donating their land to our scout group in memory of the late owners, Richard Simons and Beatrice Woolley (Doug and Beatie). As we have successfully grant funded, Fundraised and conducted improvement works on the land, we have been blown away with the generosity of our local community who have pulled together to turn the land into a fantastic outdoor space for the young people

I'm very proud of our truly amazing and inspiring team of adult volunteers who work tirelessly both in leadership roles and behind the scenes to make it all happen. The reports in this document only give a small sample of the achievements of our group, the true scale cannot be summarised.

I want to thank all the volunteers at 1st Kibworth for their work and commitment over the last year and I know that they will make this year, and the future equally as amazing!

Samuel Arnold,
Group Lead Volunteer

Minutes of
1st Kibworth Scout Group
Annual General Meeting 2023-24

Held at 1:30pm Saturday 28th September 2024 – St.Wilfrids Church Kibworth

Present: Samuel Arnold, Peter Dunn, Josie Anderson, Martin Pullen, Amy McLaren, Other Trustees whose details are withheld.

Members of the Public including members of the Scout Council joined the meeting.

1. Welcome

The Group Scout Leader opened the Meeting following a service of thanksgiving conducted by Rev'd Ludger Fremmer at 1:30pm, the AGM was held after the service. The Group Scout Leader thanked all those present for giving up their time to attend the AGM and members of the church for leading such a special service.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Michael Betts, Leanne Corbishley and Paul Allenby.

3. Thanks to our volunteers

The Chair extended formal thanks to all volunteers involved in Kibworth scouting, from section leaders, section assistants, the executive committee and all the parent volunteers.

4. Accounts

Michael Betts was thanked for preparing the accounts and for his work as treasurer over the year. Samuel reported that the treasurer's report and accounts for year ended 1st April 2024 had been submitted to prior to the meeting and were formally approved. Samuel therefore proposed that the accounts be accepted, and this was agreed unanimously.

5. Reports

The Group Report was circulated for the committee to review. Of note, Samuel reflected on a full year of many and varied activities across all sections, Samuel and Peter shared that we had just recently been donated a large area of land in the village that would provide the group with so many fantastic opportunities and was planned to be in use next month.

The group was growing however, there is still a waiting list for some sections which has proved difficult to reduce due to the capacity and availability of the hut and high school as well as failing to secure sufficient Leaders.

Samuel then commended all leaders and assistant leaders for their tremendous efforts and contribution over the year and thanked them for volunteering their time for 1st Kibworth.

6. Election of Executive Committee Members

The following appointments were proposed and agreed unanimously.

Ex-officio

Group Lead Volunteer, appointed by the District Lead Volunteer: Samuel Arnold

Chair: Jon Owst

Treasurer: Michael Betts

Trustees

Andy Hirst

Amy McLaren

Leanne Corbishley

Martin Pullen

Josie Anderson

Peter Dunn



7. With no further actions or questions, the Meeting Closed at 3pm.

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Name of Charity: 1st Kibworth Scout Group
Charity Registration: Regulated
Meeting Address: Kibworth Scouts & Guides HQ
6 Fleckney Road
Kibworth Beauchamp
Leicester LE8 0HE

Trustees who managed the charity were

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not the whole year
Jon Owst	Chair	Resigned March 2025
Michael Betts	Trustee (Treasurer)	
Samuel Arnold	Group Lead Volunteer	
Amy McLaren	Trustee	
Leanne Corbishley	Trustee	
Martin Pullen	Trustee	
Peter Dunn	Trustee	
Josie Anderson	Trustee	
Andrew Hirst	Trustee	

Section B Structure and Governance

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.

How the charity is constituted

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

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association, through an open selection process.

Additional governance info

The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, 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.

The Board of Trustees consists of, Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Lead Volunteer, and also a number of elected Trustees, and meets at least four times a year.

This Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- Providing meeting space for sections;
- 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 Board of Trustees 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. The Group has ensured that sufficient contents insurance is in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

The Group through the member fees contributes to the Scout Association's 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 of Trustees 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.

Reduction or loss of members

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 14. 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.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

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.

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.

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.

Public Benefit Statement

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

See Group Scout Leaders Group Report

Section E Financial Review

Charity's policy on reserves 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 Board of trustees considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 3 months running costs, circa £5000. The Board of Trustees also hold funds relevant to the projects they are undertaking, and this can depend on the project. The Group held funds in excess of £35,000 at the year end.

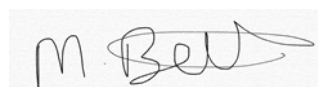
Investment policy & objectives The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies. Savings accounts have gained the group interest on funds.

Section F Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures



Full names

Samuel Arnold

Michael Betts

Position

Group Scout Leader

Treasurer

Date

12th November 2025

Treasurer's report

This year we have seen one of the largest incomes and expenditures for many years. Firstly, the groups regular income and expenditure for the everyday running of the group is as expected and similar to most other years. Increased membership numbers has proportionately increased income and expenditure.

In addition, the group has received significant capital funding to undertake projects on the new Scout Land, this includes the environmental improvements and the construction of the outdoor education project. Whilst all of the funds were received in this financial period, not all funds were spent, due to the completion and payment dates. This leaves the groups total income much higher than the expenditure at the end of the financial period.

Also the group began to organise their first international expedition in many years, this had a cost of circa £11,500 and an increased trip income was due to this trip.

Capitation has risen each year and will to do so again, along with the rising costs of all necessary purchases and services, The Board of Trustees will be monitoring expenditure to keep finances on track.

The financial years cash funds were £38,475.50 of which was mostly designated funds for the outdoor education project.

Please see below for a full outline of the payments and accounts.

Michael Betts, Group Treasurer

Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
		1st April 2024		1st April 2025	1st April 2024
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subs	13,519			13,519	20,951
Fundraising	2,978			2,978	664
Grants	37,505			37,505	6,152
Gift Aid	4,236			4,236	3,118
Trips & Activities	9,455			9,455	1,504
Interest	187			187	43
Refunds	0			0	2,098
				0	
Sub total(Gross income for AR	67,880	0	0	67,880	34,530
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0.00	0
Total receipts	67,880	0	0	67,880	34,530
A3 Payments					
Rent	2,604			2,604	1,800
Capitation	6,500			6,500	8,340
Trips & Activities	8,754			8,754	10,271
Section Programme Expenses	1,112			1,112	3,574
Equals Card payments	1,350			1,350	1,700
Badges & Certificates	1,166			1,166	2,410
Leader Training, Books & Uniform	968			968	508
Bank Charges	0			0	771
Capital Expenditure	24,179			24,179	0
				0	0
Sub total	46,632	0	0	46,632	29,374
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
		0	0	0	
Camping Equipment		0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	46,632	0	0	46,632	29,374
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,248	0	0	21,248	5,156
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,228	0	0	17,228	12,072
Cash funds this year end	38,476	0	0	38,476	17,228
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	12,101			
	Building Fund	26,374			
		0			
	Total cash funds	38,476	0	0	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
1st Kibworth Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

1st April 2025

Charity no (if any) 525086

Set out on pages

3 & 4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

EJ Harman

Date: 11/11/2025

Name:

Eddie Harman

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body :

MAAT

Address:

7 Coleridge Way, LE16 8FL

Group Report

Our 2024-2025 year has a milestone year in the history of 1st Kibworth. Even if you have only just started Scouts recently or your not a part of scouting at all you can look upon our year and get a taste of the amazing things we do at Scouts.

We started out year with a Group camp at the oaks in Charnwood Scout Campsite, our first camp with all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders attending. We worked together having fun and making friends across the group.

Our Scouts competed in the Frasier shield camping competition and returned home with the Turner Treasure.



In August Network rail fenced what is now our new land ensuring it was secure ahead of us taking ownership, and on the 10th of august we opened the gates and walked on the land for the first time. With the help of local firm TLR Landscaping & Garden Maintenance, we cleared the land completely of all

the overgrowth and rubbish. Avant Tecno UK lent us their latest forestry muncher to complete the work.

On 19th August 2024 we held our first ever scout meeting on our new land, Beavers played outdoor games while Cubs collected firewood, lit fires and cooked sausages over open fire. This was the start of lots of new opportunities and adventures!! We were super excited.



On 22nd August, Trustees signed the final paperwork and 1st Kibworth Scout Group became the legal owners of the land. A huge landmark moment as the group moves forwards and expands. We were so lucky to have been

discussing this land with the owners family since July 2023 when Beatie and her daughter kindly said they would donate the land to our group so we could provide our young people with a safe dedicated outdoor space, just over a year later we held our first meeting on the site!

In October our squirrels led the way helping with the village harvest festival at St. Wilfrids Church, crafting their own Squirrels, collecting autumn leaves and gathering donations for the foodbank.



November was a rewarding month as we received just short of £20k Funding from HDC and East midlands railway in order to restore the biodiversity on the scout land, TLR helped the young people and members of the public to plant over 500 hedge plants over a weekend.

Our Group then once again came together as we led the annual remembrance parade through Kibworth, an extremely important occasion for all of our young people to take part in.



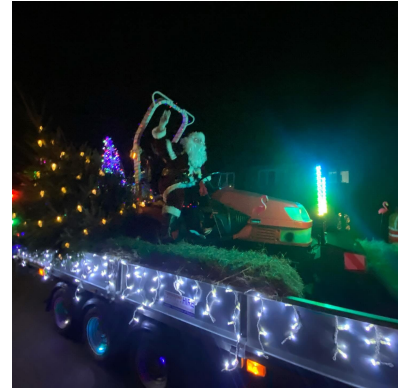
Our Scouts and their parents also took the decision to drop out of the district international trip and wanted to organise an alternative trip which they helped plan themselves. Sam, Pete, James and Ed would end up leading this trip with our young people.

In December we received some further fantastic news! Our application to Harborough District Councils community grant fund was successful after considerable support from our local ward councillors, Lead Volunteer Samuel, and Trustee Pete attended the meeting in the council chamber and spoke about the project, which was awarded the full request of £25,380! This meant

we could progress with plans to create an outdoor education facility on the land, to include an outdoor classroom, mud kitchen, campfire circle, climbing wall and storage container.

This news was announced just days before Christmas and was a very exciting early christmas gift!

On Christmas eve, we headed out on an exciting Santa tour with the TLR team who helped raise nearly £600 for the group, a fantastic evening seeing everyone so excited for Christmas the following day ☺



In March we started the month with Tree planting, where we planted a range of mature trees on the scout land, the final part of our biodiversity project. We also installed a number of bird boxes which the cubs had made a few weeks previously.

Later in the month our Kandersteg Contingent travelled to London for a day of exploring and practicing train connections on the tube.



