

7th CHELTENHAM (CHARLTON KINGS) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Report for the Year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

TRUSTEES:

Keith Alder - Chairman

Peter Aylott - Assistant Group Scout Leader

Karen Buchanan-Hughes - Secretary

Trevor Dumbleton

Chris Frank

Jem Hird

Julien LePlain - Group Scout Leader

Chris Ryan - Treasurer

Peter Sandalls

BANKERS: Principal Account: Lloyds Bank, High Street, Cheltenham

OTHER ADVISERS: None

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association - 2902

Charity Registration Number 800709

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ACTIVITIES / ACHIEVEMENTS / CHANGES / COMMENTARY FOR 2024 / 2025

Scouting

It is pleasing to report a successful Scouting year despite continuing concerns over the lack of new volunteer Leaders. Our membership numbers have shown a healthy recovery with our youth members standing at 134 plus 16 in our affiliated Explorer Unit and 25 Leaders. Waiting lists are still healthy and further expansion is only restricted by the lack of new willing volunteer Leaders. Indeed, we may have to review the continued provision of some Scouting if we cannot resolve this issue.

Despite Leadership challenges our volunteers Leader team has been able to provide a full and varied programme for all across our various sections. Beavers have enjoyed a varied programme including craft, outdoor cooking and local environment projects. A sleepover at our HQ was held in the summer term. Similarly, our Cub Packs have undertaken a full programme including sleepovers at the hall, visits to a mosque, synagogue and local church for their Faith badges, and a big Winter Camp at Yowlbury Scout Camp where archery and air rifle shooting were amongst a wide range of activities. Our Scout Troops held a summer camp in the Brecon Beacons National Park in the heart of the Black Mountains with varied activities including kayaking, caving mixed with the more traditional Scouting camping skills. It was a similar story with our affiliated Explorer Scout Unit who joined the Scouts at their Summer camp as well as undertaking other activities that included skiing, go-karting, mini golf and a three week Explorer Belt expedition to Poland.

Finances

The Group Committee have continued to maintain the fabric of our meeting hall and facilities. To further futureproof our HQ, the outside of our smaller hall has been newly rendered and painted. The Group Committee continues to manage the group's finances efficiently, but we must endeavour to recruit some new members to keep it fresh and invigorated. Similarly, the recruitment of new young Leaders is crucial to continuing our success story. Only with the continued support of all our volunteers can we continue to thrive as a Group.

Other work will be undertaken subject to adequate funding

The Trustees are constantly reviewing the risks to which they believe the Group may be exposed; systems and training processes are being put into place to mitigate risks, major or otherwise.

The objects of the Group are the Promotion of Scouting.

The Group is a Trust established under the rules which are common to all Groups/districts.

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

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7th CHELTENHAM (CHARLTON KINGS) SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

These Accounts have been drawn up on the Receipts and Payments basis

Approved by the Trustees on 8th September 2025

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

Total income for the year £44183.27

Total payments for the year £46099.67

As at 31st March 2025, Cash, bank and similar funds to be carried forward £42616.84

EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTS

Lloyds Scouting Ac - covers receipt of Subscriptions; 7th Scouting requirements

Lloyds Building Ac – covers all immediate buildings projects; Insurances; Marquee hiring

Lloyds Saver Ac – covers buildings projects scheduled for future years

INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Income

Membership	£17,955.0
Subscriptions	0
Gift Aid	£3,308.30
Marquee Sales	£1,190.00
Scouting Activity Fees	£982.50
Camp Fees	£19,868.7
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Bank Interest	£475.22
Donations	<u>£403.50</u>
	£44,183.2
Total	7

Expenditure

Hall / Cottage renovation	£6,329.96
Donations	£0.00
Camp costs	£14,042.5
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Scouting Activity Costs	£7,526.82
Capitation to HQ	£9,453.00
Motor expenses	£2,113.70
Internet charges	£83.88
Building Maintenance	£1,427.56
Other	£72.57
Hall Costs –	<u>£5,049.64</u>

electric/insurance/water,etc

Total £46,099.6
7

Statement of Assets & Liabilities (£0.00) as at 31st March 2025

Bank Accounts £42616.84

Total £42616.84

Non-Monetary Assets (for charities own use)

Land and buildings £600,000.00

Motor vehicles £ 15621.60

Scouting Equipment £ 27941.45

Marquee Equipment £ 15000.00

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Our Ref: WF/AC

19 September 2025

Dear Sirs

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

We herby confirm that we have carried out an independent examination, without carrying out an audit, of the 7th Cheltenham (Charlton Kings) Scout Group accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Confirmation of our examination is provided without any acceptance by Francis & Co, of any responsibility whatsoever, and any use you wish to make of the information is, therefore, entirely at your own risk.

Yours faithfully



FRANCIS & CO