

11th Winchester (Hyde & Weeke) Scout Group

Annual Report and Accounts of the Trustees

6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025

Charity Number: 900476 HQ Registration Number: 10010203

Address: The Log Cabin, Stockbridge Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO226RH

Names of the Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates Acted if not for whole year
Nick Elborough	Group Lead Volunteer	
Tim Andrews	Group Treasurer	
Martin Hall	Group Chair	
Jonathan Rial	Trustee	
Catherine Hammond	Trustee	
Paul Littler	Trustee	6 th April – 4 th July 2024
Giles Gooding	Trustee	

SECTION A: Names of Advisors

Type of Advisor	Name	Address
District Chair	Richard Mendelsohn	richardmendelsohn@btinternet.com
District Commissioner	Robin Cook	RobincCook107@gmail.com
Independent Examiner	Ben Silvester	Ben_silvester@hotmail.com

SECTION B1: Structure, governance and management

The Group's governing documents are those of the 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. The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Trustee Board (previously, and until mid-2023, known as 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. The trustees also make sure the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR). Their support helps other volunteers run a fantastic programme that gives young people skills for life

The Trustee Board consists of 2 independent representatives, the Chair and Treasurer and together with the Lead Volunteers (ex-Group Scout Leader, Deputy Group Scout Leader) and other trustees meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within the first 5 months of joining the Board. This Group aims 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.

SECTION B2: Risk and Internal Control

The Trustee Board 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 sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

General risk of COVID-19 infection spread - Risk assessments relating to members, leaders and the general public are carried out before all activities and are approved by district before the activities are undertaken. Guidance on when scouting activities resume/take place is provided by the Scouts Framework and Covid-19 restart checklists.

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.

Reduced income from fund raising: The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, hall hire and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustee Board could decide to 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 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.

Improper or uncontrolled expenditure: 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. There is also a budget process that is followed and reviewed at each group executive meeting.

SECTION C Objectives and Activities

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.

Progressive and stimulating programs: Progressive activities based on the interests of young people. Activities in contact with nature, a rich learning environment where simplicity, creativity, and discovery come together to provide adventure and challenge. Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have weekly meetings and other events, such as weekend camps and outings. Meetings are filled with games, skills, crafts, and other activities. Adult volunteer Scouters operate the program with the help of parents and other volunteers.

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

2024/25 has been a remarkable year for the 11th Winchester Scout Group, with progress, adventure, and community spirit evident across every section. Our seven sections — Squirrels, two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs, and two Scout Troops — along with our two hosted Explorer Units, have offered hundreds of young people the chance to develop skills for life through fun, friendship, and challenge.

A major achievement this year has been improving our facilities at the Log Cabin and ensuring the space supports high-quality, sustainable Scouting. After overcoming planning hurdles, we were delighted to complete our new outdoor shelter, providing a fantastic, all-weather space for outdoor activities. This, alongside the installation of solar panels and battery storage, has significantly improved our sustainability and reduced energy costs. These were largely funded by grants from Winchester City Council and the incredible success of our annual Bonfire Night.

While the move to the new **Digital Membership System** in November and the rollout of updated **mandatory Safety learning** for all adults brought its fair share of administrative challenges, the dedication of our volunteer team shone through. Thanks to some gentle persistence, we've helped almost everyone through the process, a real team effort!

We are proud to now have over 80 adult volunteers supporting nearly 150 young people each week, continuing the recovery and growth seen since the pandemic.

Section Snapshots

Squirrels (our youngest members) have had an energetic and hands-on year. They've explored everything from beach safety and Roman Winchester to fire safety and first aid. Their activities have included building erupting volcanoes, creating bird feeders, hiking up St Catherine's Hill, and helping in the community through gardening and food bank donations.

Beavers enjoyed an action-packed programme full of outdoor fun, creativity and community engagement. Highlights included District Camp, a mud run, donutting, and pond dipping, along with visits to Tegfield House, the Gurkha Museum, and Winchester Cathedral. Their artistic side came out in arts and crafts, cooking, pottery, and even filming a music video!

Cubs had a fabulous year with strong leadership and a packed programme. From chocolate making to VE Day celebrations and air rifle shooting, to district camps and snowy adventures, the Cubs made the most of every opportunity. They also raised funds for charity, built links with Tegfield House, and 14 members achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award — a huge achievement.

Scouts This year our young people have taken part in a wide range of activities designed to stretch, inspire and excite. Some of the highlights included: A memorable Brownsea Island camp with 44 participants where we spotted dolphins. The ever-popular Antler Night Hike and Spring Leadership & Team Challenge Camp. Crossbow and air rifle shooting, cycling adventures, hikes and navigation practice.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, our focus remains on offering safe, inclusive, and exciting Scouting to even more young people. We'll continue to invest in our site, develop our volunteer team, and support each other through changes to the national programme and ongoing admin systems. With the dedication of our amazing volunteers and the enthusiasm of our young people, the 11th Winchester is in a strong position to thrive.

SECTION E Financial Review

Statement of Accounts: As the charities gross income is less than £250,000 and the POR does not require accruals accounts, we prepare an annual Receipts and Payments summary, alongside a Statement of Assets and Liabilities and this annual report. The Independent Examiners Report is also attached.

Reserves Policy: 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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10,000.

It was decided in 2021 to increase these reserves by £1,000/year to be used for any structural property repairs that may be required to the Log Cabin. Reserves now stand at circa £14,000.

Investment Policy: 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 or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.



The Trustee Board 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

SECTION F Other optional information

No further detail.

SECTION G Declaration

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

Signatures		
Names	Nick Elborough	Martin Hall
Positions	Group Scout Leader	Group Chairman
Date	17/07/2025	17/07/2025

11th Winchester (Hyde & Weeke) Scout Group

Receipts & Payments Account

11th Winchester Scout Group (Weeke and Hyde)				
Receipts and Payments Account				
		Year start date		Year end date
	For the year from	6/4/24	To	5/4/25
Receipts and payments				
		Unrestricted funds		
		£		
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions		19,041		
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		-		
Net membership subscriptions retained		19,041		
Donations		663		
Legacies		-		
Gift Aid		9,661		
Internal Transfers		1,000		
Other similar income - Scouting Activities		10,447		
Sub total		40,811		
Grants				
Maintenence grant		-		
Other grants		12,500		
Sub total		12,500		

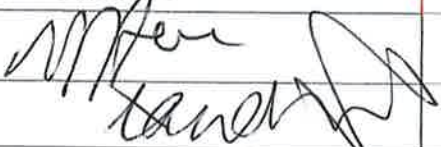
Fundraising (gross)				
Bonfire Event		2,728		
Clarendon		300		
Sub total		3,028		
Investment income				
Bank interest		126		
other receipts				
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-		
Property Rent income		17,288		
Other investment income		-		
Sub total		17,415		
Total Gross Income		73,754		
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-		
Total receipts		73,754		
11th Winchester Scout Group (Weeke and Hyde)				
Receipts and Payments Account				
		Year start date		Year end date
	For the year from	6/4/24	To	5/4/25
Receipts and payments				

		Unrestricted funds		
		£		
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Youth programme and activities		21,722.38		
Adult support and training *donation		-		
Rent		-		
Water and Sewerage		557		
Electricity and Gas		4,065		
Insurance		4,439		
Property Maintenance		27,658		
Materials and equipment		3,263		
Property Repairs		1,858		
Uniforms/Badges		1,597		
AGM and admin expenses		738		
Bank Charges		-		
Loan Repayment		-		
Capitation		10,765		
Sub total		76,662		
Fundraising expenses				
Fundraising expenses		839		
Internal Transfers		1,000		-
		-		-
		-		-
Sub total		1,839		-

Total Gross Expenditure		78,501		
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		-		-
Total payments		78,501		-
Net of receipts/(payments)		-4,747		-
Cash funds last year end		48,766		-
Cash funds this year end		44,019		-

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

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		Unrestricted funds		
		£		
Cash funds				
Bank current account		30,301		
Bank deposit account 1		2,380		
Bank deposit account 2		11,000		
Expense Account		337		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-		
Cash/Floats		-		
Total cash funds		44,019		
Other monetary assets				
Tax claim		-		
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-		

Sub total				
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail				
Other investments - detail				
Sub total				
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock				
Other stock				
Land and buildings - The Log Cabin, Stockbridge Road*		708,574		
Motor vehicles				
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		20,264		
Sub total		728,838		
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid				
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 19/09/2025 and signed on their behalf by:				
Signature		Print Name		
		Chair: Martin Hall		
		Treasurer: Tim Andrews		




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**Independent
examiner's report on
the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	11th Winchester Scout Group (Weeke and Hyde)		
On accounts for the year ended	05/04/2025	Charity no (if any)	900476
Set out on pages			
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2025.</p> <p>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").</p> <p>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.</p>		

Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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. <p>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.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed:		Date:	09/07/2025
Name:	Ben Silvester		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACMA, CGMA Qualified (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)		
Address:	Orchard End, Park Road, Winchester SO23 7BE		

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.	None