

## 3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP

# Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2025

### Reference and administration details

Charity Name: 3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP  
Registered Charity Number: 1017225  
Charity's principal address: 17 Patterdale Close, East Boldon, Tyne & Wear, NE36 0UD

The Charity Trustees who manage the charity with the Group Executive Committee are:

Mr Niall Graham	Group Lead Volunteer
Mrs Julie Allison	Group Treasurer
Mr Jason Riby	Group Trustee
Mr Ian Roberston	Volunteer – Explorer Section
Mrs Kerry Curry	Volunteeer - Explorer Section

The Group Executive Committee members are:

Mr Jason Riby	Group Chairman
Mrs Kerry Currey	Volunteer Explorer Section
Mr Dan Currey	Volunteer Explorer Section
Mr Ian Robertson	Volunteer Explorer Section
Mr Chris Parks	Volunteer Explorer Section
Mr Michael Foden	Parent Representative

### Structure, Governance and Management

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.

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 (POR) of The Scout Association. The constitution of the Group follows the Scout POR and was updated in October 2025 to follow changes to Scout guidance. The revised constitution was discussed and approved at the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, alongside the membership of the Group Executive Committee and the Group Council.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include controls over bank accounts and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Group is fortunate to have sufficient leaders and volunteers to carry out all of its objectives and activities and have welcomed some new members to the younger sections recently. The AGM meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 appointed three new trustees (Jason Riby, Ian Robertson and Kerry Curry) and confirmed the retirement of two trustees, Alan Holt and Fiona Holt, after many years supporting the Group.

### Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. 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.

## **Achievements and performance**

The children undertook and enjoyed many activities during the year including winter camps, the annual summer trip which was to Hawkhirst in Northumberland this year, as well as our annual sailing programme. The new summer camp location proved popular with our scouts but sadly, the group cannot return in 2025 as the centre has been closed by the Scouts Association.

Following on from the success of the Tall Ships Race in July 2023, a weekend of sailing was booked on the James Cook ship to allow Scouts who were too young for the race to experience sailing a Tall Ship. Planning also started for scouts to take part in the 2025 race from Aberdeen to Norway.

Each section has undertaken a range of activities across the year which has resulted in the following badges being awarded:

- 210 badges gained in Beavers including 9 Chief Scout awards,
- 198 badges gained in Cubs including 1 Chief Scout Silver awards,
- 346 badges gained in Scouts including 2 Chief scout Gold ,
- 8 badges gained in Explorers

## **Financial Review**

The Group has made a small profit of £1,508 in the financial year. The Group is facing above-inflation increases in Scout capitation fees as well as increases in other major cost areas of insurance, accommodation and maintenance. However, the Group's prudent reserves policy mean that the Group continues to be financially sound with sufficient funds to meet its objectives.

Major items of income and expenditure in the year relate to summer camp in Hawkhirst, Northumberland in August 2024 and weekend event on the James Cook tall ship.

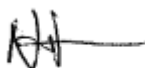
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short and to hold a fund for replacement of equipment essential to the running of the Group. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to one year's running costs, approximately £17,000 and a replacement fund of £15,000. The replacement fund is to provide for the potential replacement of minibuses, sailing boats, rescue craft and other equipment.

The Group has identified specific equipment that is ageing and requires replacement. Successful grant applications were submitted to replace tents and sailing equipment with some purchased in the 2024/25 financial year. The main grant funder was Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland and the Group are very grateful for their support. These applications included a small contribution from Scout reserves towards the purchases. Further grant applications will be submitted in 2025/26 financial year for equipment replacement.

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they approved the above trustees' report on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Niall Graham  
Group Scout Leader  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Charity Number - 1017225

## **3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP**

Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

**3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP**

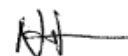
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**Balance Sheet**

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2025 £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2024 £	2024 £
<b>Tangible assets</b>	2	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Cash at bank		54,486			53,942	
Prepayments: Hawkhirst Aug-24 deposit payment		-			1,272	
Prepayments: Tall Ships July-25 deposit payment		5,298			-	
				59,784		55,214
<b>Creditors falling due within 1 year</b>						
Accruals: Sailing Club boat fees	-	2,000			-	1,900
Accruals: Sailing Club premises fees	-	2,600			-	2,600
Accruals: Capitation charges 2024		-			-	5,712
Accruals: RIB fuel, badges/uniform and activities	-	898			-	682
Income in Advance: RN Training Fund			-	1,332	-	2,332
Income in Advance: Scout Equipment Grant			-	1,950		-
Income in Advance: Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland Equipment Grant			-	3,524		-
Income in Advance: Summer Camp deposit	-	660			-	1,500
Income in Advance: Kielder Camp 2025	-	495				
Income in advance: Tall Ships 2025	-	4,329				
				-		14,726
				17,788		
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>48,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,996</b>		<b>40,488</b>
<b>Charity Funds</b>						
Unrestricted funds	3			41,996		40,488
<b>Total Funds</b>				<b>41,996</b>		<b>40,488</b>

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on the 16-Oct-25 and signed on their behalf by Niall Graham, Group Scout Leader



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## Notes to the financial statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

### 2: Non-Monetary Assets

The charity holds a number of assets for Scout and water activities which have no monetary value in Balance Sheet. This includes dinghies, trailers, rescue boats, trailers, kayaks, minibuses, paddle boards and other equipment.

### 3. Charity Funds

The charity's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the activities of the Group should income reduce and to hold a fund for replacement of essential equipment. Details of these reserves is below.

<b>Charity Funds</b>	<b>31-Mar-25</b>	<b>31-Mar-24</b>
Unrestricted reserves	9,316	9,258
Annual running cost reserve	17,180	16,230
Equipment replacement fund reserve	15,000	15,000
RN Fund : Scout expenditure commitment	500	0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b><u>41,996</u></b>	<b><u>40,488</u></b>

<b>Annual running cost reserve breakdown:</b>	<b>31-Mar-25</b>	<b>31-Mar-24</b>
Insurance	4,300	4,300
Minibus and boat costs	1,680	1,680
Sailing Club costs	4,600	4,450
Membership costs	300	300
District Capitation Charge	6,300	5,500
	<b><u>17,180</u></b>	<b><u>16,230</u></b>

**3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP**

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**Statement of Financial Activities**

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	TOTAL FUNDS	
Note	Funds 2025 £	Funds 2025 £	FUNDS 2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
<b>Subscriptions</b>					
Beavers subscriptions	2,800			2,250	
Cubs subscriptions	3,200			2,565	
Scouts subscriptions	5,330			4,400	
Explorers subscriptions	3,520			3,385	
Collection fees	- 476			- 407	
			14,374		12,193
<b>Paid Events Income</b>					
Hawkhirst	11,730			9,330	
Confido	1,605			1,920	
James Cook weekend	1,950			-	
Tall Ships	-			14,802	
Other paid events including collection fees	167			856	
			15,452		26,908
<b>Other Income</b>					
Donations & fundraising	-			49	
Gift Aid Income	2,730			6,215	
Sale of equipment	100			1,000	
Sale of uniform	685			66	
Other income	779			449	
			4,294		7,778
<b>Grant Income</b>					
Scouts Royal Navy Admiralty Fund		1,000		1,480	
Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland Grant		2,779		-	
			3,779		1,480
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>34,119</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>37,899</b>		<b>48,360</b>
<b>Cost of paid events:</b>					
Hawkhirst	- 9,714			- 8,982	
Confido	- 1,585			- 1,684	
James Cook weekend	- 1,800				
Tall Ships	-			- 14,619	
Other paid events	- 837			- 418	
			- 13,935		- 25,704
<b>Overheads</b>					
Capitation charges	- 5,658			- 5,712	
Sailing Club - boat storage	- 2,095			- 1,900	
Sailing Club - premises charges	- 2,600			- 2,700	
Events costs including minibus and RIB fuel costs	- 1,235			- 2,292	
Insurance - minibus	- 2,009			- 1,962	
Insurance - boats	- 1,799			- 1,799	
Insurance - equipment	- 315			- 301	
Vehicles - MOT, servicing, repairs and road tax	- 891			- 880	
Boats - servicing and repairs	- 804			- 136	
Equipment purchases	- 85			-	
Purchase of badges/uniform	- 839			- 725	
Other unit running costs (OSM, Zoom, consumables etc)	- 283			- 133	
Bank charges	- 63			- 63	
			- 18,676		- 18,603
<b>Grant Funded or One-off Purchases</b>					
Grant funded spend - equipment		- 2,779		-	
Grant funded spend - training		- 1,000		- 1,480	
			- 3,779		- 1,480
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>- 32,611</b>	<b>- 3,779</b>	<b>- 36,390</b>		<b>- 45,788</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,508</b>		<b>2,572</b>

**Reconciliation of Funds**

Total funds brought forward		40,488	37,916
Net movement in funds <sup>1</sup>	1	<u>1,508</u>	<u>2,572</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b><u><u>41,996</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>40,488</u></u></b>

Note 1

The summary below shows the net surplus on core activities in the financial years and the cost of one-off investments or receipt of one-off income.

Profit/Loss on Core Activities		1,408	1,572
One-off expenditure		<u>100</u>	<u>1,000</u>
		<b><u><u>1,508</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>2,572</u></u></b>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the  
3rd SOUTH SHIELDS SEA SCOUT GROUP**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd South Shields Sea Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the 3rd South Shields Sea Scout Group 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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 3rd South Shields Sea Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Date:

8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 8/12/2025

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