

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

01 04 2024

To

31 03 2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Alderslade	Chairman		
2	David Kelly	Lead Volunteer		
3	Chris Caygill	Treasurer		
4	Carole Atkinson	Assistant Treasurer		
5	Ailsa Cooper	Secretary		
6	Karen Gibson	Trustee		
7	Simon Sheard	Trustee		
8	Sarah Hignett	Trustee		
9	Chris Atherton	Trustee		
10	James Cooper	Trustee		
11	Craig Martin	Trustee		
12	David Holmes	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg trust deed, constitution)	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 (eg trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (eg appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Group is managed by the 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 keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate. The Committee consists of 4 independent representatives (Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary) together with the Lead Volunteer and representatives from the individual section leaders and meets every 2 months. This Trustees support the Group 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.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

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.

The Scout group currently meets 5 nights per week, with just over 100 young members in the age range 6 – 14. The meetings aim to deliver the objectives of the overall Scout Association. The public benefits of the Scout Association have been well documented elsewhere.

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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Membership levels were increased slightly compared to the previous year
- 6 main camping events were held across the different sections of the Group, including a Scout summer camp in the lake district
- Maintained a full 5 night a week programme in line with the Scout Association objectives

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves were healthy at the year end 31 March 2025, with £195,602 held across all accounts. This was consistent with the year end funds at 31 March 2024.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funding is in the main from monthly subscriptions paid by the members of beavers, cubs and scouts and is used to cover hall rent, capitation fees and activities carried out by the group.

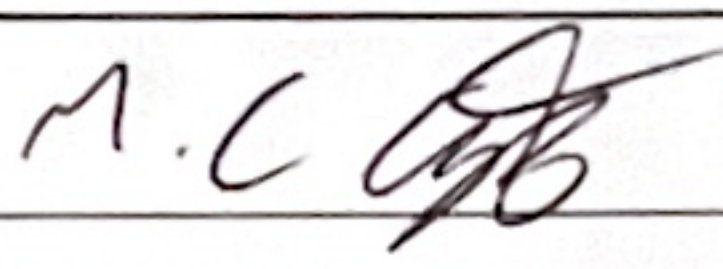
Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Christian Caygill	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	22/01/2026	

2nd Chester le Street Scout Group
Statement of Receipts / Payments - Financial Year Ended 31st March 2025

Current Accounts

	Y/e 31.3.25 £	Y/e 31.3.24 £	Change vs Prior Year £	%
Opening Balance	40,719	36,410		
<u>Income</u>				
Subscriptions	16,430	14,490	1,940	13%
Gift Aid	4,456	0	4,456	-
Interest from Savings Account	0	0	0	-
Donations/Fundraising	743	127	616	485%
Contributions to activities	4,578	1,970	2,607	132%
Contributions to camps	10,035	7,900	2,135	27%
Total Income	36,242	24,487	11,755	48%
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Rent & Hall Maintenance	7,893	0	7,893	-
Capitalization	5,936	5,247	689	13%
Camps	10,920	5,138	5,782	113%
Activities & Equipment	10,546	8,259	2,286	28%
Admin & Legal	2,085	1,387	698	50%
Leaders Training	98	117	-19	-16%
Donations	287	30	257	856%
Total Expenditure	37,764	20,178	17,586	87%
Income less Expenditure	-1,522	4,309	-5,831	
Transfer to Savings A/C				
Closing Balance	39,197	40,719	-1,522	-4%
Held in account:				
Current Account #1	39,182	39,688		
Current Account #2	10	1,026		
Current Account #3	5	5		
plus cash awaiting banking less unpresented cheques				
CURRENT A/C BALANCE	39,197	40,719		


Savings Accounts

	Y/e 31.3.25 £	Y/e 31.3.24 £	Change vs Prior Year £	%
Opening Balance	155,382	153,876		
<u>Income</u>				
Building Society Interest	1,023	1,506	-483	-32%
Total Income	1,023	1,506	-483	-32%
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Income less Expenditure	1,023	1,506	-483	-32%
Transfer from Current A/C				
Closing Balance	156,405	155,382	1,023	1%
Held in account:				
Savings #1	70,430	69,487		
Savings #2	85,975	85,895		
SAVINGS BALANCE	156,405	155,382		

TOTAL BALANCE (Current Accounts + Savings Accounts)

	Y/e 31.3.25 £	Y/e 31.3.24 £	Change vs Prior Year £	%
Opening Balance	196,101	190,286	5,815	
Income less Expenditure	-499	5,815	-6,314	
Closing Balance	195,602	196,101	-499	0%

The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis.
 I can confirm that they present a true and fair record.

Mr C Caygill, Group Treasurer

 Dated: 10/05/2025



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

2nd Chester le Street Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1037689

Set out on pages

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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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

2/1/2026

Name:

Lee Massingham

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if

CIMA.

any):

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Address:

33 Southlands, High Heaton, Newcastle
NE7 7YJ.



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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