

1st Barnham Scout Group

**Report & Accounts for the year ended
31 March 2025**

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 Scout Groups.

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

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Group Lead Volunteer (ex officio) and six trustees. The board usually meets three times a year.

Members of the Trustee Board complete six learning modules; Who we are and what we do, Being a Trustee in Scouts, Safety, Safeguarding, Data protecting in Scouts and Creating inclusion, within the first six months of joining the board.

The Group Trustee Board exists to 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 the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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 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 Scouts 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 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

At the Scout Census on 31st January 2025, the Group had 126 youth members and 34 adult volunteers. In total there were 160 members, a decrease of 20 people compared with the 2024 census.

The Group has two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops, during the year Eastergate Cub Pack was closed due to a lack of volunteers and young people. All sections run at or near maximum capacity.

During the year the Group Trustee Board held three in person meetings and the AGM on 9th July 2024 at St Philip Howard School. There were no changes to the board membership at this meeting.

We thank all our volunteers for their hard work, dedication and support during the past year and welcome those who have recently joined the team as volunteers. All sections rely on adults volunteering their time to plan and lead weekly sessions, activities, camps, and undertake administrative tasks. Additional volunteers for all sections are needed to ensure we can continue to provide a fun and active programme for our members. We'd welcome anyone interested in joining the team, there are a number of flexible ways you can support the group to work around the time you have available to volunteer.

Barnham Beaver Colony

Amelia Gale continues to lead this section, with support from a small group of team members. During the year the beavers achieved over 250 badges, with six Chief Scout's Bronze Awards achieved.

Walberton Beaver Colony

Nicki Biddulph continues to lead this colony supported by three team members. Walberton Beavers have achieved over 280 badges during the year, with nine Chief Scout's Bronze Awards achieved.

Barnham Cub Pack

Barnham Cub Pack is still without a Team Leader, and so Mark Guy continues to oversee the section, supported by three team members. During the year one Cub achieved the Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Eastergate Cub Pack

Eastergate Cub Pack was opened in April 2019 to meet the high demand for Cub spaces and ensure those children in Eastergate Beaver Colony could continue onto Cubs. Following the closure of Eastergate Beaver Colony, declining number of children in the pack and changes in the leadership team, Eastergate Cubs Pack was closed at the end of the summer term (July 2024). All volunteers and young people transferred to another section.

Walberton Cub Pack

Chris Allen handed over leadership of Walberton Cub Pack to BJ Smith in January 2025, supported by three team members. The team continues to work closely with Barnham Cub Team to ensure a similar programme of activities is offered to all Cubs in the Group. During the year one Cub achieved the Chief Scout's Silver Award.

Phantom Scout Troop

The two troops continue to work in collaboration to continue to offer a programme of activities for all Scouts. Additional volunteers are needed to boost the leadership team and ensure it can continue to meet the needs of the growing number of young people in the troop.

Ghost Scout Troop

Ghost Scout Troop leadership team remains stable, with three volunteer team members. This year two Scouts achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Award.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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 Group Trustee Board agreed at its April 2022 meeting to hold reserves of £10,000, equivalent to approximately twelve months running costs.

At the end of the year income reserves amounted to £17,518.63.

Investment Policy

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 mainstream banks or building societies.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous year. In line with The Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice and The Scout Association rules **non-monetary assets** do not need to be valued and shown within the accounts. 1st Barnham's non-monetary assets predominantly consist of a large quantity of camping equipment and other items used in providing activities. Items are replaced as and when they reach the end of their serviceable life. The current value of all items of equipment is in the region of £25,000. All these assets are fully insured with Unity Insurance Services on the basis of their current values, with the exception of tents which are insured on a new for old basis regardless of their ages.

Donations and Grants

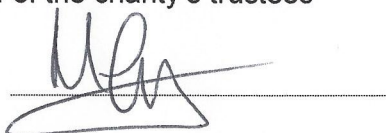
During the year no donations or grants were received.

DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full Name

Mark Guy

Andrew Lax

Position

Group Lead Volunteer

Group Chair

Date

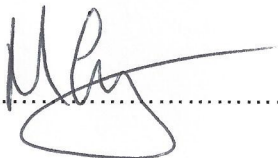
2nd June 2025

1st Barnham Scout Group
Receipts & Payments Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
Total receipts for the year	26,780.17	26,072.49
Total payments for the year	-26,950.83	-25,050.77
Net receipts (payments) for the year	-170.66	1,021.72
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	17,689.29	16,667.57
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	17,518.63	17,689.29

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved

by the Trustees on 2nd June 2025 and signed on their behalf by


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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	17,352.00	17,245.00
 DONATIONS / GRANTS	 -	 -
	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 0.00
 CAMPS / TRIPS / ACTIVITIES	 5,838.00	 5,083.91
 FUNDRAISING		
Amazon Smile	-	44.84
Giving Machine	-	15.01
	<hr/> 0.00	<hr/> 59.85
 OTHER INCOME		
Income Tax recovered on subscriptions and donations	2,931.93	2,747.46
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 SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Uniform Sales	262.00	635.00
Bank Interest	396.24	301.27
	<hr/> 658.24	<hr/> 936.27
 <u>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</u>	 <u>26,780.17</u>	 <u>26,072.49</u>

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Payments for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
PREMISES		
Rent - SPH School	2,617.50	2,623.79
Rent - Walberton Pavilion	468.00	836.50
Rent - Storage Container	2,400.00	2,400.00
Insurance	476.35	513.95
	5,961.85	6,374.24
ACTIVITIES		
Camps and trips	5,727.65	5,163.77
Barnham Beavers	260.54	149.26
Walberton Beavers	386.65	297.16
Barnham Cubs	136.83	0.00
Eastergate Cubs	0.00	72.60
Walberton Cubs	26.32	55.53
Phantom Scouts	486.91	250.67
Ghost Scouts	367.82	0.00
	7,392.72	5,988.99
ADMIN / OTHERS		
Accounts / Audit	180.00	180.00
Website	205.05	306.11
Bank charges	60.00	60.00
Gifts	0.00	7.50
Transaction fees (Go Cardless)	959.43	864.64
Poppy wreath	27.50	27.50
	1,431.98	1,445.75
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	9,009.00	9,102.00
PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	1,281.23	217.72
PURCHASE OF BADGES & UNIFORM	1,874.05	1,922.07
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</u>	26,950.83	25,050.77

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	This Year 2025 £	Previous Year 2024 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
CAF Current Account	1,855.41	2,392.00
CAF Gold Account	15,663.22	15,297.29
	<u>17,518.63</u>	<u>17,689.29</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax Claim for Year ending	-	-
Debts due to Group	-	-
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Government Stocks at market value	-	-
Other quoted securities at market value	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Property held for investment purposes	-	-
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NON-MONETARY ASSETS For Charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Group shop stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment	-	-
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
LIABILITIES Those due within one year		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred not yet invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Other	-	-
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
LIABILITIES Those due after one year		
Loan (with details)	-	-
Hire Purchase owing	-	-
Leasing payments outstanding	-	-
Other long-term liabilities	-	-
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS		
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 1st Barnham Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1st Barnham Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of 1st Barnham Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

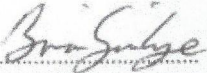
I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Barnham Scout Group's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 1st Barnham Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

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.


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Date: 30/5/25