SECOND BENGEO GROUP
TRUST BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

25th March 2026

I welcome you to the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the 2nd Bengeo Scout Group Trust Board.

As always when I write this, I reflect on my comments from a year ago and the many challenges that we faced as a group. It is reassuring to see great progress with both the operation of Scouting activities and the behind-the-scenes work in terms of maintenance of the Scout group, but most importantly, huge achievements in terms of fundraising. We have much to thank Pauline Page for her time and commitment to securing significant donations from a wide range of bodies that now support Scouting.

And, this year, we are truly seeing the benefits of that fundraising. As well as the less visible building maintenance and repair which seems to swallow up more and more money each year with little visible benefit, other than the continued opening of the building, this year we have seen massive improvements to the hut grounds. This includes to the rear where we have commissioned contractors to carry out extensive landscaping that will make a much more usable space, but also ensure that the northern end of the building, adjacent to the open space, is much better protected from damp rising from the ground.

Once it stops raining (and hopefully will have done by the date of this meeting!) you are invited to look at the space to see how it will add yet another great reason for parents to send their children to the second Bengeo Scout group.

Nonetheless, managing a large but old building remains a "Fourth Road Bridge" project – the repair and maintenance never ends. Without the support of everyone within the group, leaders, volunteers who support Scout groups, and everyone on the Trust Board, we could not function so successfully. We are hugely fortunate to continue have a wide range of skills to support the group, from fundraising through to managing the statutory legal responsibilities that we have as a Trust Board.

Once again, we have collectively shown that the Second Bengeo Scout Group is strong, resilient and able to continue Scouting activities in all its forms. We *are* prepared. Nonetheless, and as always, we would welcome more volunteers to both support Scouting activities and the trust Board because challenges do remain. The most important of which is group leadership. At present we have vacancies for more Team members (Assistant leaders & helpers) in Scouts, Thursday Cubs and both Beaver Colonies.

In addition, after several years of committed service to the group, Laura Wyer has stepped back from her role as Group Secretary. Please speak to anyone on the Executive Board, including Scout leaders, to get an understanding of this important role, but one that nonetheless is not overwhelming in terms of the time commitment needed.

Without Leaders, Scouting cannot happen. Therefore, my primary message again is to urge every parent/carer of our young people to consider if they are able to step up and offer to support our

activities. Everyone who has been involved as a Leader will tell you how incredibly rewarding it is working with young people. If you have any questions about what the roles involve, please talk to Debbie Ryan, our Group Scout Leader. You can contact her by phone on: 07802 376198

Moving onto other matters, 9 years ago in 2017 we made the important announcement that we had secured a 40 year lease on our Scout hut. That means the future of Scouting is as good as 100% secure on the site for at least as long as I will be involved in Scouting. However, that has come at a cost and we now pay a rent of £3000 per year. We could not afford to pay this if it were not for the fundraising activities.

Onto other matters, we should pay our usual tribute to the many leaders and supporters who ensure that your children have high quality, high value activities, including the evening meetings, camps and other trips. The Scout group is a collective of many willing and enthusiastic individuals, particularly those who run the many Scouting groups under the 2nd Bengeo umbrella. They put in huge amounts of time to provide varied and fun activities for all our members. I would like to extend our thanks to them in the usual manner.

Despite everything, the Group continues to maintain its very healthy roll, having grown considerably in previous years. This is a particular tribute to the great programmes of activities organised by the leaders. We are especially pleased that we now have two Beaver packs and that is a recognition of the continued enthusiasm for Scouting. It is also good news for the overall health and longevity of our Scout groups as the young Scouts work their way through various tiers of Scouting.

Scouting is a not-for-profit organisation; the leaders are unpaid, there are no profits and any surpluses generated from your child's subscriptions are ploughed straight back into the Group and invested into new equipment, energy costs and general maintenance costs associated with our building. Without your payment of the very modest subscriptions, Scouting could not continue.

I would also take this opportunity again to remind parents of the East Herts lottery, where 50p of every ticket purchased goes straight to the group.

The Trust Board members through the year have been Laura Wyer (Secretary), John Alflat (Treasurer), Jon Durbin (Chair), Simon Green, Garry Fawbert, Pauline Page and, in the role of Lead Volunteer, Debbie Ryan. Our thanks go also to others who help with the maintenance and housekeeping of the building and grounds.

One of the formalities of the meeting is elect the chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The existing appointees will be asked to confirm if they wish to stand again, and any persons wishing to seek appointment to those posts can also put themselves forward at the meeting

Other formalities we will cover at the meeting include voting to confirm the Group's constitution.

If you have any suggestions about any matter relating to the running of the Trust Board or the Group, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you.
Jon Durbin, Chair - On behalf of the 2nd Bengeo Scout Group

Charity number 1146889

2ND BENGEO SCOUT GROUP

UNAUDITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

2nd Bengeo Scout Group

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Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

I am pleased to present the unaudited accounts for the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Financial position

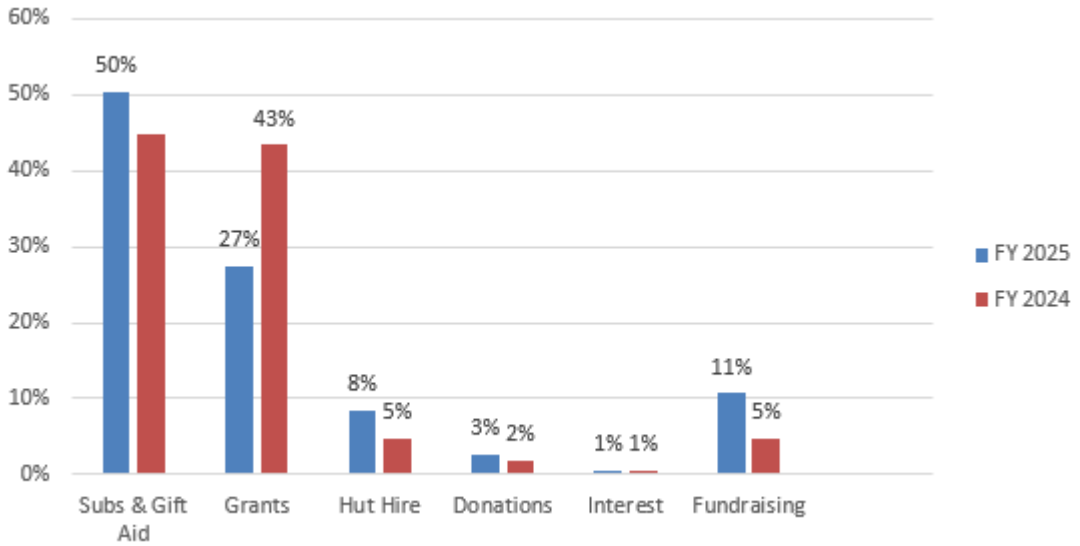
The group ended 2025 with cash balances of £38,195 (2024: £37,040), an increase over the year of £1,155. This increase was a result of a surplus of income over expenditure of £2,780 as set out on page 8, adjusted for gift aid income recognised but not received at the year end of £1,624.

Income

Income for 2025 was £45,770, compared to £44,073 in 2024. Income from subscriptions (and related gift aid claimed) is the main regular source of income and contributed £17,753 (2024: 17,087). Income was helped by fundraising income of £3,787 (2024: £1,840), and, most significantly, grants received in the year of £9,675 (2024: £16,549).

As well as vitally important subscription income, the group raised income from other sources, including hiring out the scout hut £2,966 (2024: £1,789), donations £914 (2024: £700).

Main sources of income by percentage for 2025 v 2024 are shown below



The fundraising and grant income are analysed as follows:

Analysis of fundraising income	2025	2024
	£	£
Entrepreneur scheme	1910	-
Easy fundraising website	173	501
Quiz night	310	-
Seasonal Fayres	651	652
East Herts Lottery	743	687
	3,787	1,840

Analysis of Grant Income	2025	2024
	£	£
Affinity Water	1,000	-
Durkan Ltd	2,500	-
Herts Community Grant	3,000	5,490
East Herts Council	3,000	10,759
Hertford District Scouts	175	-
Herts County Council	-	300
	9,675	16,549

Expenditure

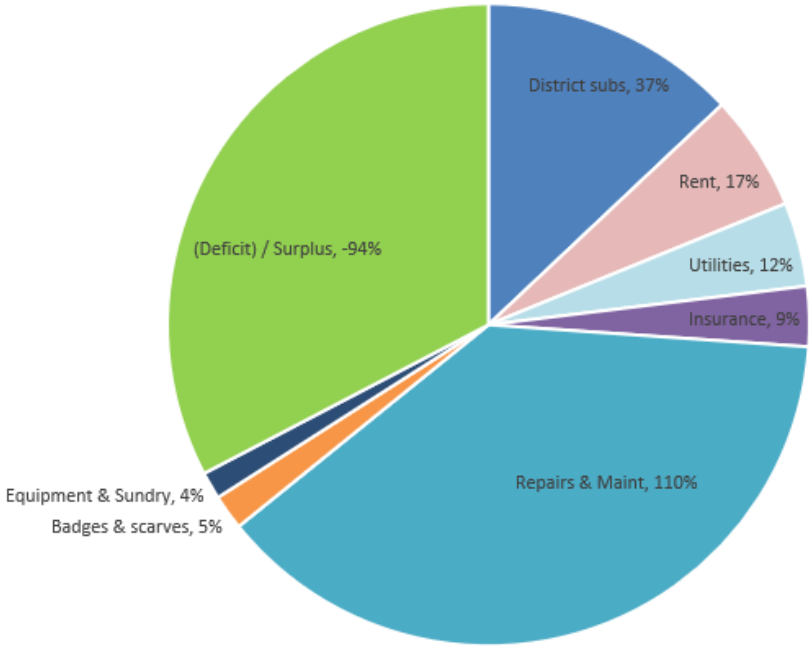
The main sources of expenditure in 2025 and 2024 are shown in the following table. Maintenance to the hut continues to be significant, with works to the ventilation and heating systems, the rear plot and outside storage having been carried out during the year. Further works to the rear continue and will be paid for in 2026.

Expenditure analysis	2025	as % of expenditure	2024	as % of expenditure
	£	%	£	%
District subs	6,645	19%	4,375	15%
Rent	3,000	9%	3,000	10%
Utilities	2,168	6%	1,941	7%
Insurance	1,547	4%	1,603	5%
Repairs & maintenance	19,507	57%	16,960	57%
Badges & scarves	906	3%	727	2%
Equipment & Sundry	704	2%	1,079	4%
Total	34,476	100%	29,685	100%
Total covered by Subs & gift aid	17,753	51%	17,087	58%
(Deficit) / Surplus Subs v Expenditure	(16,724)		(12,599)	

Analysis of Maintenance Expenditure	2025	2024
	£	£
Ventilation system	1,986.00	-
Fire safety and servicing	419.00	676
Bolier replacement / servicing	2,546.00	126
New storage container installation	7,068.00	-
Works to gutters and fascias	18.00	4,824
Fencing and gates	-	10,759
Electrical works	936.00	-
Replacement lights	34.00	-
Works to Rear plot	6,500.00	-
Tree work	-	575
	19,507	16,960

How your subs were spent in 2025:

The chart below shows how this expenditure is covered by income from subscriptions and gift aid collections. This is useful in showing the extent to which the group's basic requirements are covered in this way, and that fundraising and donations are required to finance any special projects and ensure sustainability.



As can be seen above, whilst subs are a significant source of income, the costs of running the group and maintaining the premises need to be further supported by additional fundraising. Scout leaders and trustees are all volunteers and do not get paid.

The accounts for the group are set out on the following pages.

John Alflatt

Group Treasurer

18st March 2026

2ND BENGEO SCOUT GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2025.

This report is made solely to the Group's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Group's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and the Group's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Group's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Group as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do 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.

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: 30th September 2026

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
Income from:	£	£
Subscriptions (including Gift Aid)	17,753	17,087
Hut Hire	2,966	1,789
Donations	914	700
Camps & Activities	10,176	4,799
Uniforms & Badges	312	1,103
Fundraising	3,787	1,840
Grants	9,675	16,549
Interest	189	206
	45,770	**44,073**
Expenditure on:		
District subs	(6,645)	(4,375)
Rent	(3,000)	(3,000)
Elec	(668)	(486)
Gas	(518)	(543)
Water	(480)	(486)
Phone	(502)	(425)
Insurance	(1,547)	(1,603)
Maint/refurb	(19,507)	(16,960)
Uniform / Badges	(1,218)	(1,831)
Secretarial	(181)	(223)
Camps & Activities	(8,202)	(4,458)
Equipment	(523)	(856)
	(42,991)	**(35,246)**
Surplus for the year	**2,780**	**8,827**

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Balance Sheet		2025	2024
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	Note 1	1,624	-
Cash at bank and in hand		38,195	37,040
Creditors due within one year			
Accruals	Note 2	(750)	(750)
Total Funds		**39,069**	**36,290**
Total funds brought forward		36,290	27,463
(Deficit) / Surplus in year		2,780	8,827
Total funds Carried forward		**39,069**	**36,290**

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. Debtors

	2025	2024
Gift aid claimed but not received from HMRC	1624	-

2. Accruals

	2025	2024
Rent due paid in subsequent period	750	750