REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 186681

# Scouts

# 1st South Ascot

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

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The Trustees present their annual report for 1st South Ascot Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2026. The report has been prepared to accompany the Group's annual accounts and to provide members of the Group Scout Council, parents, volunteers, supporters and the wider community with an overview of the Group's activities, governance and financial stewardship during the year.

The Group is a registered charity in England. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Group is managed safely, legally and responsibly, and that its resources are applied in support of its charitable purposes.

## Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

1st South Ascot Scout Group provides Scouting opportunities for young people in South Ascot and the surrounding community. Through regular section meetings, outdoor activities, camps, visits, games, skills development and community activities, the Group supports young people to find a place to belong and develop skills for life.

The Group delivers Scouting through its Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer Scouts sections. Activities are delivered by adult volunteers and helpers in accordance with the policies, safeguarding and safety requirements of The Scouts Association.

## Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when making decisions relevant to the Group's activities.

The Group provides educational and developmental opportunities for children and young people through Scouting. Young people take part in activities that support teamwork, independence, leadership, resilience, practical skills, responsibility and participation in their community.

The Trustees consider that the activities of 1st South Ascot Scout Group further the Group's charitable purposes and provide a clear public benefit to young people and the wider community.

## Achievements and Performance

During the year, the Group continued to provide regular Scouting across its sections, supported by a team of adult volunteers and helpers.

The Trustees' priority during the reporting period was to maintain safe, sustainable and accessible Scouting for young people while supporting the volunteers responsible for programme delivery and the operation of the Group.

The Group's core achievement during the year was the continued delivery of Scouting to its young people across the Group.

The Group also continued to maintain and improve its premises so that the Scout Hut remains suitable for Scouting activities and community use.

## Membership and Volunteers

As of 31 March 2026, the Group supported 92 young people and 24 adult volunteers and regular helpers.

| Section | Young people |
|---|---|
| Squirrels | 10 |
| Beavers | 21 |
| Cubs | 24 |
| Scouts | 22 |
| Explorers | 15 |
| Total | 92 |

Trustees recognise that volunteers are central to the delivery of Scouting and thank everyone who gave their time, skills and support during the year.

## Property and Scout Hut

The Scout Hut is an important operational and financial asset for the Group. It provides a base for regular section meetings, activities and other Group use, while also generating income through hire to local community groups, organisations and individuals.

During the year, the Group undertook roof works and electrical works at the premises. These works supported the ongoing maintenance, safety and usability of the building and helped protect an important source of income for the Group.

The Trustee Board continues to keep the condition, safety, maintenance requirements and future development of the premises under review and future improvements are being planned.

## Financial Review

The Trustees are responsible for overseeing the financial affairs of the Group and ensuring that its funds are used in support of the Group's charitable purposes.

The Group's principal sources of income are membership subscriptions and income generated through the hire of the Scout Hut.

At the end of March 2026, the Trustee Board reviewed membership subscriptions for the new financial year (2026/2027). Subscriptions for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers were increased by £5 to £49.00 per person. Squirrel subscriptions were set at £44.00 per person and were not increased.

Expenditure is primarily incurred in delivering Scouting, HQs and County fees, activity costs, maintaining the Scout Hut, purchasing equipment, and meeting the Group's governance and administrative obligations.

Total income for year ended 31 March 2026: £38,745.95

Total expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2026: £40,796.13

- £6,719.07 spend on venue maintenance compared to £1,985.92 in previous FY

Surplus or deficit for the year ended 31 March 2026: £ -2,050.18

Bank balances at 31 March 2026: £9,926.35

## Plans for the Future

The Group intends to continue providing safe, inclusive and high quality Scouting for young people in South Ascot and the surrounding community.

Priorities for the coming period include maintaining strong section provision, supporting and recruiting volunteers, managing membership demand, maintaining the Scout Hut, and continuing the delivery of a great scouting programme for our Young people.

## Structure, Governance and Management

1st South Ascot Scout Group is governed in accordance with the Royal Charter, Bye Laws and Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group Trustee Board is a team of charity Trustees who work together to ensure that the charity is run safely and legally. The Board focuses on good governance, financial stewardship, risk, compliance and the effective use of the Group's resources in support of Scouting.

The Group Lead Volunteer leads and supports the delivery of Scouting within the Group, working with the Group's teams and volunteers. The Trustee Board and Group leadership work together while retaining their respective governance and operational responsibilities.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the model constitution for a Scout Group from Chapter 5c of The Scouts Policy, Organisation and Rules.

The Trustee Board has also strengthen the Group's governance and financial planning by adopting the following policies and procedures:

- Data Protection Policy_v01
- Privacy Statement_v01
- Register of Data Processor_v01
- Financial Controls_v01
- Purchasing_v01
- Reserves_v01
- Expenses_v01
- Finance approvers_v01

These documents are available to members of the 1st South Ascot Scout Council through the Group SharePoint.

The Trustee Board will continue to review the Group's governance arrangements, risk management, financial controls and compliance responsibilities, and will update its policies and procedures where required.

<u>Risk Management</u>

The Trustee Board is responsible for identifying and managing the principal risks faced by the Group. The Trustees keep financial, property, safety, safeguarding, compliance and operational risks under review and take action where required to reduce those risks.

The Group maintains a formal risk register, which is reviewed at every Trustee Board meeting. This allows Trustees to monitor existing risks, identify new or emerging risks, review agreed controls and actions, and ensure that appropriate mitigation remains in place.

The Group follows the policies and rules of The Scout Association in relation to safeguarding, safety and the operation of Scouting activities.

The Trustee Board also keeps the Scout Hut, insurance arrangements, financial controls and other significant assets and liabilities under review.

## Reference and Administrative Details

| | |
|---|---|
| **Charity name** | 1st South Ascot Scout Group |
| **Registered charity number** | 186681 |
| **Scout District** | South East Berkshire |
| **Scout County** | Royal Berkshire |
| **Chair at 31 March 2026** | Filipe Alves |
| **Treasurer at 31 March 2026** | Kevin Jones |
| **Independent Examiner** | Jenny Smyth |
| **Principal address** | The Scout Hut<br>Church Road, South Ascot, SL5 9DP |
| **Bank** | Barclays Bank PLC |

## Trustees

The following people served as Trustees or held the stated Group governance roles during the 2025-2026 FY.

| Name | Role | Period / note |
|---|---|---|
| James Brown | Chair | Until January 2026 |
| Filipe Alves | Chair | From January 2026 |
| Kevin Jones | Treasurer | During the reporting period |
| Danola Martin | Secretary | During the reporting period |
| Fiona Jones | Group Lead Volunteer | During the reporting period |
| Ceri Richardson | Assistant GLV | During the reporting period |
| Nicola Jones | Parent Representative | During the reporting period |

## Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the annual accounts in accordance with applicable charity law, regulations and the requirements applying to the Group.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that show and explain the Group's transactions, allow the financial position of the charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy, and support the preparation and independent review of the annual accounts.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud, financial mismanagement and other irregularities.

The Trustees approve the annual report and accounts and ensure that they are presented to the Group's Annual General Meeting and submitted as required by The Scout Association and the charity regulator.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the Trustee Board of 1st South Ascot Scout Group on date and signed on their behalf by



Filipe Alves - Chair and Trustee

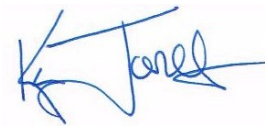
**1ST SOUTH ASCOT SCOUT GROUP COUNCIL**
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

| | 2025-2026 | 2024-2025 |
|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | |
| Donation | 570.00 | 0.00 |
| Events | 8,336.62 | 7,026.04 |
| Events - Beavers | 1,034.00 | 352.00 |
| Events - Cubs | 429.50 | 1,506.00 |
| Events - Explorers | 605.00 | 779.64 |
| Events - Scouts | 1,347.50 | 607.00 |
| Fundraising | 11,295.07 | 3,861.35 |
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| Membership Fees | 11,199.85 | 11,904.00 |
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| **Expense** | | |
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| **Account balances** | | |
| Barclays | 9,926.35 | 11,976.53 |
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| **Summary** | | |
| Account balance brought forward | 11,976.53 | 22,564.47 |
| Total income | 38,745.95 | 30,715.66 |
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| Net income | -2,050.18 | -10,587.94 |
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustee Board on date and were signed on its behalf by:



Filipe Alves – Chair and Trustee



Kevin Jones – Treasurer and Trustee

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11th September 2026

To whom this may concern

**Ref. 1st South Ascot Scout Group Annual Account 2025/2026**

This letter is to confirm that the reported annual accounts for 1st South Ascot Scout Group (1SA - Annual Report 2025-2026) are a true and correct report of the financial statement for the Scout Group in the 2025-2026 financial year.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Jenny Smyth MMATH FCA
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