Bourne Scout Group

Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2026

Section A: Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Bourne Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	None
Registered Charity Number	1196062
HQ registration number	41089 – 10015173
Charity's Principal address	18, Hazlewood Drive, Bourne, PE10 9SZ

Names of Trustees who manage the charity		
Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates if not acted for the year
Ray Dennis	Chair	
Debbie Galloway	Adminstrator	
David Bower	Treasurer	
Daniel Day	Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)	
Georgia Galloway	Team member	
Carolyn Greig	Trustee	
Tony Everitt	Trustee	

Names of Trustees who manage the charity		
Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates if not acted for the year
Mark Tupholme	Trustee	

Leadership Team		
Role	Name	Section
Team Leader	Georgina Day	Chestnut Squirrel Drey
Team Leader	Nicola Day	Wellhead Beaver Colony
Team Leader	Georgina Day	Elsea Bridge 234 Beaver Colony
Team Leader	Carolyn Greig	Ringstone Beaver Colony
Team Leader	Daniel Day	Foxwood Cub Pack
Team Leader	Sarah Cummins	Elseawood Cub Pack
Team Leader	Carolyn Greig	Pillarwood Cub Pack
Team Leader	Stuart Bowell	Shippon Scout Troop
Team Leader	Emily Giddings	Elsea Park Scout Troop
Team Leader	Carolyn Greig	Abbey Scout Troop
Team Leader	Georgia Galloway	Barracuda Explorer Unit

There are many team members supporting our team leaders not mentioned in this document.

Section B: Structure, governance and management

Structure / Governance

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 (POR) of The Scout Association. The Group has adopted the constitution, as set out POR 5c.1.

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 of The Scout Association. Rule 5c.1.2.1.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are 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 the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Members of the Trustee Board complete Scout Association complete the relevant training for Trustees.

The Group Trustee Board is responsible for the governance of the Group. Although the Group Trustee Board is responsible for the charity, it is accountable to the Group Scout Council

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community Centre and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered

Section C: 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 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 Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings

Section D:

Chairs Report

The Group finishes the year in a strong position, as you will read further into the report.

We continue to operate under the model constitution contained in Policy Organisation and Rules (POR). The Trustee board continue concentrate on the governance of the group, looking at such things as a governance risk register and carrying out a Safe Premises Audit, for the facilities at Morton. Along with overseeing compliance of Safety and Safeguarding training for our volunteers.

Thanks to a dedicated Leadership Team, the Group offers Scouting in 3 venues across the Town. This year we are pleased to welcome, after a break of some years, an Explorer Scout section to the Group, meaning that we can now offer Scouting up to the age of 18.

Work continues at 5 Acre Field with 3 sections meeting at this venue. Scouting, in one form or another is offered on four evenings and a Saturday morning each week.

We are on the lookout for people experienced in H&S and accountancy to join the Trustee board. Of course, if you would just like to become a Trustee and help out you will be welcome. If you would like to join us, have a word with any Leader or Trustee and we will take it from there. Full training for the role will be given.

In conclusion my thanks go to everyone involved in supporting the Group, some on a weekly basis providing excellent activities for our Young People and in order for this happen and equally important number of backroom workers who facilitate the work of the Group.

Group Lead Volunteers Report

It has been yet another busy year for the Group, with lots to celebrate but many challenges as well.

Firstly from a census point of view at the end of January 2026, we had 136 active members within the group. We are aware that this is significantly lower than last year but unfortunately our Willoughby Troop closed at the end of the summer term in 2025 along with a full review of all memberships within the group. However on a more positive note in terms of growth, we took the step to open an Explorer provision at the end of 2025 which meets fortnightly here at the centre. The provision works well as a partnership agreement with our District and positively it has also brought some new leaders into the Group as well. It is great that within Bourne we can now offer Scouting right up to age 18.

This year has been a packed programme across all sections with a wide range of activities reflected within the section reviews. Each year we also participate in group wide events such as Remembrance Sunday Parade, Christmas Bowling in Peterborough and our end of year swim at Bourne Outdoor Pool.

Not everything can always run smoothly within the Group and we have identified the biggest challenges for us at the moment.

The first is that our volunteers continue to Scout within multiple sections due to not having enough leaders. Not only does it mean more of the same people are volunteering more of their time to keep sections open it also increases strain when it comes to activities within the wider group as it becomes more difficult to fulfil ratios to safely run the activity. We also acknowledge recent challenges in supporting parent rotas. We understand that more and more is being asked for everyone but if we are to keep our sections open we do need more support.

As a group we want to support wider activities such as sleepovers or activity weekends away. We have noted that fewer young people are wanting to join us on these parts of the programme. As a leadership team this is challenging as whilst we work very hard to keep costs low, we base these on the number of young people we expect to attend. The trips must remain financially viable and increases the risk for us as a group with regards to cancellation fees.

Lastly, we have growing waiting lists. As a Group we are obviously so pleased that more and more young people want to engage with our programme but with the sections and the number of leaders that we currently have, the waiting lists continue to grow.

Despite these challenges we are looking ahead to the 2026-27 year with positivity and are looking forward to celebrating birthdays for Squirrels (5), Beavers (40) and Cubs (110) with more details to follow in the summer holidays. For younger sections we are looking at a sleepover at The Deep in Hull in early 2027.

The Group Lead Volunteers would like to thank all our leadership team, young leaders and the Trustee Board for their support during this year. We look forward to planning the next Scouting year.

Five Acre Field Sub Committee Report

Morton Five Acres Field continues to be the regular meeting place for Ringstone Beavers, Pillar Wood Cubs and Abbey Scouts on Thursday and Friday evenings.
We have had enquiries about other groups using the facilities, with some interest but whilst there is no continuous supply of electricity, there seems to be a reluctance to utilise the space as much as it could be used.

We held a working party day in April when we managed to clean throughout and get all the paintwork touched up. We also trimmed all the vegetation outside with a strimmer so that everywhere was more accessible.

The Archery equipment stored on site continues to grow and following our successful application for a stronger starts grant from Tesco, this will increase further. We also now have Tomahawk equipment up and running at Morton for sections to use and have already had some outside interest in its use.

The field remains our great asset, though we still struggle with a few dog walkers who do not clean up after their dogs and visitors who do not stick to the paths, even when section meetings are happening.

We thank all of the trustees for supporting Morton Five Acres field as it is a fabulous facility which we are so grateful to be able to use and utilise.

Section E: 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 Boardconsiders that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 4 months running costs, circa £3000
The Group reserves continue to be above this amount.

Investment Policy

All funds are held at the Nat West Bank in current or deposits accounts.

Financial Report

	2025-26	**2024-25**	**2023-24**	**2022-23**	**2021-22**
Opening cash	£25,672.51	£22,367.46	£23,594.50	£25,225.25	£20,037.31
Operational Surplus/deficit	£2783.07	£3,296.05	-£1,218.04	-£1,630.75	£2,552.32
Closing Cash	**£28455.58**	**£25,672.51**	**£22,367.46**	**£23,594.50**	**£25,225.25**
Current Account	£2270.09	£5,137.44	£1,651.25	£2,259.59	£0
Deposit Account	£26185.49	£20,355.07	£20,725.21	£21,334.91	£25,225.25
Cash	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total funds	**£28,455.58**	**£25,672.51**	**£22,376.46**	**£23,594.50**	**£25,225.25**

Section F: Other Optional Information

Our priorities for the next year are to:

- Continue to support the wider community in Bourne
- Develop the facilities at Morton Field
- Recruit additional leaders for all sections

Section F: Statistical Information

Section Name	Team Leaders / Team Members	Young Leaders / Other 14-17 Helpers	Young people

Chestnut Squirrels (4-6)	5	1	8
Elsea Bridge 234 Beavers (6-8)	3	0	14
Ringstone Beavers (6-8)	3	0	8
Wellhead Beavers (6-8)	2	2	13
Elseawood Cubs (8-10.5)	3	3	13
Foxwood Cubs (8-10.5)	3	2	16
Pillarwood Cubs (8-10.5)	5	0	18
Abbey Scouts (10.5-14)	3	0	12
Elsea Park Scouts (10.5-14)	3	1	19
Shippon Scouts (10.5-14)	3	1	15
Total Membership (Young People Only)	[redacted]		136

This data is from the annual Scout Association membership census, as at January 31st 2026

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of charity's trustees

Signatures	**Ray Dennis**	**Daniel Day**
Full Names	Ray Dennis	Daniel Day
Position	Chair	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	11/07/2026	11/07/2026

Bourne and District Scout Executive
Year to 31.3.26

Income		**Year March 2026**	**Year March 2025**
Camps		12139.00	17884.03
Subs		16768.22	16570.29
Events		2690.50	2807.60
Garments		5.00	80.75
Gift Aid		2887.18	3061.68
Uniforms		20.00	0.00
Grants		1000.00	0.00
Donations		3107.11	248.35
Morton Field Donations		1239.32	1082.14
Morton Field Income		761.50	1222.38
Fundraising/ Sale of Trailer		1048.32	295.10
Interest		272.87	355.95
Total Income		**41939.02**	**43608.27**
Payments			
Camps		11443.73	13889.57
Event Out		6120.69	1777.44
Costs General		2696.12	2011.34
Capitation		9522.00	11266.00
Clothing and Badges		788.09	1599.58
Stores and Equipment		204.99	2245.22
Repairs		129.65	110.00
Rent		3406.69	3680.28
GoCardless		1077.10	1372.75
Insurance		713.00	784.70
Presentation Evening		280.50	0.00
Donations		300.00	0.00
Leaders Meal		0.00	39.00
Field		2473.39	1536.34
Total Costs		**39155.95**	**40312.22**
Surplus/Deficit		**2783.07**	**3296.05**
Represented By:			
Opening Capital		25672.51	22376.46
Surplus		2783.07	3296.05
Closing Cash		28455.58	25672.51
Nat West Current		2270.09	5317.44
Nat West Deposit		26185.49	20355.07
		28455.58	25672.51
International Fund	Opening Balance	11448.56	9435.63
	From Subs etc	0.00	2012.93
		11448.56	11448.56
Other Reserves			
Morton Field		507.19	979.76
		507.19	979.76
Free Funds		**16499.84**	**13244.19**

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Bourne Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2026

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer
As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 1993 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement
In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts

Scrutineer's Statement
In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: .....Robert Parker
Address: .....7 Great Leighs
.....Bourne



Date: .....14th June 2024