Scouts

1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report
September 2026

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1. Introduction - Chair's Report

It's been another busy and rewarding year for our Group, and as Chair of the Trustees, I am proud to reflect on what we've achieved together. Our leaders, helpers and trustee members have once again shown remarkable dedication, and without their energy and time we would not have been able to achieve so much. This year we welcomed Emma to the Trustee Board, joining Jamie, Heather, Cathy, Ian, John and myself. Our focus has continued to be on the financial, safe, legal and sustainable running of the Group, including working through the Charity Commission's Regulatory Advice for Trustees, strengthening our risk register, and making real progress towards a potential future Scouts premises.

On behalf of the Trustees, I want to extend my thanks to every volunteer, parent, guardian and supporter who has helped our Group thrive this year. Scouting is a team effort, and our success is down to you all.

Charlotte Harrison
Chair

2. Group Lead Volunteer's Report

It has been another fantastic year for 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts, packed with challenges, adventure, growth and fun, thanks to the energy and dedication of every single member of our Scouting family.

We started the year with a family activity day and Group camp for all sections to celebrate 55 years of Scouting in Fenstanton and Hilton. Since then all the young people in our Group have embraced every opportunity to push themselves, work together, and learn new skills:

We spent 12 unforgettable nights away from home, sleeping in tents, hammocks, in a church, at Clip n' Climb.

Our young people earned 1,153 badges this year (which is a record!), recognising achievements in everything from kayaking and climbing to science, navigation, photography, and pioneering

⭐We also presented 18 Chief Scout's awards, the highest award a Squirrel, Beaver, Cub or Scout can earn - everyone who achieved this should be very proud of themselves!

None of these achievements would be possible without the enthusiasm and commitment of our young people, who throw themselves into every activity and challenge we offer. Thank you also to parents and carers - your ongoing support, encouragement, and tireless badge sewing (!) make such a difference.

Finally, I'm hugely grateful to every one of our volunteers, from seasoned Scouters to the new faces who have joined the fun this year, across every section and behind-the-scenes on our Trustee board. Your dedication, commitment, creativity, and willingness to give your time and skills ensures that Scouts continues to thrive in our community and we can offer all the opportunities we do to young people and adults alike.

We are always in need of more support to ensure our Group continues to thrive. Many hands make light work, and we have tasks that will suit you, your skills and other commitments so please do just reach out - but in particular we need some help with:

- **organising and running activities for our young people (even if just as a one-off)**
- **maintaining and organising our equipment**
- **admin support, e.g. taking notes at meetings, managing membership records, or supporting our section teams with behind-the-scenes tasks**
- **helping to organise our involvement at community and fundraising events**

The more people that are willing to help out, the more opportunities we can offer to young people and the lighter the workload for all our volunteers. Maybe you could help us out or know someone who could? We are open to all offers and always happy to chat – please do drop me a message.

To help keep sessions running safely and consistently, we will be operating parent helper rotas for Squirrels and Beavers. The section teams will share more details, and we are grateful for every bit of help families can offer. Having enough adults in the room means we can keep sessions going and give our young people the best possible Scouting experience.

We have a long waiting list of young people who would love to join us, and our volunteers put a huge amount of time and energy into planning weekly sessions, events and nights away. We therefore expect every young person to make the most of the opportunities available to them by attending regularly, joining in fully, and taking part in weekend events and nights away wherever

possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with the section team leaders or contact me directly.

Looking forward, every section has an exciting programme planned for the new term, and it promises to be another full and busy year ahead for our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Thank you once again for all your support!

Jamie Ward
Group Lead Volunteer

- gsl@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

3. Treasurer's Report

The following report covers the accounts for the 2025-26 financial year (year ending 31st March 2026). Please see appendix A and B of this document for the full breakdown of the accounts and the independent examiner's report.

Income

Monthly subs remained at £16 per child, and this remains our largest source of income. We successfully claimed £3,337.79 in Gift Aid for the 2024/2025 year. Gift Aid continues to be an important financial boost, and anyone eligible is encouraged to sign up via OSM — this allows the group to claim up to an additional £48 per child per year at no extra cost to the taxpayer.

We had another successful year of fundraising, increasing the amount raised to £932.30. This came from a combination of stalls at village events, hiring out equipment to other scout groups, and badge sewing.

Expenditure

The largest area of expenditure continues to be delivering the weekly programme and wider events for all sections.

Membership fees to the UK Scout Association rose this year, totalling £5,546.

The other ongoing expenses include insurance, replacing equipment, badges, training and uniform for leaders.

Investments

As of 31 March 2026, the group holds £128,173.07 in savings accounts. These funds include monies from legacies, land grants, and reserves. Interest received during the year amounted to £5,093.11.

Finances for the year remain healthy, with no concerns identified. The group's reserves are strong, ensuring stability and the ability to support future programme needs.

Independent Examination

The accounts have been independently examined and verified.

Heather Bevan
Treasurer

4. Squirrel's Annual Report

Leadership Changes

This year we've had a significant turnover in the number of volunteers at our Squirrel Drey. Badger (Rosie) and Fox (Rachael) stepped away at Spring half-term with Fox moving into a background admin role for the Group and Badger leaving us completely. Moth (Caitlin) has taken over as Team Lead as well as continuing their role with the Scout Troop. Butterfly (Malandra), Rabbit (Elle), and Spider (Sharon) are also leaving us in September as their young people age out of the section and their availability changes.

Our Squirrel Leadership Team is now Moth and Goose (Greg), which significantly reduces the number of Young People our drey can hold. Numbers have had to be reduced from 21 down to 12, with no YP being taken on from our waiting list in September. That being said, we are putting in place a parent rota so that we can still get out and about on plenty of adventures with a 1:4 adult ratio, and we are hopeful that we can find more leaders in the coming year.

Autumn 2025

Autumn term saw us building bridges and dens, practicing first aid, learning about food banks, and much more! We attended both the Harvest Festival and Remembrance services at Fenstanton Parish Church. Squirrels made their own poppies for our wreath and contributed to the donation to St Ives Food Bank, so should be proud of the excellent reputation we're building in the community. We celebrated Diwali in style, painting our own diya oil lamps, had our first go at archery, and even tried our hand at sewing, ready for the 161 badges we awarded this term!

We rounded off the year with a successful Castle Camp where we stayed at Fenstanton United Reformed Church in our very own cardboard castles! We made our own stained glass windows, decorated knights' helmets ready for jousting with Goose, and finished the night with a chippy tea and campfire songs before bed.



Spring 2026

In spring we looked at the world around us. We dressed up and read our favourite stories for World Book Day; became scientists for British Science Week; went litter picking for Earth Day; hunted for Leprechaun treasure on St Patrick's Day; and trained like astronauts as part of the UK Space Agency's

Mission X. We had some help along the way; Chris Fewtrell and his impressive telescope to help us with our Space Explorer badge, and the Parish Council lent us their litter picking equipment to earn our Earth Tribe award. We also had a successful Young Leader Takeover where Owl, Bat, and Hedgehog led a delicious night cooking pancakes! We also awarded another 57 badges this term with many of our young people working hard on badges at home.



Summer 2026

We kicked off our Summer Term by taking part in the Hedgehog Walk and raising £677 for the Wildlife Trusts! Our wonderful young people walked 3 km in an evening, which is the distance a hedgehog walks in a night, and earnt themselves a fabulous badge kindly donated by the Wildlife Trusts. We continued our hedgehog themed activities this term, celebrating Hedgehog Awareness Week, making our own footprint monitoring tunnels and seeing if any hedgehogs lived in our gardens! We then rounded out the half term learning how to pitch a tent and building a den. The

second half of the term saw us join forces with the Scouts for another awesome session cooking on open fires! The older section set a great example and showed our Squirrels what their future scouting journey holds! We had a go with flint and steel to light our own fires before cooking some delicious drop scones for everyone to enjoy. In our other sessions, we had a go at pond dipping and built our own mini ponds; we had a go at orienteering and earned our Stage 1 Navigator badge; the young leaders led another excellent Young Leader Takeover; and we rounded out the year making our own ice cream!

All our Young People worked incredibly hard this term and it shows in the 130 badges we awarded, with 2 of those moving up to Beavers sporting a full collection of every Squirrels activity badge and their Chief Scouts Acorn! We are incredibly proud of all our Squirrels and can't wait to see what adventures next year brings us!



Summer Camp 2026

This year's Squirrel camp had a pirate theme, and despite being the first week of the summer holidays due to Copley's availability, had a good attendance with 7 young people with us for the day, and 5 spending the night! We started with a treasure hunt to get us familiar with the site, then got stuck in with pirate themed activities!

We practiced our lashings making stick swords before walking the plank; made our own pirate galleons to sail on tuff tray seas; and rounded off the night cooking delicious spaghetti bolognese from scratch on open fires! The next morning, Squirrels cooked their own pancakes for breakfast, did all their washing up, and learnt how to pack away tents properly before heading home!

Leader Moth finally got their camping permit signed off this camp, so we can stop dragging GSL Jamie on every Squirrel night away!



5. Beavers Annual Report

The Beavers have had a really busy and fun year!

Autumn is a longer term, which means more fun to be had. Whilst we try to still get out as much as possible, we still have fun evenings at the hall, plus we had a night hike going through our green cross code, plus a visit to Ely Cathedral, in which we were lucky enough to see the big Christmas tree and hear the choir doing their carol singing practice.



In the spring, we celebrated Chinese New Year, where we all enjoyed trying some different food. Let's not forget how well the Beavers did with air rifle shooting - they demonstrated a great understanding of the range.

We also had a good time avoiding Lava at this year's Minecraft themed camp, finishing the term off with games for Easter and of course chocolate.





The summer term is always fun; we try to get out and about most weeks. Beavers learnt about Meadow Lodge Farm and a week of archery, due to heat and dry hot weather we had to cancel our firelighting night; however, the Beavers had a great time litter picking round Fenstanton, and not forgetting our annual water fight.

There was also Beavers in Tents district camp, which gave us chance to camp, meet children from across the district and take part in lots of fun activities.



However, none of this would be possible without our amazing leaders, who give more than their hour a week, and our fantastic parents, who step up on the rota, thank you all for helping to inspire our young people.

Here's to another busy year for our Beavers in 2026/27.

Amy Taylor
Beaver Team Leader

6. Cubs Annual Report

Summary

Every year I am asked to write a summary for our report and I am always blown away by just how much we have accomplished as a team and with the young people. I have tried to keep it short.....but failed (apologies in advance).

This year saw some further changes in our leadership team as Georgia Graveling stopped being a young leader, and after what I can only assume has been an amazing summer supporting a Camp America team, will return in the autumn as an adult leader. As this left a gap for a young leader, Isla Evans has joined us as Shanti and has been amazing in her first year with us, bringing so much to the pack. Sadly, we also said goodbye to Gareth Burrows at the end of our summer term. Gareth has been an amazing adult volunteer, who has given a lot of time, support and energy doing additional training and qualifications to help booster our leadership team skills. He will be sorely missed.

As I always do, I would like to take this moment then to thank the other members of our awesome team, without whose support we couldn't do what we do. A massive Thank you to Carly Harrison, Claire Parker, Finlay Riddoch, Jamie Ward, Julianne Ince and Robin Evans.

During the year we said goodbye to 9 cubs and welcomed 6 new young people into the pack, with another 3 due to join us in September 2026, taking us to a pack size of 28 children.

This year we also had the pleasure of presenting three Cubs with their Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cub can achieve, and a massive well done and shout out goes to Maya Spencer Neill, Ewan Bicknell and Phoebe Leith.

In total this year we awarded a total of 350 badges, which is a 29.6% increase compared to the 270 badges we awarded in 2025. A lot of this was done through increasing badge work in our balanced programme, but as a reminder the young people can also normally tick off the final bits of certain badges, or even work on some outside of the sessions through the badges at home scheme. If we don't complete all badge elements in an evening, we will normally send home some additional material to be completed and uploaded quickly and easily, but if you have any questions one of the team would be happy to take you through it.

Autumn Term 2025



After the summer holidays, a return to scouting saw us create a theme for the autumn term, working towards a special East Anglia Air Ambulance Challenge Badge. Raising awareness for the charity, we had them come in to teach us about the important work they do, as well as some essential CPR skills. One of the key requirements of the badge was also to participate in a fundraising activity, so the young people and an accompanying adult joined us on a visit to the 67th Bug Hunters Park Run in Northstowe. Additional fundraising activity happened and we were pleased to be able to present an oversized cheque to the charity for £1,203.



Throughout our autumn term we also completed a chip shop hike, walking from St Ives to Fenstanton (ending with some chips), as well as participating in a wonderful family camp at Leslie Sell with other sections. At Copley we had an evening doing backwards cooking, making inside out apple crumble, coring the apple, filling it with broken biscuit and custard, wrapping in tinfoil and

cooking on a fire, before unwrapping and adding some more custard and eating. Having done that, we flipped gears and ran an athletics badge evening and did some rifle shooting as well. We ended the term in December by making Christmas cards for a local care home, carol singing around Fenstanton and ice skating with the Scout Troop.

Spring Term 2026

Our spring term kicked off with 2 teams representing us at the District water carnival. Against 16 other teams and 9 different groups, we came away with the first place trophy. Alongside that, Georgia won the young leader race while I took the top spot for the adult leader race, with Robin and Claire placing 2nd and 3rd.



We joined other sections at the Pantomime (oh yes we did) and early into the term celebrated Burns Night, with some of our leaders busting out the tartan, including a lovely kilt from Chil. Nearly all the children enjoyed eating some haggis (what we described as minced lamb in case you are wondering), and it was a resounding hit!

Local artist extraordinaire Pablo joined us for an evening focused on the Artist badge, where the young people learnt about shadowing, before making a collage of the four seasons. They learnt about colours and shapes, before designing their own magical 5th season.

An evening focused on Hobbies and Collections allowed the young people to share their passions with each other, and while there were a lot of Pokémon cards and some discussions on Lego, we also covered sport, books, World War 2 history, historic ships and a visit from some baby chicks. Money skills was an evening where the kids learnt all about money, interest rates and (hopefully) the importance and benefits of saving.

Our unique spring camp this term, following Kip on a Ship in 2024 and the Secret Nuclear Bunker in 2025, was a sleepover at Clip and Climb. Climbing, dinner, movie night and lights out at about 11pm, before waking up, breakfast and another climbing session before pick up. Great fun was had by all.

We rounded off the term with some fire lighting skills and a visit to Huntingdon fire station.



Summer Term 2026

The summer term saw us try and get outside as much as we possibly could. Kaa did an evening of baking in Fen Drayton Village Hall, where the young people made cookies. We then got out to Meadow Lodge Farm to do some gardening activities and archery. We took part in the district sausage sizzle with our pack and leaders helping lead the campfire to 70 young people and 3 other groups. We worked towards our environmental conservation badge and then took part in a bike ride to Fen Drayton lakes, as well as learning some key knife skills whittling some wood.

We also took a trip to Holt Island for a private Weekend on the Water session, where the cubs got to do some tomahawk throwing and took to the water on large 6-person paddleboats.

We took to the stage at Fenstanton Village Fun Day with the squirrels, beavers and scouts, helping share some scouting experiences with the wider community. We took part in a big water fight and then ended our term with a private session with the scouts at Little Paxton Aqua Park, which is always a well enjoyed evening.

While we had plans for a summer camp, it was sadly postponed due to the start of what became our hottest summer ever, and I do believe it was the right thing to do. We had a lot of fun things planned, and look forward to doing them in September when the weather is hopefully a little cooler.

In Closing

If you have read this far, thank you for sticking it out. I always find these reports hard to write because I am just so proud of everything we as a leadership team and what your young people can accomplish week in, week out. It takes a lot of effort to keep delivering as we do, and your support in helping us deliver a programme when needed is greatly appreciated.

We have a lot planned already for autumn and spring, and I cannot wait to share more details. With our postponed back-to-basics camp planned for our autumn term and the idea of something new and different that the pack have never done before for our spring camp — there are some fun and exciting surprises ahead.

If you are interested in joining the madness, we always welcome new people to our team, so please feel free to reach out. As I said in my report last year, many hands make light work, and we are always on the lookout for more volunteers (across all sections). If you have any feedback for us, good or constructive, we would also love to hear that, so please don't hesitate to share.

Yours in Scouting,
Dave Bevan/Akela

7. Scouts Annual Report

Our goal as Scout leaders is to run a fun and challenging programme of activities, with opportunities for Scouts to learn skills, gain confidence and develop as team members. We regularly run "troop forums" in which we ask the Scouts what they've enjoyed (and not enjoyed) at recent meetings, and their suggestions for the future programme. As Scouts progress, we ask some of them to take on leadership roles as Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, in which they are responsible for supporting and helping the younger Scouts. We also ask them to help plan and run meetings and camps. This is all supported by the system of badges and awards.

The top award in Scouts is the Chief Scout's Gold Award, which involves completing all of the challenge badges. Scouts that join-in at our meetings, camps and other activities will tick-off many of the badge requirements. But achieving the Gold Award will require Scouts to do some additional work at home, including the "personal challenges". You can submit evidence of the badgework you've done at home through OSM, or bring it along to a meeting.



We started the autumn term with a troop forum, followed by a packed programme of activities: An incident hike, air rifle shooting, a baking competition (organised by PL Finley), hikes, bonfire night (practicing fire lighting), candle making and ice skating. We spent an evening learning about democracy and running a debate. The Scouts planted bulbs on the verge of Chequers Street near the car park, to help make Fenstanton more beautiful. And we visited the excellent Shuttleworth Collection air museum.



Towards the end of September we joined the Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels for a family activity day and group camp. In October several Scouts joined the Cromwell Mountaineering Club (CMC) trip to Ilkley. Isla joined the (sadly last ever) Cygnet sailing trip on the Norfolk Broads over half term, which a number of our Scouts have been on over the years.



In January we held a "Traitors Camp", themed on the television show. Everyone had a tremendous amount of fun, and a tense final resulted in faithfuls Jacob and Oliver winning the day. Immediately afterwards we all went to the panto.



The spring term programme included more air rifle shooting, first aid, a visit to the Institute of Astronomy and campfire cooking. We spent an evening hearing about each of the Scouts' favourite hobbies. Cobras patrol organised an evening of board games and Lions patrol organised a night hike. And finally we all had a go at piloting on a flight simulator built with a real airplane cockpit.



Other activities during the spring term included CMC trips to Ivinghoe Beacon and the Big Rock climbing wall. We had our best ever participation in the Forward Hike this year, with fourteen Scouts in three teams. The chaperoned teams did extremely well, coming 3rd and 9th of 28 teams in their category. And our A team made us all very proud by coming second out of 42 teams from across Cambridgeshire. So close!





During the Easter break four Scouts joined a CMC trip to Yorkshire. In May we held a weekend camp at Jordan's Close, with rafting, cooking, campfire songs, pioneering and games. It was great to see seven Scouts join the CMC trip to the Peak District in June.

As usual we spent the whole of the summer term outdoors, with activities including pioneering, conservation, archery, bushcraft, windsurfing, sailing, hiking and campfire cooking. Stags patrol organised a "Hunted Hike" in which the leaders tried to catch teams of Scouts who were hunting for treasure. Eagles patrol organised a team competition with a set of four challenges, which was won impressively by Ariana, Asha and Sam. We spent an evening running around Cambridge trying to visit every location on a monopoly board. And our last meeting of the year was at the water park, where we invested our newest members (and pushed each other into the lake, of course).



For those that felt they hadn't spent enough time getting wet, nine Scouts joined the WOW water activities day at Holt Island, where we did kayaking, coracling, stand-up paddle-boarding and archery.

All of this happens thanks to the support of a hard working team, all of whom are volunteers. Very many thanks to the Scout leaders David, Jess (and new recruit Annabelle), Paul, Neil, and Caitlin; to our occasional helpers Poppy, Greg and Cameron; to our young leader Thomas; to Jamie (GSL) and to the other section volunteers, and to the board of trustees and other supporters.



A special thanks to Neil, who after eight years as a Scout leader is moving on to help at another group. We are hugely grateful for everything you've done for us Neil. (This isn't goodbye – Neil has promised to join us for the odd activity or camp).

If anyone is interested in joining in the fun we would very much welcome having more adult and young leaders. Please get in touch!

David Riddoch
Scout Leader

8. Other Information

The contact details and volunteering text below are carried over unchanged from last year's report (they were not part of the material supplied for 2025-26) — please confirm they are still correct before the AGM.

8.1 Communication

Alongside using OSM (onlinescoutmanager.co.uk) to contact you, we have individual email addresses for our Group, which can be used if you need to contact the sections or members of the executive committee directly. These are as follows:

Squirrels - squirrels@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Beavers - beavers@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Cubs - cubs@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Scouts - scouts@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Group Lead Volunteer - gsl@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Trustees Chair - chair@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Treasurer - treasurer@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Membership - membership@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Communications - comms@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

Working with so many different families, we do appreciate that the way we communicate works really well for some families and less well for others, whilst acknowledging that whatever we do (with this or indeed anything else) we are unlikely to please everyone. We use OSM as our primary communication channel. Please make sure all your details are up to date by regularly “checking in” and please do check your email and spam filters to ensure important information about events and activities doesn't get missed.

If you have any suggestions for consideration (about this or any other topic) please do raise them directly to gsl@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk

8.2 Volunteering Opportunities Available

You look like a role model!

At 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scouts, we LOVE doing what we do – empowering young people with skills for life, helping them make friends for life and starting them on the adventurous journey through Scouting – which can last for life.

But with more than 50 children waiting to join our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections, we need your support. Could you be one of our amazing volunteers who can guide the next generation through their Scouting journey?

With roles to fit around your skills and commitments, volunteering with us is a hugely rewarding experience – and looks great on your CV too!

To find out more about starting or continuing your Scouting journey with us, visit our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/1stFenHilScouts, or email us at comms@1st-fenstantonandhilton-scouts.org.uk.

Appendix A – Accounts for 2025-2026

Year start date: 01/04/2025 To Year end date: 31/03/2026

Receipts and payments — year ended 31 March 2026 (prior year 2024/25 shown for comparison)		
	2025/26 £	**2024/25 £**
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions + programme extras	£17,132.00	£14,576.00
Events/Camp income	£6,602.13	£7,906.55
Donations	£232.96	£201.47
Gift Aid	£3,337.79	£3,501.81
Sub total	**£27,304.88**	**£26,185.83**
Grants		
Huntingdon Futures Grant	£0.00	£880.00
Fen Drayton Community Café Grant	£0.00	£224.34
Town Trust	£200.00	£0.00
Sub total	**£200.00**	**£1,104.34**
Fundraising events (gross)		
EasyFundraising		£42.78
Village Fun Day	£448.44	£376.50
Badge Sewing	£17.00	£43.50
Christmas Lights	£288.98	£146.42
VE Day	£100.00	£0.00
Equipment Hire	£220.50	£40.00
Sub total	**£1,074.92**	**£649.20**
Investment income		
Bank interest	£5,093.11	£4,891.23
Sub total	**£5,093.11**	**£4,891.23**
Total Gross Income	**£33,672.91**	**£32,830.60**
Asset and investment sales, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total receipts	**£33,672.91**	**£32,830.60**
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions	£5,546.00	£4,930.00
Youth programme and activities	£5,505.38	£5,243.57
Squirrels Set Up	£0.00	£769.35
Events/Camps	£6,253.94	£9,656.00

Rent	£2,180.25	£2,039.88
Badges, woggles, neckers	£1,492.12	£1,263.69
Insurance	£494.20	£506.95
Equipment	£1,431.87	£1,871.30
Group expenses	£1,038.62	£1,199.78
Discretionary Fund	£109.00	£0.00
Uniforms	£975.02	£683.53
Group Camp/AGM	£1,918.24	£0.00
Training	£473.34	£1,266.03
OSM costs	£277.00	£224.00
Bank Charges	£289.67	£317.74
Sub total	**£27,984.65**	**£29,971.82**
Fundraising expenses		
Village Fun Day	£52.96	£59.77
Christmas Lights	£89.66	£16.31
Sub total	**£142.62**	**£76.08**
Total Gross Expenditure	**£28,127.27**	**£30,047.90**
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	£0.00	£0.00
Total payments	**£28,127.27**	**£30,047.90**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**£5,545.64**	**£2,782.70**
Cash funds last year end	£128,413.64	£125,630.94
Cash funds this year end	**£133,959.28**	**£128,413.64**
Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year		
	2025/26 £	**2024/25 £**
Cash funds		
Bank current account	£5,562.21	£4,814.17
Bank deposit account	£128,173.07	£123,309.97
Cash/Floats	£224.00	£289.50
Total cash funds	**£133,959.28**	**£128,413.64**
Total net assets	**£133,959.28**	**£128,413.64**

Appendix B – Accounts scrutineer's / independent examiner's report

LT700006 - Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees (January 2024)

England & Wales

Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Fenstanton and Hilton 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 Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group 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 the 1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

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Date: 06 August 2026

Appendix C – Annual Report

For the period from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026 — Charity Commission Trustees' Annual Report form

Section A Reference and administration details	
Charity name	1st Fenstanton and Hilton Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1197037
HQ registration number	
Charity's principal address	6 Hall Green Lane Fenstanton Huntingdon Postcode: PE28 9JH
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity *(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)*	1. Charlotte Harrison — Chair 2. Heather Bevan — Treasurer 3. Jamie Ward — Group Lead Volunteer 4. Cathy Fewtrell — Trustee 5. Ian Hucklesby — Trustee 6. John Raine — Trustee 7. Emma Waldron-Smythe — Trustee (from 06/11/2025)
Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
Section B Structure, governance and management	
Type of governing document (e.g. 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 (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustees' consideration of major risks and	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

the systems and procedures to manage them	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 and 4 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee) and meets every 3 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This 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 Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group does not own any property and rents meeting spaces for section meetings from third-parties (local village hall). These meeting places are covered by independent insurance held by the third parties. The Group has also undertaken its own safety audit of the premises and maintains risk assessments. The Group has sufficient contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss, and is covered by the Public Liability insurance of the Scout Association. The Group also holds separate insurance to cover the participation of non-members in activities, e.g. at family open days or public events. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy which covers all members in undertaking activities provided by the Group. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities and dynamically reviewed during and after activities. Reduced income from fundraising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, Gift Aid, and fundraising. The group holds sufficient reserves to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the

	group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently, if required. 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 4 to 14. 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 policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.
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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Group delivers a programme of fun, challenging and adventurous activities through weekly section meetings, day trips, and nights away, which are all run in accordance with the Policies, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association. The programme is delivered by adult volunteers and is shaped by young people through their input of ideas and age-appropriate peer leadership roles.
Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)	
Public benefit statement	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 Achievements and performance	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	Continued to run successful Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections. Maintained a healthy youth membership of 90 young people (as of Scout Census in January 2026) (2025: 84 youth members). The Group has also recruited and retained a strong team of adult volunteers who have successfully worked together to deliver the programme in a safe and sustainable manner (2026: 28 adult volunteers. 2025: 23 adult volunteers).
Section E Financial review	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**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 considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 3 months running costs, circa £5,000. The Group held reserves of approximately £5,000 against this at year end. This is at the level required to cover operating expenses in the event of a shortfall in income. The Group also has significant additional funds ringfenced for other purposes to secure the long-term future of the Group (see Section F below).
Quantify and explain any designations	

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	N/A
Further financial review details: the charity's principal sources of funds; how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; investment policy and objectives	**Investment Policy (Specimen 1)** The Group's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service. The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements. **Investment Policy (Specimen 2)** 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 only mainstream banks or building societies. Fixed term investments are for a maximum of one year and the Group Trustee Board considers cash flow requirements before opening fixed term saving accounts.
Section F Other Optional Information	
Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	A significant proportion of the Group's capital funds are ringfenced for the potential future development of a Scout Hut. These funds were raised through a generous grant following the closure and disposal of the former Literary Institute in Fenstanton. Opportunities to lease or purchase land locally to develop the Scout Hut are being explored.
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): Charlotte Harrison Position: Chair Date: 02/09/2026 Signature(s): J.A.Ward Full name(s): James Anthony Ward Position: Group Lead Volunteer / Trustee Date: 30/08/2026