Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025

Charity Name	**2nd Ashbourne Scout Group**
Charity Registration Number	**1201210**

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objects of the charity are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential; as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. **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 the purpose and objects	The Scout Group provides fun and adventurous programmes and activities for its youth members through the work of its volunteer section teams. This is achieved through provision of the weekly programme and additional activities, camps and expeditions at weekends and occasionally during school holidays. The programme is based around each sections challenge awards which utilise the Scout Method to deliver its purpose following its values. This can be evidenced through our youth members achieving their top awards – Chief Scouts Bronze Award (Beavers), Chief Scouts Silver Award (Cubs), Chief Scouts Gold Award (Scouts), and Chief Scouts Platinum, Diamond and DofE Awards as the Kings Scout Award (Explorers).
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity 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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	The main achievements of the charity are identified in the Chairman's, the Group Lead's, and the Section Leads' reports which are attached. These reports demonstrate the growth of the charity and the increased resilience of the young people in each Section. The young people continue to impress with their enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to take on new challenges. Their confidence continues to grow as they develop new skills and friendships.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Achievements against objectives* • *Fundraising activities* • *Contribution made by volunteers*	Our fundraising team raised £24,007 (2024: £8,070) with associated expenditure of £2,638 (2024: £1,993) from various activities during the year, including the Santa Float and pop-up cafes. Each Section is led by volunteers without whom our activities would be unable to take place. Details on volunteer numbers can be found in the attached Group Lead's report.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	Income for the year was £84,519 (2024: £52,398) including £28,911 (2024: £11,657) for the building restricted fund and expenditure for the year was £58,044 (2024: £45,386) including £2,638 (2024: £1,993) for the building restricted fund, resulting in a surplus of £26,475 (2024: £7,012) including a surplus of £26,273 (2024: £9,019) for the building restricted fund. Total funds at year end were £121,144 (2024: £94,669) including £96,168 (2024: £69,773) for the building restricted fund. The Scout Hall was recently valued for insurance purposes at £583,243.
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustees consider that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs, circa £27,700 (2024: £21,700). The charity held reserves of approximately £25,000 (2024: £24,900) at year end. The Trustees anticipate that reserves will exceed the required level by the end of 2026.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The charity's reserves are small and consequently the charity does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The charity 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.
A description of the principal risks	The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the charity 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 building, property and equipment.** The charity has excellent relationships with other local community groups and could access their premises or equipment if necessary. The trustees ensure that appropriate insurance at suitable levels of cover are obtained and kept up to date. **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters, and members.** The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations

	national accident insurance policy. Risk assessments are undertaken for all activities. **Reduction or loss of leaders.** The Group is reliant upon volunteer leaders to run and administer the activities of the Group. Should leader to young people ratios reach an unacceptable level activities would not proceed. **Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged four to eighteen. Should a demand for places diminish sections would close as necessary, however demand for places is high and we operate a waiting list. The charity 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 a comprehensive suite of insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity'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.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association Trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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 exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations;

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	**Scout Hall** **Buxton Road** **Ashbourne** **DE6 1EX**

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	James Marsden	Chair	Appointed 17th April 2026
2	Nigel Gould	Lead Volunteer	
3	Beth Threlfall	Treasurer	
4	Gillian Elliott		
5	Ewan Godfrey		
6	Sarah Stelfox		
7	Natalie de Souza		Appointed 23rd January 2026
8	Linton Wilson		Appointed 17th April 2026
9	Allie Klein		Resigned 17th April 2026
10	David Threlfall		Resigned 23rd January 2026
11	Leslie White		Resigned 23rd January 2026

Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Amy Tereva	**C/O Coats and Partners Ltd** 51 John Street Ashbourne DE6 1GP

Declaration

The Trustees Annual Report was approved by the Trustees on 2nd October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature		
Full name	**James Marsden**	**Beth Threlfall**
Position held	**Chair**	**Treasurer**

2nd Ashbourne Scout Group (Charity no. 1201210)

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year	From	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025

Receipts and Payments

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership Fees	24,550	-	-	24,550	18,994
Donations	-	1,198	-	1,198	1,100
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	3,706	-	3,706	2,487
Other similar income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,550	4,904	-	29,454	22,581
Grants					
Other grant income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events					
Other fundraising activities	-	24,007	-	24,007	8,070
Sub total	-	24,007	-	24,007	8,070
Charitable activities					
Activities Income	330	-	-	330	1,696
Event income	29,683	-	-	29,683	20,051
Badge income	1,045	-	-	1,045	-
Other charitable activities income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,058	-	-	31,058	21,747
Other income					
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total gross income	55,608	28,911	-	84,519	52,398
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,608	28,911	-	84,519	52,398

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year start date | Year end date

For the year	From	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025

Receipts and Payments

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments					
Charitable payments					
Membership fees paid (National/County/Area/District)	8,951	-	-	8,951	7,776
Youth programme and activities	2,612	-	-	2,612	4,250
Rent	393	-	-	393	220
Utilities	2,225	-	-	2,225	1,605
Insurance	2,089	-	-	2,089	1,797
Materials and equipment	-	-	-	-	1,116
Uniform and badges	4,097	-	-	4,097	3,023
Admistrative expenses	1,519	-	-	1,519	1,307
Bank and payment charges	90	-	-	90	57
Events	28,157	-	-	28,157	19,375
Premises Maintenance	5,273	-	-	5,273	2,867
Other costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	55,406	-	-	55,406	43,393
Fundraising expenses					
Other fundraising costs	-	2,638	-	2,638	1,993
Sub total	-	2,638	-	2,638	1,993
Total gross expenditure	55,406	2,638	-	58,044	45,386
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,406	2,638	-	58,044	45,386
Net of receipts/(payments)	202	26,273	-	26,475	7,012
Transfers between funds	-122	122	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	24,896	69,773	-	94,669	87,657
Cash funds this year end	24,976	96,168	-	121,144	94,669

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Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st December 2025

	31st Dec 25				31st Dec 24
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	18,434	-	-	18,434	15,465
Bank deposit account	6,542	-	-	6,542	9,431
Building society account	-	96,168	-	96,168	69,773
Other investment funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	24,976	96,168	-	121,144	94,669
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	1,637	-	-	1,637	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Other	15	-	-	15	-
Sub total	1,652	-	-	1,652	-
Investment assets					
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	68	-	-	68	-
Land and buildings (Insurance Valuation)	583,243	-	-	583,243	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc >£500 per item	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	583,311	-	-	583,311	-
Liabilities					
Suppliers not yet paid	-644	-	-	-644	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-244	-	-	-244	-
Membership subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-888	-	-	-888	-
Total net assets	609,051	96,168	-	705,219	94,669

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 2nd October 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	James Marsden - Chair
	Beth Threlfall - Treasurer

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, using CC32a guidance. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the applicable requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 7th October 2026