Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From : **1st April 2025** **To :** **31st March 2026**

Charity name: **Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18)**

Charity registration number: **1207074**

Charities Principal Address: **The Scout Hut**
Areley Common
Areley Kings
Stourport
Worcestershire
DY13 0NB

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	*To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.*
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19 Scouting requirement	*Areley Kings Scout Group provides a varied and balanced programme of Scouting for young people through its Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer sections. Activities include weekly meetings, outdoor and adventurous activities, camps, skills development, community involvement and opportunities for young people to develop teamwork, independence, confidence and leadership.* *The Group's activities are delivered in accordance with the purpose, values and policies of The Scout Association and are designed to support young people's personal development and contribution to their communities.*
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18 Scouting requirement	*The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and reviewing the Group's activities. The Trustees consider that the Group meets the public benefit requirements through the advancement of*

		education and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	*Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18) has no policy on grant making during this reporting period*
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	*Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18) does not undertake social investment or programme-related investment and therefore has no specific policy in this area.*
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	*The contribution made by volunteers during this reporting period has not been financially quantified. It includes the significant time contributed by the Group Lead Volunteer, Section Leaders and their teams in planning and delivering weekly meetings, activities, events and camps, as well as maintaining the Group's equipment and premises.*
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	*The aim of Areley Kings Scout Group is to provide Scouting to boys and girls in the Areley Kings & Stourport on Severn areas for young people aged 6 to 18 through its Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer sections. During the 2025-2026 period, the group has had membership and attendance of circa 80 young people; has supported the local Remembrance Day and St. Georges Day parades, a group camp to Aztec Adventure in June 25 attended by 53 young people, and numerous other camps in the Lake District, North Wales, Locally at Rhydd, Shropshire & Worcestershire in general. The Group also received generous support from local businesses and organisations during the year, including donations towards activities and events.*

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Group ended the 2025–2026 financial year in a **stronger financial position**, with total funds increasing from **£7,670.38 to £11,652.98**. Total income increased to **£30,519.67**, compared with £19,740.05 in the previous year, while expenditure was **£26,537.07**, resulting in a **surplus of £3,982.60** for the year. A significant contributor to the improved position was **£8,038.80 of Gift Aid income**, alongside increased membership fee income, donations and income from section activities. This has allowed the Group to meet increased operating and activity costs, invest in equipment and strengthen its overall financial position. Continued focus should be placed on: 1. **Monitoring utility and membership costs**, both of which continued to increase during the year. 2. **Maintaining Gift Aid participation and submitting future claims** to maximise this important source of income. 3. **Maintaining appropriate fundraising and donation income** to support the Group's activities and future investment. 4. **Maintaining an appropriate level of reserves** to protect the Group against unexpected expenditure and support the continued provision of Scouting. *See full Treasurer Report at the end of this review for full details.*
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	***Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves*** *The Group maintains a minimum reserve to ensure that it could meet its essential financial obligations and costs should there be a major reduction in income or the Group be required to cease operating. The Trustees have determined that a minimum reserve of **£5,000** is appropriate for this purpose.*
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	*£5000*
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	*N/A*
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	*0*
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	*Para 1.23*	*No uncertainties identified*

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	*The Group's principal sources of funds during the year were membership fees and Gift Aid, which together accounted for approximately 57.8% of total income. The Group also received income from section activities and events, donations and fundraising.*
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	*Increased activity in fund-raising and whilst the group is mostly reliant on funds from subscriptions, both have increased during this financial period. The group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities – and this is starting to increase at the end of this financial year due to the implementation of Gift Aid, additional fund raising and the raising of subscriptions.*
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	*Group constitution* *The Group governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the byelaws of the association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.*
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	*The group is a trust established under its rules (the constitution) which are common to all Scouts.*
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	*Scout requirements for selection of Trustees changed in April 2024. WF18 Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.*

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	*Members of the Trustee Board are required to complete the Scouts' 'Being a Trustee' learning within the first six months of joining the Board*
The charity's organisational structure and any wider	Para 1.51	Areley Kings Scout Group is part of The Scout Association and operates within its

network with which the charity works		Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR). The Group's Scouting activities are delivered by its volunteer leadership teams, while the Group Trustee Board is responsible for the charity's governance, finances, property and compliance. Members of the Trustee Board are charity trustees and are responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with relevant charity legislation, maintains appropriate financial records and controls, manages its assets and risks appropriately, and makes the required returns to the Charity Commission.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Risk and Internal control	Scout requirement	***The principal risks identified by the Trustee Board are:*** • ***Volunteer capacity*** *– maintaining sufficient volunteers to deliver weekly section meetings, camps, activities and events, as well as volunteers to support the effective operation of the Trustee Board.* • ***Financial sustainability*** *– the Group relies on membership subscriptions, Gift Aid, fundraising and donations to support its activities. Increasing operating costs, including utilities and membership costs, continue to be monitored.* • ***Fundraising and income*** *– a reduction in fundraising, donations or other income could affect the Group's ability to maintain its current level of activities and investment. The Group maintains a minimum reserve of* ***£5,000*** *to help protect against a significant reduction in income or other unforeseen circumstances.* • ***Buildings, equipment and property*** *– there is a risk of loss or damage to the Scout Hut, equipment and other Group property. Appropriate building and contents insurance is maintained, together with reasonable measures to protect and secure the premises and equipment.* • ***Continuity of Scouting provision*** *– the Trustee Board continues to monitor the Group's financial position, volunteer capacity and other operational risks to*

		help ensure the continued provision of Scouting for young people in Areley Kings and the surrounding area.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1207074
Charity's principal address	The Scout Hut Areley Common Stourport-on-Severn Worcestershire DY13 0NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Vacant	Chair of Trustees	Andrew Rawlinson acted as Chair throughout the year	Trustee Board
2	Andrew Rawlinson	Group Lead Volunteer		
4	James Stanley	Trustee		Trustee Board
5	John Malinowski	Trustee		Trustee Board
6	Trevor Jones	Trustee		Trustee Board
8	Vacant	Group Treasurer	interim managed by Andrew Rawlinson for full year	Trustee Board
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew Rawlinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Group Lead Volunteer	
Date	31st Aug 2026	

ARELEY KINGS SCOUT GROUP (WF18) ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

(2025 TO 2026)

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income		
Bank Interest	£74.80	£71.46
Donation	£3,175.00	£834.00
Events	£0.00	£2,929.21
Events - Beavers	£0.00	-£0.35
Events - Cubs	£3,601.81	£2,633.95
Events - Scouts	£4,464.62	£2,912.52
Fundraising	£1,556.00	£1,782.00
Gift Aid	£8,038.80	£0.00
Membership Fees	£9,608.64	£8,577.26
Expense		
Activity Equipment	£0.00	£40.48
Admin	£156.17	£215.01
Badges	£1,035.61	£868.25
Bank Fees	£14.81	£0.00
Camping Equipment	£483.35	£69.89
Events - Beavers	£613.00	£753.00
Events - Cubs	£3,175.55	£1,647.51
Events - Explorers	£3.69	£0.00
Events - Scouts	£3,646.71	£2,515.35
Group Cleaning Equipment	£16.13	£0.00
Group Equipment	£2,532.99	£505.55
Group Events	£3,142.68	£2,984.14
Group Stationery	£0.00	£129.64
Insurance	£1,301.00	£1,370.74
Meetings - Beavers	£395.39	£318.00
Meetings - Cubs	£721.47	£269.60
Meetings - Explorers	£167.45	£0.00
Meetings - Scouts	£1,295.77	£701.78
Membership Costs	£4,966.17	£4,664.44
Utilities	£2,727.35	£2,189.29
Venue Maintenance	£141.78	£249.40
Account balances		
Expense Account	£828.95	£796.75
Areley Kings Scout Group	£500.22	£864.62
Areley Kings Scout Group Saving account	£10,323.81	£6,009.01
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	£7,670.38	£7,422.40
Total income	£30,519.67	£19,740.05
Total expenditure	£26,537.07	£19,492.07
Net income	£3,982.60	£247.98
Account balance carried forward	£11,652.98	£7,670.38

Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18) Treasurer's Annual Report

Financial Year: 2025–2026

I am pleased to present the annual financial report for Areley Kings Scout Group for the financial year ending 2026.

Overview

The Group finished the year in a significantly stronger financial position than the previous year.

Total income for 2025–2026 was **£30,519.67**, compared with **£19,740.05** in 2024–2025. Total expenditure was **£26,537.07**, compared with **£19,492.07** in the previous year.

This resulted in a **net surplus of £3,982.60**, compared with a surplus of **£247.98** in 2024–2025.

The Group's total funds carried forward therefore increased from **£7,670.38 to £11,652.98**.

Income

The increase in income was driven by several areas.

Gift Aid income of £8,038.80 was received during the year and was the largest single factor behind the improvement in the Group's financial position.

Membership fee income increased to **£9,608.64**, compared with **£8,577.26** in the previous year.

Income from section events also increased. Cubs generated **£3,601.81**, compared with **£2,633.95**, while Scout events generated **£4,464.62**, compared with **£2,912.52** in 2024–2025.

Donations increased substantially to **£3,175.00**, compared with **£834.00** in the previous year.

Fundraising income remained strong at **£1,556.00**, although this was slightly below the previous year's **£1,782.00**.

Bank interest increased slightly to **£74.80**, compared with **£71.46**.

Overall, the Group benefited from a much broader and stronger income base during the year, with Gift Aid, donations, section activities and membership fees all contributing positively.

Expenditure

Total expenditure increased to **£26,537.07**, reflecting a busy year of Scouting activity and increased investment in the Group.

Membership costs increased to **£4,966.17**, compared with **£4,664.44** in 2024–2025.

Section event expenditure also increased, particularly for Cubs and Scouts. Cubs event expenditure was **£3,175.55**, compared with **£1,647.51**, while Scout event expenditure rose to **£3,646.71**, compared with **£2,515.35**.

Group event expenditure increased slightly to **£3,142.68**, from **£2,984.14**.

There was also a significant increase in investment in Group equipment, which rose to **£2,532.99**, compared with **£505.55** in the previous year. Camping equipment expenditure increased to **£483.35**, from **£69.89**.

Utilities continued to rise and reached **£2,727.35**, compared with **£2,189.29** in 2024–2025. This remains an area that should continue to be monitored.

Badge expenditure increased to **£1,035.61**, compared with **£868.25**.

Administrative expenditure reduced to **£156.17**, from **£215.01**, while insurance costs reduced slightly to **£1,301.00**, from **£1,370.74**.

Account Balances

At the end of the financial year, the Group held total funds of **£11,652.98**, comprising:

- **Expense Account:** £828.95
- **Areley Kings Scout Group Account:** £500.22
- **Areley Kings Scout Group Savings Account:** £10,323.81

This compares with total funds of **£7,670.38** at the end of the previous financial year.

The increase of **£3,982.60** reflects the Group's surplus for the year and provides a stronger financial position going into 2026–2027.

Summary and Outlook

The 2025–2026 financial year has been a strong year for the Group financially.

The introduction of Gift Aid income, increased donations, higher membership fee income and stronger section event income have enabled the Group not only to absorb increased running and activity costs, but also to strengthen its reserves considerably.

At the same time, the Group has invested more heavily in equipment and activities for young people, while continuing to manage its finances responsibly.

The priorities for the coming year should be to:

1. Continue to monitor increasing utility and membership costs.
2. Maintain and develop Gift Aid income.
3. Continue appropriate investment in Group and camping equipment.
4. Maintain strong fundraising and donation income.
5. Ensure section activities remain financially sustainable.
6. Continue to build and protect the Group's reserves so that it can respond to future costs and opportunities.

The Group enters the new financial year with a significantly improved financial position and a healthy level of reserves to support the continued provision of Scouting in Areley Kings.

I would like to thank all volunteers, parents, supporters and donors whose contributions have helped support the Group during the year.

Prepared by:

Andrew Rawlinson

Acting Treasurer, Areley Kings Scout Group (WF18)

Dated: 31st August 2026