

Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26

23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

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Reference and administration information

We present below the reference and administration details of the charity as required by law.

Administration

Name (as per Charity Commission register)	23rd Bromley Scout Group
Scout Association/working name	23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group
Sponsoring body	St Augustine's Parish Church, Bromley, Diocese of Rochester
Scout Association registration number	10011744
Scout District and County	Bromley District, Greater London South County
Registered charity number	267692
Registered charity address	3 Pondfield Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8HJ
Operating premises	Scout Headquarters, Homemead Road, Bromley, BR2 8BB

Trustees

The charity trustees who managed the charity from 1st April 2025 to the date of signing this report were the members of the Group Trustee Board as follows:

Chair	Colin Goodwin
Treasurer	Jonathan Pownall
Group Lead Volunteer	Jenny Owens
Other Trustees	Sandra Goodwin, Paul Gubby, Peter Philpott (from 3 November 2025), Matthew Pownall, Hazel Smith, Robert Townsend and David Wilcox
Sponsoring Body Nominated Representative	Rev. Steve Spencer

Advisers

Independent Examiner	Raymond Kirk
Bankers	Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank, Bath Building Society
Insurance broker	Unity Insurance Services

Structure, governance and management

The 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group was established shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War. The earliest record in our archives is a logbook entry noting that the Group's first Scout meeting took place on 7 November 1939. As Scout Groups grow or acquire property, they cease to be treated as 'excepted' charities and must register independently with the Charity Commission. The Group was entered onto the Charity Commission Register on 28 June 1974.



Leaders and members at HQ

The Group is sponsored by St Augustine's Parish Church, Bromley, within the Diocese of Rochester, and is registered with The Scout Association under registration number 10011744. We are part of Bromley District, which in turn forms part of Greater London South County.

This Annual Report has been prepared by the Trustee Board of the 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Charities Acts and the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. It covers the financial year ended 31 March 2026 and the census year ended 31 January 2026.

Governing document

The Group operates as a charitable trust under rules common to all Scout Groups. Its governing documents are those of The Scout Association, including the Royal Charter of 4 January 1912, which incorporated the Association and provides the authority for its byelaws and POR. These documents establish the Scout movement's structure of Counties, Districts and Groups.

The Group constitution follows the model constitution set out in POR.

Management

The Group is governed by a Trustee Board, whose members serve as the charity trustees of the Scout Group. The trustees are responsible for ensuring compliance with charity law and other relevant legislation, maintaining proper accounting records, making necessary returns and meeting the reporting obligations of the Charity Commission.

As an unincorporated association, the Group cannot legally hold property in its own name and is therefore required to appoint a custodian trustee. Custodian trustees are separate from charity trustees and have no role in the management or oversight of the charity. The Group's premises at Homemead Road are held on its behalf by the Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC), acting as custodian trustee. SATC is a company limited by guarantee, established by The Scout Association in 1935, and specifically authorised to hold land on behalf of Scout Groups, Districts and Counties.

The Trustee Board comprises the Chair, Treasurer, Group Lead Volunteer, together with additional members appointed as appropriate. The Board ordinarily meets four times each year to oversee the Group's governance and strategic direction. There was an additional Trustee meeting in December 2025 to formally approve commencement of the HQ refurbishment work.

The Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of appointments and is responsible for oversight of:

- the maintenance and upkeep of property and equipment;
- the raising of funds and the administration of finance;
- the insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- appointing any sub-committees that may be required; and
- appointing Group administrators and advisers other than those who are elected.

Risk and internal control

The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which it believes the Group is exposed. The risk register follows the Scout Association model risk register as modified to reflect local circumstances. It has been reviewed during the year.

Risks are tracked and managed under the following categories:

- **External risks.** These are associated with factors from outside Scouts, for example extreme weather events or a turbulent political or economic environment.
- **Operational risks.** These are associated with running the Sections and delivering the programme.
- **Financial risks.** These are associated with managing money, reserves, funding and investments.
- **Legal and regulatory risks.** These are associated with change to or non-compliance with laws, regulations, and the Scouts policies, rules, and processes. These include safeguarding and health and safety.
- **Governance risks.** These are associated with managing the charity.
- **Data protection risks.** These are associated with personal or organisational data that could result in loss, damage, misuse, or destruction.

Objectives and activities

Objectives

The objectives of a charity are set out in its governing document. The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Public benefit

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. We help children and young adults reach their full potential and gain skills for life. We actively engage and support our members in their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development and to achieve their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Achievements and performance

Group membership

The annual census taken at 31 January 2026 showed 124 young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with a further 28 in the Explorer Unit. In addition, we have 30 adult volunteers at Group level.

Section	Youth Members			Adult Leaders			Young Leaders		
	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024
Monday Beavers (Spitfires)	18	17	17	3	2	2	4	6	2
Tuesday Beavers (Hurricanes)	9	11	12	3	4	3	3	2	3
Monday Cubs (Baloo)	19	22	17	5	4	4	1	2	4
Tuesday Cubs (Kim)	18	12	16	5	3	4	4	4	4
Wednesday Scout Troop	32	35	40	10	7	5	1	6	5
Thursday Phoenix Explorers	28	38	30	4	4	4	-	-	4
Total	**124**	**135**	**132**	**30**	**24**	**22**	**13**	**20**	**22**

The total Group membership as at the January 2026 census was 167 (2025 – 179). The latest position is set out in the reports below.

Group Lead Volunteer report

We have had another very active and successful year with lots of great Scouting happening in all Sections. I will leave them to tell you what they have been doing.

We currently have:

- 27 Beavers
- 47 Cubs
- 31 Scouts
- 25 Explorers
- 13 Young Leaders helping in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- 20 Leaders helping across all Sections
- We also have 2 Leaders that help at camps
- Network have 31 members and 9 are leaders at the 23rd

We still have Leaders coming and going to and from University and other work placements and we really appreciate your support and commitment to the Group.

In May we held a recruitment event, with each Section taking part and running different activities. It was very successful; we recruited a new leader and also found parents that can help with various activities. Thank you to Matthew and Alex Pownall for all your hard work arranging this event.

Last weekend all Sections attended the Bromley District Camp at Downe, some for the whole weekend and some just for the day on Saturday, everyone had a great weekend. Thank you to David Goodwin for coordinating everything and with the help of Alan and Ellen Alexander doing all the shopping and cooking for the whole Group.

We also want to say a huge thank you to the District Events Team who organised an amazing camp and we are looking forward to the next one.

We have also attended parade services, the Remembrance Parade, our carol concert at St Augustine's Church and the annual District St George's Day fun day at Frylands Wood.



This year we have said goodbye to Linda Smyth. Linda has been a leader at Kim Pack for 29 years. She has contributed a huge amount to the Pack and the Group and we will miss her and wish her well in the future.

We have said hello to Charlotte Cook, Linh Pham and Christine Gentry who are attending regular meetings at Cubs and Beavers and Stephen Smith who is helping on Scout camps.

Sandra and I want to thank all the Leaders and Young Leaders for their hard work, dedication and support to their Sections and the Group.

Presentation to Linda Smyth (with Jenny Owens and Aston Bush)

We would also like to thank:

- The team that worked on the HQ Improvement project, it's amazing what you have achieved, thank you for all your hard work and our lovely new kitchen, toilets and floor
- The Trustees and Fund Raising Committee for all their support
- To all of you, it's your hard work and dedication that makes the 23rd Bromley the amazing group that it is.

Finally, there has been a change of leadership at the pantomime. After many, many years Claire Pester, Ellen Alexander, Alan Alexander and Nick Branch have stepped down and handed over to Alison Ancrum and Hazel Smith. Claire, Ellen, Alan and Nick thank you for everything you have put into the pantomime in different roles over so many years and to Alison and Hazel thank you for taking on this huge task to make sure it continues in the future.

Thanks again everyone!

Jenny Owens, Group Lead Volunteer

Section reports

Beavers – Hurricanes Colony

In the past year Hurricane Beaver numbers have been between 8 and 11 at a time. Over the year we have awarded 307 badges including 1 Chief Scout Bronze award and 1 Beaver earned all 23 possible activity badges along with many of the staged badges. We also have 4-5 children who aren't far off their Chief Scout Bronze award too.

In this period our leadership team has grown. We welcomed Linh Pham - a Beaver parent - and more recently Christine Gentry. We also have 2 new young leaders who have settled in well and the kids love having them around.

Over the last year we looked at many badges including the experiment, communicator, space, gardener, sports, health and fitness, builder, book reader, safety, digital maker and collectors badges. We also spent time working towards their challenge badges, with some completing a few of them. Matthew from the Bromley Youth team came to run a You shape session with the Beavers too.

Our District's yearly swim evening saw 3 Beavers earn 5 swim level badges between them and their Easter egg hunt saw them complete lots of fun mini challenges and games to earn a chocolate egg from the Easter bunny. Some also went along to their science experiment day.

Halloween time saw a sleepover at the Scout hut, where they carved pumpkins and toasted marshmallows. The first night away for some! In February we stayed at Frylands where the kids enjoyed many activities such as archery and tunnelling. We also spent some time giving back to the environment by litter picking and hanging eco bird feeders.

For our summer camp we took 10 Beavers camping for 2 nights in tents at Cudham. We hiked over to Christmas Tree Farm to feed the animals, grass sledding, orienteering and explored the cave bus. Many Beavers and their families also visited the Bromley Fire Station open day and learned about our local fire brigade that serves the community.

We've just come back from an amazing District camp where the kids tried so many activities and thoroughly enjoyed

themselves - but to hear more you'll have to wait for next year's AGM.

Laura J. Evans, Hurricanes Beavers

Beavers – Spitfires Colony

The Beavers have had a super busy year; collectively they achieved 338 badges, seven Chief Scout Bronze awards and did five Nights Away over three camps.

The September term was kicked off learning about money and budgeting towards their money skills badge and a trip to the church to learn about a faith.

In November we slept in the church halls in tents and worked on our teamwork and construction skills making a contraption which our teddies could go in and zip wire across the hall.

In December we made a huge bundle of Christmas cards that we delivered to a number of nursing homes and then headed off to our annual trip to a bowling alley for a Christmas treat.

In the new year we worked on new skills both in Scouting such as knots and packing sleeping bags and in life such as hanging up clothes and laying a table.

We had a science camp in February with lots and lots of experiments and a lovely trip to a nature trail over the Easter break.

The summer term saw us learning different forms of communication and making our camp t-shirts. In June we headed off to summer camp where the Beavers did archery, climbing, tunnelling, pond dipping and made their own individual fires.

We had a great last night of term with our annual game of rounders.

Laura L. Evans, Spitfires Beavers

Cubs – Baloo Pack

We have only managed one camp this year, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Many of our Cubs have gained badges over the year in science, readers, chefs, staged musician and for the first time in a few years martial arts.

As usual, we have made cards for Christmas, Mothers' Day Handbags and also Fathers' Day Plaques. We also made baskets full of sweets for the Group Christmas Fair which were a big hit.

Unfortunately due to Tim's health we have missed District events this year but look forward to what we can do next year.

Since Tim returned we have been to Christmas Tree Farm for an evening which was enjoyed by Cubs and leaders alike. Once again "thanks" go to Paul Gubby for a brilliant time. We also went bowling at Bromley which was very enjoyable.

We have had amazing help from our wonderful team this year - Heather, Charlotte, Teddy and Anna. Also Matthew whenever he can get here.

One "Thank You" has to go to Alex Pownall for her help whilst Tim was away.

We look forward to the new term.

Tim and Marina Snook, Baloo Cub Pack

Cubs – Kim Pack

The number of Cubs is now at a healthy 20 and I don't plan for it to get much higher or lower than this. We have had a few leavers and joiners throughout the year. We won't be moving any Cubs up to Scouts until the start of the new year.

This year we have focused mostly on trying to complete a variety of different badges with more planned for the rest of this year. We have also continued to focus with teamwork games and activities. For the majority of new games we have run throughout the year we have tried to include teamwork in some way for the game. We tried to plan some activities away from the Scout hut this year but only managed to organise a few due to leader availability

We plan to do a movie night in the Scout hut in November time as the 3rd "camp" of the year for Kim Pack. The first camp was at Eleven Achers in Downe and the second camp was the District camp last weekend.

Our young leaders have also all been with us for at over a year and 6 months now and have shown how much their leadership skills have developed as they will now run a lot of the content of each evening with the leaders stepping in if needed or when doing larger more involved projects. Eme has become an occasional helper while she attends university.

Our plans for next year are again to try and do more adventurous activities in and away from the Scout hut as well as a focus on learning new skills.

Aston Bush, Kim Cub Pack

Scout Troop

The Troop has 32 members between 10 and 14 years of age, supported by a team of 6 adult volunteers and 1 young leader. We continue to be a diverse and inclusive group, welcoming Scouts and Adult Volunteers of all genders, from a wide variety of ethnic and social backgrounds, and supporting those with physical and mental impairments, neurodiverse conditions and those who identify as gender fluid or gender neutral.

Throughout the year the Scouts have actively contributed to their local community. We assisted with marshalling at the local Fireworks display, helped clear the site the following morning and took part in litter-picking activities within Jubilee Park Nature Reserve. They also supported the Group through fundraising and community events.



Camp fire at Scout camp, March 2026

Many of the Scouts took part in the Group pantomime in early January, taking several lead and support roles as well as being part of the chorus. The rest of the Troop enjoyed the opportunity to watch and cheer them on during one of the weekday evening performances.

The Troop has enjoyed a varied programme of activities, including hiking and expeditions; water sports; camps and activity evenings. A highlight for 11 members of the Troop was when attending the WINGS International Jamboree in Windsor Great Park this July where we had the opportunity to meet Scouts and Guides from as far afield as Ghana and New Zealand as well as others closer to home.

Six Scouts achieved the Chief Scout Gold Award, the highest award available in the Scout Section, reflecting their enthusiasm, dedication, perseverance and active participation throughout their Scouting journey. It is also a testament to the support given by their families; fellow Scouts and of course the leadership team.

During the year we wished 4 of our older Scouts "good luck" as they embark on their next adventures within the Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit and have welcomed 1 new Scout from our Cub packs, with 6 more due in October.

I'd like to thank all of our volunteers, parents and family members for their continued support throughout the year. Without them we would not be able to provide the safe, inclusive and adventurous programme for our young people.

We look forward to another exciting year of adventure and fun together.

Alex Pownall, Scout Troop

Phoenix Explorer Unit

The Explorer Unit has continued to offer a varied and engaging programme over the past year, combining practical skills, personal development, teamwork, adventurous activities and opportunities to give back to the community.

Our Thursday evening programme has included a wide range of activities, from traditional Scout skills and team challenges to more unusual events such as the Trading Game, Taskmaster Evening, 1% Club Quiz and Chip Shop Challenge. We have also enjoyed social activities including bowling, ice skating, a panto performance, crazy golf and a visit to a trampoline park. These evenings have provided plenty of opportunities for our Explorers to develop confidence, work together and, of course, have fun.

Adventure has remained an important part of the programme, with several camps and outdoor activities throughout the year. Highlights included our Theme Park Camp in September and District Camp in September 2026. We also took part in MESH in July and enjoyed a kayaking evening, outdoor games and a range of team and sporting challenges. These activities have given our Explorers opportunities to try new experiences, develop independence and make lasting memories together.

Community involvement has continued to be a key part of life in the Unit. Our Explorers have supported a number of Group and community activities, including the Bickley Fireworks Display, the Group Christmas Fair and the Rotary Christmas Collection. We also took part in a food bank supermarket shop and a toothpaste collection, helping our young people understand the value of volunteering and supporting others.

We are particularly pleased that four of our Explorers have been awarded Jack Petchey Achievement Awards over the past year. The funding received through these awards has helped us provide some of our social activities, giving our Explorers opportunities to enjoy new experiences together and helping to make our programme even more varied and engaging.

We have continued to encourage leadership and personal development, with our Explorers taking part in a Young Leaders Weekend and supporting younger Sections across the Group. It is fantastic to see our young people taking on responsibility, sharing their skills and helping to make Scouting an enjoyable experience for others.

Overall, it has been another busy and rewarding year for the Explorer Unit. From camps and adventurous activities to community volunteering, creative challenges and social evenings, our programme has continued to give Explorers opportunities to learn, develop and enjoy their time together. We look forward to building on this in the year ahead, with more adventures, new experiences and opportunities for our Explorers to challenge themselves.

David Goodwin, Phoenix Explorers

Network – The Geckos

We have 31 members, 9 of which are leaders in sections at 23rd Bromley, and the majority of other members are leaders at other Groups across the district. Meeting attendance fluctuates throughout the year due to university term dates.

Fortnightly meetings have included ice skating, Downe's zip wire, Fryland's pizza oven, bowling, hikes, making pancakes, curry night, Wii games, chip shop challenge and volleyball. In March we had 3 teams participate in Monopoly run live.

We have had several camps this year. Some of our members attended Bromley Districts Alton Towers trip last September. In April we had a joint camp with Bromley Hawks Network and this month we had a large turnout to Gilwell Reunion.

Several members have achieved their Explorer Belts this year as part of District and County teams. In October we have 2 teams completing their Duke of Edinburgh Gold practice expedition, with their final expedition in 2027.

Several of these members are also working towards completing their King Scout Award.

Charlotte Miles, Geckos Network

Faiths and beliefs programme

The Group is sponsored by St Augustine's Parish Church. Membership of the Group is open to all faiths and beliefs. The Group actively promotes the Scout Association Faiths and Belief Programme, developing Scouting values, personal attitudes and a range of beliefs, and supporting St Augustine's youth structured services and attendance at the annual Remembrance Day Service.

Community activities

Throughout the year, the Group has continued to support and engage with the local community in a variety of ways. Our Headquarters building is regularly used by two local Brownie Packs for their weekly meetings and is also hired by local families for children's birthday parties. In addition, the premises have been used by the local authority as a Polling Station for local elections, providing an important community facility.

Our much-loved Pantomime and biennial Gang Show remain open to members of the wider community and continue to be popular. In January 2026, we once again hosted a free performance of our pantomime for local residents. The event received a warm and enthusiastic response from those who came along.

Financial review

Financial review

The Group recorded a deficit of £8,003 for the year (2024-25: surplus of £34,636). This reflects the planned commencement of construction work on our Headquarters Refurbishment Project and the utilisation of funds that had been raised and reserved specifically for this purpose in previous years. The deficit therefore represents the delivery of a significant improvement programme rather than an underlying shortfall in the Group's finances. Further details of the Headquarters Refurbishment Project are provided later in this report.

As at year end, we remain in a strong financial position with net funds at the year end of £85,576 (2024-25: £93,579). The full accounts are presented on pages 16 to 18 below.

Financial highlights 2025-26

- Receipts: £72,617
- Payments: £80,620
  - Of which HQ refurb: £43,611
- Total funds: £85,576
  - Unrestricted: £69,318
  - Restricted: £16,258

Subscriptions, fundraising, grants and donations

The Group is dependent upon membership subscriptions to fund its core activities, and additional sources of income to support the membership and for the maintenance, renovation, refurbishment and replacement of buildings and equipment. Net membership subscriptions retained after capitation totalled £9,417 (2024-25: £7,407). The Autumn 2025 update to POR changed how Groups are required to show capitation paid to District and, from this year, it is shown separately under payments rather than as a deduction from income. The prior year figures have been restated in the accounts for comparability although there is no change to overall funds as this change is purely presentational.

All parents and supporters are encouraged to subscribe to Gift Aid to maximise the tax relief on subscriptions and donations we can obtain through HM Revenue & Customs. Claims may be backdated for 4 years and the amounts shown in the accounts this year include claims relating to previous years. The query on the 2021-22 claim by HMRC referred to in last year's accounts was resolved in the Group's favour and the receipt included in this year's accounts.

Further restricted grants of £33,500 (2024-25: £12,100) and donations of £386 (2024-25: £14,125) were received towards our HQ refurbishment project.

Assets and liabilities

In addition to the monetary assets shown in the balance sheet representing cash and bank balances, the Group has non-monetary assets representing land, buildings and equipment. These are not required to be included in the statement of assets and liabilities but their values are disclosed as a note. They are valued for insurance purposes at the amounts shown below. In between formal reassessments, the most recent of which took place in December 2022, values are uprated through indexation applied annually by the insurers. The HQ refurbishment work has not changed the overall footprint of the building therefore there is not expected to be any impact on premium at next renewal.

Non-monetary assets – insurance values	**2025-26**	**2024-25**
Land and buildings	£768,252	£742,918
Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock	£11,026	£10,681
Scouting equipment	£30,820	£29,856

Land and buildings represent the HQ premises which are leased from St Augustine's Church in the Diocese of Rochester whereby the Group enjoys beneficial use of the asset and bears the cost of insurance, maintenance and enhancement expenditure. The lease was renewed in 2016 for a term of 30 years. The annual payment due under the lease was £10 until this year, rising to £25 and then to £50 from 2035.

Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock primarily comprise furniture and fittings in the HQ premises as well as props, staging, sound and lighting equipment for pantomimes and gang shows.

Reserves policy

The Trustee Board's reserves policy is intended to safeguard the long-term financial stability of the Group and ensure that its charitable activities can continue without interruption should income or fundraising fall below expectations. To achieve this, the Group seeks to maintain sufficient free reserves to meet the following levels of expenditure:

- HQ: funds to cover around 18 months of running costs for our Headquarters, including maintenance, insurance, utilities, and the upkeep or replacement of equipment and other assets as needed.
- Sections: funds equivalent to 110% of the previous year's Scout Association membership fees, together with enough to cover anticipated deposits for camps or other major activities, where bookings must often be secured several months before participants' fees are collected.

The Group held unrestricted reserves of £69,318 at the year-end (2024-25: £67,297) together with restricted funds of £16,258 (2024-25: £26,283). Our total monetary funds, comprising cash and bank balances, stood at £85,576 (2024-25: £93,579) at the financial year end.

Investment policy

The Trustee Board continues to take a careful and responsible approach to looking after the Group's finances. Funds are currently held in a combination of bank and savings accounts with well-established banks and building societies, ensuring that money remains readily available when needed and is protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

The Trustee Board keeps the Group's banking arrangements under review, regularly checking account balances and interest rates to ensure that funds are both secure and working as effectively as possible for the benefit of the Group while balancing against the need for ready access where major expenditure is anticipated.

Headquarters refurbishment project



Presentation by Colin Goodwin to Claire Ballard and Lucy Brayford in appreciation for all their help with grant applications

Following the award of a further £33,500 in grant funding and approval of our revised plans, the Trustees were able to move the project into its delivery phase. A competitive tender process was successfully completed and construction work commenced in December 2025.

By the year end, the refurbishment was well advanced and it was subsequently completed successfully during summer 2026, marking a significant milestone in the development of the Group's facilities. The lifetime income and expenditure of the refurbishment project is shown in the table below.

We are particularly pleased that the project was delivered within the funding that had been secured. The close alignment between total funding and project costs reflects the careful planning and oversight of the project team, together with the tremendous generosity of our funders, donors and community of supporters.

Lifetime income (total all years)	**£**	**£**	**Lifetime expenditure**	**£**
Donations and fundraising		31,300	Architect plans, designs and surveys	6,553
Grants			Planning applications and building control	2,289
Arnold Clark Community Fund	100		New kitchen and toilets	45,649
Bernard Sunley Foundation	5,000		Exterior disabled ramp	7,200
Shanly Foundation	3,000		New front door	2,680
Truemark Trust [1]	7,000		Replacement flooring for hall	13,920
Veolia Environmental Trust	27,000			
Virgin Unite [2]	5,000			
		47,100		
Total income		**78,400**	**Total expenditure**	**78,291**

Note 1 - The Truemark Trust grant was given towards the cost of new flooring.
Note 2 - The Virgin Unite grant was given towards the cost of the disabled ramp.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:





Colin Goodwin
Group Chair
25 September 2026

Jonathan Pownall MA ACA CISA
Group Treasurer
25 September 2026

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2026

Receipts and payments summary and statement of assets and liabilities

	2025-26 Unrestricted funds	2025-26 Restricted funds	2025-26 Total funds	2024-25 Total funds (restated)
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 17)	38,730.65	33,886.20	72,616.85	71,390.24
Total payments for the year (see page 18)	36,709.17	43,910.50	80,619.67	36,754.54
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,021.48	(10,024.30)	(8,002.82)	34,635.70
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2025	67,296.55	26,282.50	93,579.05	58,943.35
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2026	**69,318.03**	**16,258.20**	**85,576.23**	**93,579.05**

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2026

	2025-26 Unrestricted funds	2025-26 Restricted funds	2025-26 Total funds	2024-25 Total funds
Monetary assets	£	£	£	£
Section current accounts	16,353.47		16,353.47	14,250.82
Group current accounts	33,587.10		33,587.10	40,291.84
Investment accounts	16,441.46	16,258.20	32,699.66	32,105.54
Cash held	2,936.00		2,936.00	6,930.85
Total funds	**69,318.03**	**16,258.20**	**85,576.23**	**93,579.05**

Restatement of prior year membership subscriptions
Receipts and payments for the prior year have been restated for comparability following accounting changes in the November 2025 update to the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. This now requires membership fees paid to the next level of the Scouting hierarchy to be shown gross under payments rather than as 'agency income' deducted from membership income. As this is a presentational change only, there is no impact on total funds.

Restricted funds
Group restricted funds comprise the Headquarters refurbishment and repairs fund together with a Jack Petchey award of £300 relating to the Sections. The property is owned by St. Augustine's Church and the Group is responsible for maintenance and enhancement expenditure under the terms of the lease. The valuation for insurance purposes is £768,252.

In addition the Group has two Designated funds held within Unrestricted funds. These are £1,386.46 in respect of the Jamboree fund and £123.09 in respect of the Kenya fund.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 25 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Colin Goodwin
Group Chair



Jonathan Pownall MA ACA CISA
Group Treasurer

Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2025-26 Unrestricted funds	2025-26 Restricted funds	2025-26 Total funds	2024-25 Total funds (restated)
	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions				
Gross membership subscriptions collected	16,435.30		16,435.30	14,818.90
Donations, legacies and gift aid				
Collections	105.00		105.00	250.00
Donations received	1,326.68	386.20	1,712.88	16,093.28
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	3,066.31		3,066.31	-
Grants received	-	33,500.00	33,500.00	12,700.00
Fundraising income				
Christmas Fair	891.03		891.03	675.37
Pantomime	4,039.50		4,039.50	4,240.50
Gang Show	-		-	2,002.00
Jumble/book/craft sales	40.00		40.00	-
Other fundraising activities	468.64		468.64	462.19
Activities and events				
Camp receipts	10,043.87		10,043.87	13,017.38
Group events	325.20		325.20	3,781.29
Investment and property income				
Hall hire	1,395.00		1,395.00	2,575.00
Interest received	594.12		594.12	774.34
Total receipts	**38,730.65**	**33,886.20**	**72,616.85**	**71,390.25**

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2025-26 Unrestricted funds	2025-26 Restricted funds	2025-26 Total funds	2024-25 Total funds
Charitable payments	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions paid to District	7,018.40		7,018.40	7,411.50
Youth programme and activities				
Core meetings and activities expenses	5,886.17	300.00	6,186.17	5,692.92
Prizes	38.65		38.65	157.47
Event costs				
Annual General Meeting	21.20		21.20	-
Retirement and commemoration events	20.00		20.00	-
Badges, uniforms and training				
Badges	693.04		693.04	882.18
Scarves and uniform	468.50		468.50	439.40
Camp fees and costs	11,794.79		11,794.79	12,396.97
Purchases of equipment				
Camping equipment and gaz	99.25		99.25	1,499.36
Pantomime and gang show equipment	200.00		200.00	545.93
Props and costumes	462.23		462.23	-
Other equipment	138.91		138.91	25.68
Insurance	1,433.54		1,433.54	1,390.40
Headquarters running costs				
Building maintenance	2,512.56		2,512.56	70.94
Cleaning	1,296.00		1,296.00	1,064.63
Waste collection	755.36		755.36	740.88
Ground lease	10.00		10.00	10.00
Grounds maintenance	490.00		490.00	-
Heaters	222.00		222.00	-
Broadband	465.22		465.22	357.77
Electricity	825.53		825.53	931.29
Gas	318.27		318.27	390.89
Water	404.94		404.94	442.28
Headquarters refurbishment project	-	43,610.50	43,610.50	805.00
Donations made	125.00		125.00	127.83
Service charges and miscellaneous expenses				
Online Scout Manager transaction fees	760.37		760.37	370.55
PayPal and Zettle transaction fees	7.25		7.25	7.61
Printing, postage and stationery	114.12		114.12	92.24
Website and email hosting costs	77.87		77.87	87.48
Fundraising expenses				
Christmas Fair expenses	50.00		50.00	58.39
Pantomime licence	-		-	476.34
Other fundraising expenses	-		-	278.61
Total payments	**36,709.17**	**43,910.50**	**80,619.67**	**36,754.54**

Independent examiner's report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

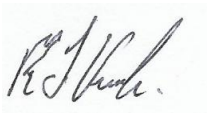
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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 Trust 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 25 September 2026