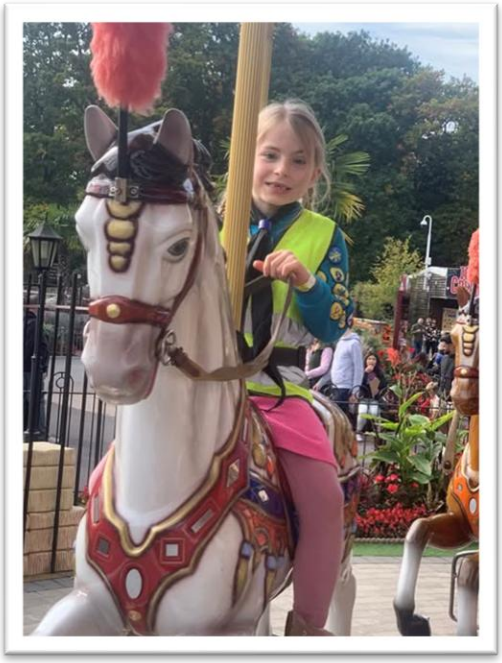
Basingstoke Air Scout Group



ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS 2026

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Our Charity

The Basingstoke Air Scout Group is a registered charity in England and Wales (267734). The Group is established under the rules common to all Districts & Groups within the Scout Association, our headquarters registration number is 42755.

The governing documents are those of the Scout Association, which consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the By-Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation Rules (POR) of the Scout Association. All Trustees are appointed in accordance with POR. The Group constitution follows the model constitution set out in Section 5.4 of POR Full details on our Trustees and constitution, are available upon request.

The Group is managed as an educational charity, by its Trustee Board. 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 also ensures the Group 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 the other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that will give young people skills for life.

The Group's Headquarters are: Base2000, Carpenters Down, Popley, Basingstoke. RG24 9AE

The Board of Trustees

Trustees & Role:

Group Chairman	Frank Anderson
Group Treasurer	Sara Shelly
Group Lead Volunteer	Colin Karslake
Group Lead Volunteer	Douglas Gowan
Squirrel section rep	Nicola Davies
Beaver section rep	Mandy Pain
Cub section rep	Anna Hansen (till February 2026)
Scout section rep	Jean-Paul Keetch
Trustee	Jennie Henry
Trustee	Steve Henry (till July 2025)
Trustee	Marta Adamowski

The District Lead Volunteer and the district Chair have the right of attendance but are not Trustees of the Group.

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Core Leadership Team

Group Lead Volunteer	Colin Karslake
Group Lead Volunteer	Douglas Gowan
Squirrel Section Team Lead	Mandy Pain
Beaver Section Team Lead	Mandy Pain
Cub Section Team Lead	Anna Hansen (till September 2025)
Cub Section Team Lead	Katie Alexander (from September 2025)
Scout Section Team Lead	Jamie Karslake

Roles & Responsibilities

The Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) in Scouts is a managerial role focused on ensuring the effective operation of a Scout Group. They support and manage other volunteers, including leadership teams for each section, to deliver quality Scouting programs. The GLV also works with the Group Leadership Team, Group Board of Trustees and District to develop Scouting within the group and local community.

The Section Team Leads are supported by several Team members who assist with running weekly meeting, assisting with weekend activities and camps as well with the programme planning that goes into arranging all the weekly meetings and activities that the young people enjoy. They also support the other Team members to achieve their goals and develop their skills.



Group Chair's Report

As can be seen in the Group Lead Volunteers Report that follows the last year has been a fantastic year for the Group with an increase in numbers across all sections

The hall still proves to be a popular venue for birthday and anniversary parties over the year. Extremely competitive rates are available for the hire of the hall with special rates available for parents and families of Basingstoke Air Scout members. We also have our regular users, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows to name a few.

I would like to extend my thanks to Colin and Douglas for their continued support.

Colin plays a vital role in managing hall bookings and carries out a significant amount of maintenance work to ensure everything in the hall is functioning properly—all in addition to his responsibilities as Joint Lead Volunteer. His commitment and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Douglas provides invaluable assistance with all aspects of Online Scout Manager (OSM) and plays a crucial part in onboarding new volunteers. He is dedicated to maintaining the Group's high standards by ensuring all volunteers remain up to date with their mandatory training requirements. His ongoing support is highly valued and contributes significantly to the smooth running of the Group.

If you can spare even an hour to help the Group in any way, whether by assisting at section meetings or tackling a practical job like changing a tap washer, please do chat with us or speak to any of the Section Team Leads. Every bit of help makes a difference.

A massive thank you must also be given to all our leaders, young leaders, parent helpers and trustee members. Without them we would not be where we are.

Frank Anderson
Group Chair

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

The Basingstoke Air Scout Group has experienced significant growth over the past year, with all sections reporting increased membership figures in the 2025/2026 census. The Group saw a 6.2% rise in its numbers of young people.

This continued growth is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of our Section Leadership Teams. Their tireless efforts have delivered of an exciting and varied programme. Across all sections, young people have been given opportunities to participate in nights away, adventurous activities, and experiences that promote the development of valuable life skills. Above all, these activities have enabled members to enjoy themselves and have fun.

Detailed accounts of what the young people have been involved in throughout the year can be found in the following section reports. These provide further insight into the activities, achievements, and memorable experiences that have contributed to the Group's ongoing success.

This year has once again seen some great inter-section working with all Leaders supporting and helping each other's section meeting and activities as and when required, this will overtime hopefully ease the transition between sections, with the young people already knowing the Leaders.

The start of 2026 saw a record number of Young Leaders are supporting the younger sections' Leadership Teams; all but one are former Scouts who decided they want to stay with the Group once they turned 14.5. This highlights our Group's strong positive influence we are having on young members.

In September, we were delighted to welcome Katie back to the Group as she stepped into the role of Cub Section Team Lead. Sadly, in February this year, Anna made the difficult decision to take a break from Scouting. We would like to thank her for nearly eight years of dedicated service to the Group. Anna's contributions have been invaluable, and she has made a tremendous impact on so many Cubs, offering them countless new experiences and memories they will carry with them for years to come.

2026 is looking like a busy year for us as there are not one but four major milestones to mark, 5th Birthday of Squirrels, 40th Birthday of Beavers, 110th Birthday of Cubs and 85th Birthday of the Air Scouts.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders, Young Leaders, other volunteers that help with the running of the sections, organising and running the various activities, none of which would be possible if it were not for them giving up their valuable time and skills. Thanks also to everyone else involved in the running of the group and the maintenance of the group's headquarters, Base2000.

And finally, a big thank you to the parents for bringing your children along each week. Without the young people, there would be no Group — and we are grateful for your support!

Colin Karslake & Douglas Gowan
Group Lead Volunteers

Squirrel Section Report

Another year has come and gone, and we reflect on the exciting journey of our youngest members, the Squirrels, some of whom have now moved to Beavers to commence a new adventure. Our group is currently at 19 but just keeps growing and there are children on the waiting list who are not yet 4 years old.

Reflecting on the past year, the Squirrels' engagement in events has been remarkable. Our first event was a delightful visit to Wellington Country Park in March. Then in May we attended Marwell Zoo for Scouting the Zoo, a great day out with the Animals, but also working through the workbooks they gave us. This event was not only fun but set a solid foundation for the BEASTLY day—our first where all Squirrel Dreys participated. The sea of red uniforms at BEASTLY might have been a tad unnerving for our leaders, but it provided a splendid opportunity for the Squirrels to meet and interact with the broader Scouting family we often speak about.

Another highlight was the County Squirrel Fun Day at Ferny Crofts in June, where the squirrels embraced the excitement of activities like crate stacking and tomahawk throwing, their energy spent on a day full of excitements.

September saw us visit Bucklebury Farm where the children got to feed the deer, see lots of animals and of course, play in the soft play barn.

The squirrels along with the Beavers attended Remembrance Sunday at Old Basing and were extremely well behaved, Charlotte got to lay a wreath as well, which was such an important Job.

November saw us have a sleepover, which was great fun and the children were so well behaved, being in mind this was probably the first time they may have slept out of their homes.

Then came the Magical Xmas Experience at 4 Kingdoms, which was amazing. The children absolutely loved in and to be honest, so did I (big kid at heart that's me!).

This year's activities that have been covered are, Smashing Eggs, Paper Aeroplanes, Erupting Volcanos, Speed Track Racing and we had another Squirrel Sleepover which was another successful. 251 Badges have been given out through this year, which is an astounding amount.

I can't end a report, without my sincere thank you to Nicky, Dave, Gary, Lucy and Jess. Your dedication and enthusiasm, is what makes Scouting great and Squirrels so successful. Secondly, our Young Leaders, who continue to grow and develop their leadership skills, and it has been great to see their confidence grow across the year, and finally, a big thank you goes to you, the parents because without you, we wouldn't be providing all the great stuff we do for the children.

Here's to another year of growth, adventure, and community in Scouting!

Mandy Pain
Squirrel Section Team Leader

Beaver Section Report

This year has continued to be full of exciting experiences and programmes for the Basingstoke Air Scout Beavers. We currently have 25 Beavers, and they just keep coming, with a strong attendance each session.

A fantastic addition to the quiet winter season for the Beavers, was our trip to 4 Kingdoms with the rest of Hampshire County beavers in April, where we renewed our promise due to it being St George's weekend, and of course had lots of fun. Along with a visit from our special guest, CHIP!

In May we had Beastly which was another fantastic day for everyone that attended, where the young people had the chance to experience a myriad of scouting and other activities.

In June we had the Beaver Camp, of course at Gordon Brown Centre, and another great attendance, even if it was a little wet this year! As always, the Beavers rose to the challenge of very often their first night under canvas and even the youngest ones really enjoyed it.

There was a Teddy Bear's picnic after the summer break, and the of course, the annual trip to Paulton Parks, with the County. A fantastic time had by everyone.

The Beavers along with the Squirrels attended Remembrance Sunday at Old Basing and were extremely well behaved. Harry got to lay a wreath as well, which was such an important job.

Then came the Magical Xmas Experience at 4 Kingdoms which was amazing. The Children absolutely loved it and to be honest, so did I (big kid at heart, that's me!).

March this year started with a Bang with the Beavers attending a Birthday Party complete with cake to celebrate 40 years of Beavers, the beavers took part in all sorts of activities to mark this milestone.

In between all these events, we were meeting weekly, doing their badgework, with a lot of our Beavers are on their way, to achieving their bronze awards, so we are looking forward to seeing what the upcoming year has to bring. All of this shows that everyone is committed to offering a varied and balanced programme to the Beavers. We had a visit from Air Ambulance, we got to do Soft Archery had a Teddy Bear's picnic, so much fun was had by all who attended. The water fight in the summer was great fun, but I think the only ones to get wet were the leaders. This year the Beavers have been working hard at our sessions, and they have earnt a total of 191 badges during our sessions

I would like to end by saying three thank yous. Firstly, to Nicky, Louise, Fran, Chris, Devon and Saul for being an amazing team of volunteers without whom we couldn't run and provide the amazing experiences for our wonderful Beavers that we do. Secondly, our Young Leaders, who continue to grow and develop their leadership skills, and it has been great to see their confidence grow across the year, and finally, a big thank you goes to you, the parents because without you, we wouldn't be providing all the great stuff we do for the children.

Mandy Pain
Beaver Section Team Leader

Cub Section Report

The Cub section has had another year of fun and exciting activities all giving the young people skills for life, below is just a highlight of what we have been up to in the last 12 months.

In May we joined hundreds of other Scouts & Guides from across Basingstoke at the annual Beastly Event, held at Dummer Farm, here the Cubs got to take part in a wide range of activities including Archery and Creative Activities as well as watching acts on the live stage.

At the end of May we joined other Cubs from across the District for the Annual District Cub Camp, this year's camp was held at the Youlbury Scout Activity Centre near Oxford, where the Cubs got to take part in a wide range of activities.

In October, the Cubs joined other Cubs and Scouts from across the District for a day of wild and fun activities riding all the rides & rollercoasters at Chessington World of Adventures.

We have also had several guest speakers over the year talk to the Cubs on a number of subjects, one most notable one was from the Tourette's Action who gave the Scouts an insightful talk about the condition of Tourette's and how it affects people.

Our weekly meetings have featured a range of activities, including Local Knowledge, Road and Personal Safety, Cooking, and First Aid. As a result, the Cubs have earned an impressive 58 Activity and Challenge Badges.

In September, we welcomed Katie back to the Group as she stepped into the role of Team Leader after Anna chose to move into a Team Member position. Unfortunately, in February this year, due to personal reasons, Anna decided to take a break from Scouting. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Thanks to all Adults & Young Leaders who have supported the Cub Section over the last 12 months

And finally, a big thank you goes to you, the parents because without you, we wouldn't be providing all the great stuff we do for the children

Cub Section Leadership Team

Scout Section Report

The Scout section has had another year of fun and exciting activities all giving the young people skills for life, we have also seen a steady increase in numbers.

Below is just a snapshot of what we have been up to in the last 12 months.

In May we joined other Scouts & Guides from across Basingstoke at the annual Beastly Event, held at Dummer Farm, here the Cubs got to take part in a wide range of activities including Archery and Creative Activities as well as watching acts on the live stage.

In August we headed off to Lyons Copse Scout Campsite for the annual Hampshire Scout County Summer Camp, where the Scouts got to take parts in a wide range of activities including canoeing, archery, ballista making, air rifle shooting and having to cook a meal for a leader on night

In September we head off to Chessington World of Adventure along with other Scouts & Cubs from across the District for a day of wild and fun activities riding all the rides & rollercoasters.

Another highlight of September was the Watercress line inviting us to their Wallace & Gromit Weekend, an open weekend where we demonstrated scoutcraft skills and other activities including, knots, branding, knife throwing and popcorn making on an open fire for members of public to try.

In November some of the Scouts assisted with Poppy appeal in town centre and took part in the Remembrance Parade in Old Basing hosted by the Royal British Legion. We also visited the Lasham Heritage Gliding Centre to learn about gliding history and view their large collection of historic gliders.

We have also taken part in a Survival Skills Weekend and Expedition Challenge Weekend put on by District & County which were both been fun but also challenged the Scouts and taught them valuable skills.

Weekly meetings have included Internet Safety, knots, Environmental Conservation Science, just to name a few of the many varied and exciting activities the Scots have taken part in. We have also had several guest speakers come and talk to the Scouts on several subjects, one most notable one was from the Tourette's Action who gave the Scouts an insightful talk about the condition of Tourette's and how it affects people

Over the last year we have awarded 1 Gold Chief Scout Award, the highest award a young person can earn as a Scout, as well as a total of 177 Activity and Challenge Badges.

Finally, we said to say goodbye to several of our older Scouts at the end of 2025 as they turned 14.5, but on a positive note they have all decided to stay with the Group and are all currently acting as Young Leaders in the younger sections

Jamie Karslake
Team Lead - Scouts

The following young people gained the top awards in each section between April 2025 and March 2026

Chief Scout Acorn Award - Squirrels Malaka	**Chief Scout Bronze Award - Beavers** Imogen Annabelle
Chief Scout Silver Award – Cubs	**Chief Scout Gold Award – Scouts** Jasmine




















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The following pages contain the financial and the independent examiner's report for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Basingstoke Air Scout (Charity No. 267734)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	8,600	7,292
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	-
Donations	274	-
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	3,230	-
Camps & Activities	7,014	8,781
Sub total	19,119	16,073
Grants		
Maintenenace grant	-	-
Other grants	5,206	-
Sub total	5,206	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Fundraising	71	41
Clothing	300	127
Sub total	371	169
Scout hut income		
Hire of building	4,326	4,290
Hire of equipment	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	4,326	4,290
Investment income		
Bank interest	68	25
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	68	25
Total Gross Income	29,090	20,557
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	29,090	20,557

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	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	7,936	6,588
Water and Sewerage	417	633
Electricity and Gas	4,810	5,018
Insurance	716	665
Repairs and Renewals	-	444
Materials and equipment	199	339
General Admin & ICT Expenditure	582	-
Uniforms - Kneckers etc	-	362
Badges	757	919
District Census Fees	6,992	5,986
Go Cardless Charges	607	571
Sub total	23,014	21,525
Fundraising expenses		
Grant Expenditure (Tents etc)	1,363	-
Sub total	1,363	-
Total Gross Expenditure	24,377	21,525
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	24,377	21,525
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,713	(967)
Cash funds last year end	12,137	13,105
Cash funds this year end	16,850	12,137

Basingstoke Air Scout (Charity No. 267734)
Receipts and payments account

For the year from	Year start date: 01/04/2025	To	Year end date: 31/03/2026

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	6,635	1,992
Bank deposit account	10,093	10,025
Building society account	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	122	120
Total cash funds	16,850	12,137
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	-	-
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	16,850	12,137

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23rd April 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
C. Karslake	C KARSLAKE	Group Lead Volunteer
S Shelley	S Shelley	Treasurer

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Basingstoke Air Scouts (Charity No. 267734)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Basingstoke Air Scouts (Charity No. 267734)** for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **Basingstoke Air Scouts (Charity No. 267734)** 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 **Basingstoke Air Scouts (Charity No. 267734)** 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 **Basingstoke Air Scouts (Charity No. 267734)** 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:

Name: **M Sevenoaks FCCA BA (Hons)**

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies :
Association of Chartered & Certified Accountants

Address: **Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6RN**

Date: 26/4/2026