Trustees Report to the 1st Chesham Scout Group
For the year ending 31st March 2026

Section A. Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name:	1st Chesham Scout Group
Registered Charity Number	270602
Charity's Principal Address	East Street, Chesham. HP5 1DG

Trustees Name	Office (if any)	Dates Acted (if not whole year)
Iain Lambert	Chairman	
Edwina Humphreys	Treasurer	
Belinda Vasquez	Secretary	
Graham Eades	Group Scout Leader	
Jonathan Brownsell		
Emily Khan		
David Rodgers		
Lynnsey Walker		

Section B. Performance, Challenges & Achievements

The 1st Chesham Scout Group remains active in the local community, providing opportunities for young boys and girls to join one of its Squirrel, Beaver, Cub or Scout Sections.

As ever a big thank you to the leadership teams, both Scouting and Trustees, for their continued commitment to the group, without whom the opportunities we provide would not be possible.

The health of the group in terms of number of members continues to be strong, with all sections maintaining a healthy number of members.

The annual Santa Float, Schools of Chesham Carnival and Scout Post continue to be vital fundraising activities for us.

1st Chesham Scout Group continues to support the community by offering for hire, the Scout Headquarters (SHQ) in East Street, for local clubs and activity organisations. The Trustees would like to thank the leaders & members of the Chesham All Girls Band for their continued preference and support in using the SHQ facilities. Thanks again also, to the support of Ellie Redding (line dancing), Ian Scott (First Aid Training) and Mountainwise (Duke of Edinburgh Award) for hiring the SHQ. Additionally, a big thank you to Sarah Eades for handling all the bookings for the SHQ this past year. If you know of someone or a group which could make use of the 1st Chesham Headquarters, short term or longer please contact Sarah on (01494) 583314.

Section C. Structure, Governance and Management

1. The 1st Chesham Scout Group governing documents are those of the Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
2. The 1st Chesham Scout Group is a trust established under the Scout Association rules which are common to all Scouts.
3. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
4. The 1st Chesham Scout Group is managed by the Board of Trustees, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group. 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.
5. The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representation. The committee meets every month.
6. The 1st Chesham Scout Group Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:
    - The maintenance of 1st Chesham Scout Group property.
    - The raising of funds and the administration of 1st Chesham Scout Group finance.
    - The insurance of persons, property and equipment.
    - 1st Chesham Scout Group public occasions.
    - Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support.
    - Appointing any sub committees that may be required.
    - Appointing 1st Chesham Scout Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
7. The 1st Chesham Scout Group 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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section D. Objectives & Activities

The objectives of the 1st Chesham Scout Group are as a unit of the Scout Association. The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. 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.

Section E. Financial Review

1. 1st Chesham accounts are published annually and presented at the AGM.
2. The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs.
3. The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies

Section F. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: Iain Lambert

Position: Chair of Board of Trustees

Date: 9th September 2026

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the 1st Chesham Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.
The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Examiners Report
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 accounting 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.

Christopher FB Hadley BSc FCA CTA TEP
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Dated 09/Sep/2026 Signed C Hadley

1ST CHESHAM SCOUT GROUP
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Total Receipts for the year	28,402.27	42,657.88
Total payments for the year	29,689.21	38,164.90
Net Receipts / (Payments) for the year	(1,286.94)	4,492.98
Cash, bank and similar fund brought forward	32,484.69	27,991.71
Cash, bank and similar fund carried forward	31,197.75	32,484.69

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities

were approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

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I Lambert Group Chairman

1ST CHESHAM SCOUT GROUP
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		11,944.00
BUILDING SOCIETY INTEREST		505.35
ACTIVITIES		
Scouts Activities	2,044.00	
Cub Activities	625.76	
Beavers Activities	3,041.25	
Bucks County Camp & E10	775.00	
		6,486.01
FUND RAISING		
Gift Aid	2,127.92	
Christmas Float	1,000.00	
Carnival	164.22	
Christmas Postage Stamps	804.05	
Premises Hire	4,018.50	
Other Donations and Fundraising	1,281.22	
		9,395.91
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Handbooks and Sundries	1.00	
Miscellaneous	70.00	
		71.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR		28,402.27

1ST CHESHAM SCOUT GROUP
PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	£	£
PREMISES		
Rates and Water Rates	670.63	
Light & Heat	2,124.06	
Insurance	1,359.28	
Repairs and Renewals	6,951.70	
Land Registry	790.00	
		11,895.67
DONATIONS/GRANTS		
Chiltern North		8,965.50
ACTIVITIES		
Scout Activities	1,713.91	
Cub Expenses	1,211.73	
Beavers Activities	2,184.68	
Squirrels Activities	60.34	
Bucks County Camp & E10	532.00	
Group Camp	150.00	
Tents + Tent repairs etc	443.10	
		6,295.76
FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES		
Scout Post	315.25	
Other	25.00	
		340.25
ADMIN/ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
AGM and Meeting Expenses	147.53	
Insurance	94.00	
Telephone	291.15	
		532.68
OTHER EXPENSES		355.24
PURCHASE OF BADGES		1,304.11
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		29,689.21