Chair's Report

We progress forward with our comprehensive program and our continued active engagement with the local community providing a robust Scouting program through Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Sea Scouts Ellen MacArthur and James Cook plus Land Scouts Livingstone. Whilst Explorer Scout Units come under District we are pleased to have such a close relationship with our Watkins unit who provide so much back to our group.

We participate in Denewulf District and County with several of your youngsters being involved with Hampshire Scouts International opportunities including applications for World Scout Jamboree and Project 27.

Our home Cobham Hall has become cleaner, greener and more cost efficient with solar panels and batteries in the roof, increased insulation and improved toilets. Which means we face the future with less running costs and in a warmer more ecological way.

We are delighted to still have our excellent relationship with Portchester Sailing Club and are grateful for the support they give us along with our relationship with Portchester Parish Hall trust.

Our biggest thanks we have is for the brilliant and excellent team of volunteer leaders and helpers, we are always keen for additions to this band of heroes. In particular I want to give thanks to Richard and Claire, our Lead and deputy Lead volunteers who have gone further this year covering several roles including that of treasurer whilst we looked for a new one.

We say goodbye to a long term friend and supporter of 3rd Portchester Cllr Roger Price, who has kindly funded towards a new Canada Canoe that the exec felt should be named after him as he steps down from the Council.

As we step forward to another year our future is reassuringly stable and this is due to the fantastic work our team does.

Lee Mason

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Treasurer's Report for Year Ended 31st December 2025

I am pleased to present our audited financial accounts for 2025.

I would like to start by thanking our auditor for volunteering to undertake the independent examination of the group accounts and to Claire Colley and Carolyn Colwell for their help preparing the accounts for audit.

The Group remains in strong shape financially, thanks to the careful management of income and expenditure.

Subscriptions were kept at £14 per month during 2025. The group has managed to maintain subs at this level for approximately 14 years, despite the various inflationary pressures we have faced.

In 2025, Capitation, (the amount we pay to District, County and the Scout Association), represented just over 40% of the amount we receive from subscriptions – that's £67.50 per young person. This and other increasing costs led the group Trustees to make the difficult decision to increase subscriptions to £15 per month from January 2026. I think this still offers excellent value for money and ensures the group remains financially secure going forward.

This year the group secured a grant to improve the insulation in the loft. Everyone has noticed that the temperature in the hall has been more consistent and that the heating is working more efficiently. Thanks to David Rowles for organising the grant application and overseeing the contractors who fitted the insulation.

The group retains sufficient reserves to cover unexpected expenditure and to allow us to continue to upgrade equipment.

The financial shape of the group does depend on continuing to attract and retain new members. Leaders are actively looking at effective ways of communicating the great opportunities scouting provides to young people of all ages. You may have seen posts on the Group and Voice for Portchester Facebook groups.

I would like to thank the group Chair, Trustees and volunteers for their tireless efforts supporting front line scouting.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that David Rowles has kindly agreed to take over as group treasurer from 17 May 2026 – thank you Dave. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support whilst I temporarily covered the treasurer's role during 2025.

Richard Curtis
Acting Group Treasurer

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

3rd Portchester Scout Group	271605

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	23,394	-	-	23,394	25,350
Payments received for camps	13,027	-	-	13,027	11,636
Payments received for activities	1,367	-	-	1,367	1,545
Gift aid	5,235	-	-	5,235	5,929
Donations, grants, fundraising	5,557	-	-	5,557	4,571
Sale of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	777	-	-	777	310
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	49,357	-	-	49,357	49,341
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,357	-	-	49,357	49,341
A3 Payments					
Camping Expenses	15,330	-	-	15,330	12,076
Activity Expenses	10,163	-	-	10,163	7,438
Capitation	8,722	-	-	8,722	10,089
Insurance	3,014	-	-	3,014	2,788
HQ maintenance, Capex & Repair	4,113	-	-	4,113	3,824
Boat & Camping maintenance & Capex	278	-	-	278	5,556
Rent & Subscriptions	3,137	-	-	3,137	323
Utilities	3,376	-	-	3,376	4,418
Badges	1,489	-	-	1,489	1,739
Sub total	49,622	-	-	49,622	48,251
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,622	-	-	49,622	48,251
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 265	-	-	- 265	1,090
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,926	-	-	44,926	42,632
Cash funds this year end	44,661	-	-	44,661	43,722

ection B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	44,688	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44,688	-	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Boats & Marine Equipment		-	150,000
	Camping Equipment		-	100,000
	Solar Panels		-	16,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		RICHARD CURTIS	17/5/26
		LEE MASON	17/5/26

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Portchester Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 3rd Portchester Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 3rd Portchester Scout Group 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 3rd Portchester Scout Group 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 3rd Portchester Scout Group 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: K Ball

Name: KYLE BALL

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: FLAT 1, 240 FRATTON ROAD, PORTSMOUTH, PO1 5HH

Date: 12/05/2026