Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 1 2 5 to end date 3 1 1 2 2 5

Section A **Reference and administration details**

Charity name: 1st/ 3rd Houghton Regis Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 2 7 7 4 3 3

HQ registration number: 1 0 0 1 5 0 9 6

Charity's principal address:
c/o 18 Englands Avenue
Dunstable
Bedfordshire
Postcode L U 6 1 U H

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Christopher Slough	Group Chairperson	
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3	Kenneth Wattingham		
4	Carol Carey		
5	William Shaw	Group Scout Leader	
6	Sarah Carey		
7	Christopher John Carey		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. 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.
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and th systems and procedures to manage them	The Committee consists of 2 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer together with the Lead Volunteer, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months. Members of the Executive Committee complete *'Essential Information for Executive Committee'* training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group 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; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity se out in its governing document	**The Purpose of Scouting** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. **The Values of Scouting** As Scouts we are guided by these values: **Integrity -** We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. **Respect -** We have self-respect and respect for others. **Care -** We support others and take care of the world in which we live. **Belief -** We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. **Co-operation -** We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends. **The Scout Method** Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking • contribution made by volunteers • policy on investments	

Public benefit statement	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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The group has continuesd to grow in membership with the launch of Squirrels in April 2025. The group has continued to offer an active programme to the young people of the local area.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on	**Reserves Policy** The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources f The Group held reserves of approximately£29,955 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by reserve being held to improve the interior of the hut which remains an ongoing project.
Quantify and explain any designation	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additiona
information, where relevant, abou
• the charity's principal sources of funds

• how expenditure has supported the ke

• investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)
The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	CRL Slough	
Full name(s)	CRL SLOUGH	M. DUNWORTH
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	CHAIR	TREASURER.
Date		

1st/3rd Houghton Regis Scout Group (Charity no.277433)

Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Receipts and payments

		2025 Unrestricted funds £		2024 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions		£10,526.68		6,826
Membership subscriptions (refund from District)		£31.00		28
Donations		£328.00		880
Investiture/Uniform/Badges		£289.30		170
Activities				
Christmas bowling		£160.00		
Beaver Polar Exxpress Sleepover		£745.00		
Water Activity Day		£840.00		630
Ninja Warrior sleepover		£792.50		
ASAP Camp		£1,885.00		495
Cubs Survival Day				12
Cubs Fundays				932
Beavers and Cubs Mini Golf				263
Beavers HP Sleepver				525
Scouts Hat Challenge		£175.00		200
Beavers Mead Open Farm & Sleepover				553
Polo Shirt Sales		£278.50		90
Other Income		£1.00		8
Sub total		£16,051.98		11,612
Grants				
Central beds s.106		£12,393.30		66,276
Other grants		£155.20		
Sub total		£12,548.50		66276
Fundraising events (gross)				
Rotary Christmas Float		£414.19		500

Houghton Regis Carnival		£1,433.30	1,217
Other fundraising activities		£885.07	-
Sub total		£2,732.56	1,717
Scout hut income			
Hire of building		£1,295.00	2,970
Hire of equipment			40
Other Scout hut income			-
Sub total		£1,295.00	3,010
Investment income			
Bank interest		-	-
Building Society interest		-	-
Compensation from Bank			50
Other investment income			
Sub total		£0.00	50
Total Gross Income		£32,628.04	82,665

Asset and investment sales, etc.		£0.00	0
Total receipts		£32,628.04	82,665

1st/3rd Houghton RegisScout Group (Charity no. 277433)

Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Receipts and payments

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/ District)	**£3,833.05**	**3,108**
General Meeting Activites	**£2,032.48**	**1,304**
Beavers Polar express Sleepover	**£715.91**	**-**
Water Activity Day	**£822.50**	**630**
Ninja Warrior Sleepover	**£721.14**	**-**
Ground Rent	**£1,860.00**	**1,860**
Water and Sewerage	**£295.14**	**274**
Heating Oil	**£591.00**	**338**
Electricity	**£1,324.20**	**1,315**
Insurance	**£1,142.01**	**1,058**
Internet Costs	**£151.94**	**163**
Repairs and Renewals	**£941.17**	**764**
s.106 works	**£12,393.30**	**66,276**
Materials and Equipment	**£1,035.91**	**700**
Cleaning	**£45.95**	**145**
Uniforms/ Badges	**£1,782.76**	**1,490**
Investiture	£203.85	
Computer and Software	£45.98	46
ICO Licence	£47.00	35
Cub Khana		30
Cubs Survival Day		12
Cubs Fundays		927
Beavers and Cubs Mini Golf		288
Scouts Hat Challenge	£125.00	200

Beavers HP Sleepover		551
Beavers Mead		447
ASAP Camp	£1,816.79	546
Other costs	£22.75	8
Sub total	**£31,949.83**	**82,515**
Fundraising expenses		
Carnival Expenses	**£41.42**	**24**
Other fundraising costs	**£40.83**	**41**
Sub total	**£82.25**	**65**
Total Gross Expenditure	**£32,032.08**	**82,580**
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	**£32,032.08**	**82,580**
Net of receipts/(payments)	**£595.96**	**84**
Cash funds last year end		**29,275**
Cash funds this year end	**£29,955.39**	**£29,359.43**

1st/3rd Houghton Regis Scout Group (Charity no.277433)

Receipts and payments account

For the year from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

		2025 Unrestricted funds £		2024 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds				
Bank current account		29,955		29,359
Bank deposit account		-		-
Building society account		-		-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-		-
Cash/Floats		-		-
Total cash funds		29,955		29,359
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Other monetary assets				
Tax claim		-		-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		-		-
Insurance claim		-		-
Sub total		0		
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		0		

Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid		-		-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		-		-
Subscriptions not yet paid		-		-
Loan - detail		-		-
Other liabilities		-		-
Sub total		0		

Total net assets	29,955	29,359

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 6th October 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
CRL Slough	CRL SLOUGH	Chair
M Dunworth	M DUNWORTH	Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

1st/3rd Houghton Regis Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December, 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 2

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The 1st/3rd Houghton Regis Scout Group trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group/District 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Charites 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.

Name: .....Margaret Wilson.....

Qualification: ..Treasurer, Dunstable District Scout Council.....

[redacted]

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Date: .....5th October 2026.....

DISCLOSURE

(only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems)