Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) | | | | | | | to end date | | | | | | |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: 3rd. Alton Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 279491

2467

Charity's principal address:

The Den
Chawton Park Road
Alton, Hampshire
Postcode GU34 1RQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard Jones	Chair	
2	Matt Collins	Group Lead Volunteer	
3	Andy Fry	Treasurer	Until 19/06/2025
4	Helen Fletcher	Treasurer	From 19/06/2025
5	Michele Grinstead	Secreatary	Until 19/06/2025
6	Anna Lavelle		
7	Philip McKenzie		
8	Nico Russell		Until 19/06/2025
9	Paul Gray		Until 19/06/2025
10	Sarah McKenzie		Until 19/06/2025
11	Jamie Curtis-Wood		From 19/06/2025
12	Fiona Dunford		From 19/06/2025
13	Katie Woodcock		From 05/10/2025
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Section A Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

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 the 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: Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Group is managed by the Group Board of Trustees, 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. The Trustee Board consists of 2 independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer and together with the Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) plus individual section leaders and parent's representation and meets every # months. Trustees must complete *'Essential Information for Executive Committee'* training within the first 5 months of joining. This Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer 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 B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 1) The Group Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. **Risk and Internal Control (Specimen 2)** The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
	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.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	
	The Group has 8 sections; 1 Squirel Drey, 2 Beaver Colonies,2 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops & 1 Explorer Unit. .Approx 150 members across all the sections.The group has a broad range of activitieswith badges being awardedto recognise the particisipants achievments. Sleepovers and campsare arranged, with the Scouts & Explorersattending overseas camps & Jamborees. Camp fires & cooking are favourite activities. All sections have arranged activities to make an impacton the local area and to provide personal challenges.

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.	
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

Progress has been made with the building extension and although the planing permission has lapsed we have submitted a new aplication for a simpler building The group is still working towards fundraising the required amount of money for the new build. We have also been focusing efforts on refreshing our current facilities. by installing new double glazing windows, security doors, heating. We are also pleased to see an increase in membership numbers in the group

Section E — Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

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 Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10000.

The Group held reserves of approximately £X against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

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Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

None

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

• the charity's principal sources of funds (

Investment Policy (Specimen 1)

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

• investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy (Specimen 2)

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 Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Future Project

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Matt Collins	Richard Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Lead Volenteer	Chair
Date	2 9 1 0 2 6	

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

3rd Alton Scout Group
For the year ended 31 December 2025
Cash Basis

	2025	2024
1. Statement of Assets & Liabilities		
Group		
TSB Main bank account	794.25	3,019.21
TSB BIA	97,611.29	83,497.71
TSB Subs Account	10,575.17	13,329.34
Deposit Account (New)	2,951.39	2,912.02
Total Group	**111,932.10**	**102,758.28**
Held by Sections		
Beaver Account	965.92	703.75
Cubs Account	624.79	841.01
Scout Account	965.54	2,268.85
Explorer Account	2,103.20	1,755.09
Total Held by Sections	**4,659.45**	**5,568.70**
Total Statement of Assets & Liabilities	**116,591.55**	**108,326.98**

Receipts

3rd Alton Scout Group
For the year ended 31 December 2025
Cash Basis

	2025	2024
1. Receipts		
Group		
Kit Hire	-	2,203.25
Uniform Income	312.00	-
Hall Rental	13,715.00	14,143.79
Gift Aid	5,255.12	5,033.25
Shop Income	1,994.59	1,001.48
Subscriptions received	23,154.87	22,503.49
Donations	16,522.46	20,925.17
Grants	-	500.00
Interest	1,608.18	1,237.19
Fundraising Income	-	48.00
Total Group	**62,562.22**	**67,595.62**
Sections		
Beaver Section Account Income	2,819.26	1,004.00
Cub Section Account Income	6,482.04	2,469.00
Scout Section Account Income	15,363.42	8,638.10
Explorer Section Account Income	2,046.01	5,289.27
Total Sections	**26,710.73**	**17,400.37**
Total Receipts	**89,272.95**	**84,995.99**

Payments

3rd Alton Scout Group
For the year ended 31 December 2025
Cash Basis

	2025	2024
1. Payments		
Group		
Consumables	180.56	91.13
Group Camp	42.70	-
Uniform Expenditure	549.99	214.98
Gocardless & Stripe Fees	881.10	797.15
Shop Costs	1,659.75	15.90
Capitation	9,943.00	8,195.00
Admin	5,563.08	1,193.19
Utilities	5,319.31	4,841.64
Repairs/Maintenance	14,425.79	12,164.03
Insurance	2,073.38	2,245.74
Badges	1,882.35	2,524.39
Training	185.40	-
Cleaning Supplies	712.65	952.91
Building Project	8,341.20	16,437.00
Section Costs	-	118.00
Equipment	431.13	11,612.06
Total Group	**52,191.39**	**61,403.12**
Sections		
Beaver Section Account expenditure	2,942.02	1,649.28
Cub Section Account Expenditure	7,118.26	3,258.85
Scout Section Account Expenditure	17,057.08	13,030.45
Explorer Section Account Expenditure	1,697.90	1,056.16
Total Sections	**28,815.26**	**18,994.74**
Total Payments	**81,006.65**	**80,397.86**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 3rd Alton Scouts

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the attached Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 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 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 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 next statement .

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 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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 and Address : K. WILLIAMS-CROCK, DASHWOOD CLOSE ALTON, GU34 1RS
Qualification : ACCA (UK)
Date : 19/04/2026
Signed: K Williams