Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	1	2025	To	31	12	2025

Scouts
2nd St Ives
Sea Scout Group

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	2nd St Ives (Hunts) Sea Scout Group
Other names charity is known by	2nd St Ives Sea Scout Group
Registered charity number (if any)	279852

Charity's principal address	Holt Island, Church Street	
	St Ives	
	Cambridgeshire	
	Postcode	PE27 6DG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rob Taylor	Group Scout Leader		
2	Alexander Christmas	Group Chairman		
3	Claire-Joanne Stewart	Group Secretary	Until 30th September 2025	
4	Jo Taylor	Group Treasurer		
9	Simon Flanagan			
10	John Hladkiwskyj			
12	Peter Sullivan			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
The Scout Association Trust Corporation in respect of the Lease for Holt Island from Huntingdonshire District Council	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	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	The Group is an educational charity, established under rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The Group has adopted The Scout Associations model constitution as written in Chapter 5 of Policy, Organisation and Rules The Group is to be managed by the Board of Trustees, that act collectively as charity Trustees of the Scout Group and in the best interests of its members. The Board of Trustees exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment and are responsible to: • Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. • Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group. • Manage the Group finances. • Provide insurance for people, property and equipment. • Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities. • Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area. • Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally. • Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community. • Appoint and manage the operation of any Sub-Committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-Committees. • Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the Group. • The opening, closure and amalgamation of Sections in the Group as necessary.

The Board of Trustees must also:

- Appoint Administrators, Advisers, and Co-opted members of the Board of Trustees.
- Approve the Annual Report and Annual Accounts after their examination by an appropriate auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer.
- Present the Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the Scout Council at the Annual General Meeting; file a copy with the District Board of Trustees; and if a registered charity, to the appropriate charity regulator if the regulator's rules require it.
- Maintain confidentiality with regard to appropriate Trustee business.

The Board of Trustees must also:
The Board of Trustees is made up of three types of members.

- **Ex-officio members** have a role on the Board due to their role in Scouting. These include:
  - Group Lead Volunteer
  - District Lead Volunteer
  - District Chair of Board of Trustees
- **Appointed Members**
  - Chair of Board of Trustees
  - Treasurer of Board of Trustees
  - Trustee members
- **Co-opted members**

The Board of Trustees meet 3/4 times a year.

Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues

a) The induction and training of trustees;	Members of the Trustee Board are required to complete a programme of mandatory training within the first 5 months of joining the Board. They are also cleared for working with children by the Disclosure and Barring Service.
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Board of Trustees has 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** This is assessed as a **Medium** risk with **good controls**. The building is equipped with fire detectors, alarms and extinguishers. In the event of damage, 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, including flooding.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members
This is assessed as a **Medium** risk with **good controls**. All Volunteers are trained to minimise injury to themselves and others. Written Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities and a process of dynamic risk assessment is continued during activities. Through annual membership fees, the Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy.

Reduced income from fund raising
This is assessed as a **Medium** risk with **reasonable controls**. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from membership subscriptions and fundraising. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee has the option to raise subscription fees to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Adult Volunteers
This is assessed as a **Medium** risk with **reasonable controls**. 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, there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, this could result in the complete closure of the Group. The Group is always actively recruiting for additional adult volunteers.

Reduction or loss of young members
Based on the predicted growth of St Ives and the demand for scouting, this is assessed as a **Low** risk. 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 could result.

Risk and Internal Control
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 comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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.

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.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Community Activities	The Group supports the Royal British Legion at the Annual Remembrance Parade, the Town Mayors inaugural Parade and the District St. George's Day Parade
Policy on Grant Making;	The Group does not make grants to other bodies, however it does occasionally make donations to other scouting charities.
Contribution made by volunteers;	The Group could not function without the contributions of its volunteers: Young Leaders, Adult Leaders, Managers, Trustees and Supporters. All are unpaid but reasonable expenses are reimbursed.
Policy on investments;	The Group does not currently invest any of its reserves

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Group has continued with an extensive program of activities which included (but not limited to);

- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Sailing
- Hiking
- Rafting
- Camping
- Tomahawks
- Archery
- Bushcraft

The Group maintained their Minibus and trailer to facilitate transport to and from activities.

The Group has invested in equipment to enhance the experiences of Young people, this includes (but not limited to)

- Replacement camping equipment
- Replacement Kayaks

Continued support for Adult training;

- First Aid Training Course
- Paddlesport Instructor Training (Kayak, Canoe, SUP)
- Foundation, Safety and Rescue Training Course (FSRT)
- Swim Event Safety Award (SESA)
- Archery Training (Archery GB Qualification)
- Bushcraft Training
- Minibus Training (MiDAS)
- Adventurous Activity Permits
- Camping Permits
- Leader Training (including a Leader Training Camp)

Section D Achievements and performance

The Group has maintained the level of the Adult Volunteer Leadership team.

Young Leaders have a pinnacle role within the Group and there are now 9 working with sections across the Group.

There has been a number of outstanding achievements within the Group where our Young Members have achieved top awards, these include:

- Beavers - Bronze Awards x 9
- Cubs - Silver Awards x 10
- Scouts - Gold Awards x 3

The Group has maintained its numbers throughout 2025 and provides scouting based activities for 90 Young members.

The group is Partnered with Nulli Secundi Explorer Unit and assists in providing scouting to 22 Explorers. With continued support, it is expected to see the section continue to grow.

We have 1 member of the group who has been successful in their application for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027

The Popularity of the group continues to grow within the community, and this is evident from the size of the waiting list for Young People wanting to get involved; there are currently 167 Young people.

With the continued support of our Parents and the exceptional contribution of our Adult Volunteers, the group has a stable platform that enables us to continue to offer Scouting to Young People within the community throughout 2026

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	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. Additionally, due to the nature of Holt Island, the Group holds reserves to fund maintenance and repair work as required. The Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, plus £10,000 circa £16,000.
Quantify and explain designations	If the reserves at year end are significantly above this, the Board of Trustees may designate an amount towards specific projects or equipment

Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

The charity's principle source of funds (including any fundraising);	The Group's primary sources of funding are through membership subscriptions from young members, fundraising and donations. The Groups key fundraising is focused on activity weekends for scouting groups based in Cromwell District. This is now a regular feature in the District diary, is well received by other groups and it is anticipated that this will continue for the foreseeable future. Additional fundraising has been generated through Family activity evenings and Café's following community events e.g. Remembrance Parade
How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	Primary income is spent on: • Running the Scouting Programmes • Maintaining and operating the buildings and facilities • Insurances and other required costs Income raised from Fundraising has supported: • Essential Camping Equipment • Essential Safety Equipment • Activity Equipment
Investment policy and objectives ;	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)	2026 will see the continued program of Scouting. Planned fundraising will be focused on the District Activity weekends. Review of equipment held by the group has identified the need for replacement/additional activity equipment which will enable the Group to be able to accommodate the increased youth numbers – to be part/fully funded by the planned fundraising events.

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)		
Position (eg Treasurer, Chair,etc)		

Date	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01 01 2025 To 31 12 25

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					
MEMBERSHIP & GIFT AID					
Membership Subscriptions	15,456	-	-	15,456	14,610
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on	6,496	-	-	6,496	5,994
Less Esplorer Subs				760	
Net Membership subscriptions retained	8,960	-	-	8,960	8,616
Gift Aid - including back dated years		-	-	-	15,009
Sub Total	8,960	-	-	8,960	23,625
INVESTMENT INCOME					
Expense Cards		0	-	0	-
Sub Total	-	0		0	-
DONATIONS/GRANTS					
Needingwork Guide Canoeing				-	125
Micro Analyis Consultants				-	13,000
Other Donations	4,490			4,490	856
Sub Total	4,490	-		4,490	13,981
YOUTH PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES					
Beaver Events/Camps	941			941	769
Beaver Meetings				-	
Cub Events/Camps	5,775			5,775	7,724
Cub Meetings				-	
Scout Events/Camps	10,076			10,076	3,719
Sout Meetings				-	1,063
Sub Total	16,791			16,791	13,275
ISLAND INCOME				-	
Sub Total				-	
FUNDRAISING (GROSS)				-	
Other Fundraising Activities	1,363			1,363	597
WOW Weekends	7,720			7,720	8,125
Sub Total	9,082	-		9,083	8,722
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				-	
Misc income					104
Clothing	2,076			2,076	909
Sub Total	2,076			2,076	1,013
6	41,401	0	-	41,401	60,616
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,401	0	-	41,401	60,616

A3 Payments

YOUTH PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES	-	-	-	-	-
Sailing		-	-	-	600
Beaver Events/Camps	837	-	-	837	385
Beaver Meetings	770			770	244
Cub Events/Camps	5,692	-	-	5,692	6,387
Cub Meetings	1,326			1,326	624
Scout Events/Camps	10,082			10,082	3,034
Scout Meetings	932			932	503
Group Events/Activities	1,149			1,149	156
OSM - All Sections				-	111
Sub Total	20,788	-	-	20,788	12,044
PREMISES					
Rent/Rates	239			239	226
Utilities	3,111			3,111	1,742
Refuse	250			250	250
Veunue Maintenance	6,449			6,449	
Island Maintenance	14,385			14,385	2,704
Sub Total	24,432	-	-	24,432	4,922
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES					
Group Events Fundraising Expenses - wow	2,241			2,241	868
Sub Total	2,241	-	-	2,241	868
GROUP EXPENSES				-	
Activity Equipment	1,329			1,329	21,882
Adult Training	90			90	4,947
Badges	790			790	1,201
New Website	100			100	
Poppy donations				-	160
Uniform and Activity Clothin	2,581			2,581	1,650
Vehicle Maintenance	1,061			1,061	4,500
All Insurance's	3,354			3,354	2,695
Bank/Go Cardless Fees	1,162			1,162	1,083
Accountancy Fees				-	330
	10,468	-	-	10,468	38,448
Total Gross Expenditure	57,930	-	-	57,929	56,282

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	57,930	-	-	57,929	56,282
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 16,529	0	-	- 16,528	4,334
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,184	30	-	22,214	17,850
Balance on Expense cards	1,171			1,171	
Cash funds this year end	6,825	30	-	6,856	22184

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank Current Account	6,825	-	-
	Bank Deposit Account	-	30	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,825	30	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Badges Secretary Stock	1763	-	-
Uniform and Clothing	8531	-	-
Land & Buildings not owned by the Scout Group		-	-
Motor Vehicles & Trailers	9000	-	-
Boats and Water Equipment	17100	-	-
Scouting Equipment & Furniture	6500	-	-
Buildings (Scout Hut)	300,000	-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ALEX CHRISTMAS	12.10.26
Taylor	JOANNE TAYLOR	12.10.26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name 2nd St Ives (Hunts) Sea Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	279852
Set out on pages	1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	
Name:	Peter Barlow		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW		
Address:	Station House, 15 Station Road, St Ives		

Cambs. PE27 5BH

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	