Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	6 April 2025	To	5 April 2026

Charity Name	**High Littleton Scout Group**
Charity Registration Number	**280296**
HQ Registration Number	**37873**

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. **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 the purpose and objects	Indoor and outdoor activities including: hiking, camping, map reading, pioneering, badge work, craft activities, backwoods cooking, team building challenges
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Policy on grant making*	

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	The Group has operated one Scout Troop, 2 Cub packs and 2 Beaver colonies with a total membership of 90 – 100 children. It has also organised a number of District-wide events. The Scout Hall is used by a wide variety of community groups catering for all ages. e.g. community coffee mornings, afternoon teas and film nights, monthly repair cafes, weekly exercise classes, baby & toddler groups, committee meetings of local groups, and as a polling station

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Achievements against objectives* • *Fundraising activities* • *Contribution made by volunteers*	Fundraising activities have included 3 Jumble Sales, catering at High Littleton Village Day, and stalls at a local community market. This year the Group has successfully increased the use of the Scout Hall by other groups in the community. The contribution of our uniformed volunteers, the Fundraising and Hall sub-committees, plus parent helpers is invaluable. It would not be possible for the Group to operate in the way it does without their involvement.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	The financial position of the charity is strong. Sufficient funds to continue to run the Group for the coming financial year, including making £7,500 repayments on two outstanding loans to Wansdyke District Scouts and Avon County Scouts
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs, circa £26,000. The charity held reserves of approximately £34,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by a wish to hold additional funds to allow further improvements to the fabric and fittings of the Scout Hall. Excess reserves will be available for meeting the continued cost of maintenance and improvements to the fabric and fittings of the Scout Hall The charity also holds approximately £4,000 of funds designated for repairs to the grounds of the Scout Hall.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The charity's reserves are small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The charity 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.
A description of the principal risks	Mismanagement or loss of funds Fundraising falling short of sums required Damage to building, contents or equipment Injury to any persons connected with the group or Scout Hall users Loss of members leading to reduction in subscriptions Loss of leaders making it difficult for the Group to continue to operate

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity's 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 (POR) of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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 the Chair, Treasurer and 6 Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustee) and meets 5 times a year. The Trustee Board is supported by a Board Administrator. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required;

	• Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board; • Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; • Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; • Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; • Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.

Plans for future periods

Plans for future Periods	Continue to operate existing youth sections Recruit more uniformed volunteers Continue to promote Hall for use by community groups Continued fundraising to carry out further improvements to the Scout Hall for Group and community use, including refitting the kitchen and installing solar panels

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	**High Littleton Scout Hall** **High Street** **High Littleton** **BRISTOL** **BS39 6JD**

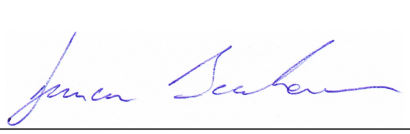
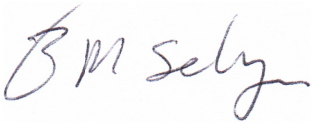
	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Duncan Beechener	Chair	
2	Simon Walker	Lead Volunteer	
3	Brenda Selwyn	Treasurer	
4	John Vailes	President	
5	Patricia Horwood	Team Leader Beavers	
6	Rosalind Watts	Team Leader Cubs	
7	William Holmes		
8	Sarah Hamblin		
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Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Kirsty Jane Plummer	31 Kingsley Road, Westfield Radstock BA3 3YU
Detail others	None	

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature		
Full name	**Duncan Beechener**	**Brenda Selwyn**
Position held	**Chair**	**Treasurer**
Date	**25 June 2026**	**25 June 2026**

High Littleton Scout Group (280296)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	06/04/25	To	05/04/26

Receipts and payments

	2025/26				2024/25
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions	10,850	-	-	10,850	10,504
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	(5,723)	-	-	(5,723)	(5,175)
Camp and activity fees	8,878	-	-	8,878	12,520
Donations	2,894	-	-	2,894	5,392
Gift Aid	4,360	-	-	4,360	1,828
Lloyds Bank Foundation	500	-	-	500	-
Sub total	21,759	-	-	21,759	25,070
Grants					
Avon County Scout Council	-	3,927	-	3,927	-
Other grants	-	-	-	-	6,850
Sub total	-	3,927	-	3,927	6,850
Fundraising events (gross)					
Jumble and other sales	5,653	-	-	5,653	4,893
High Littleton Village Day	1,420	-	-	1,420	1,093
AGM Duck Race	458	-	-	458	283
Afternoon teas	862	-	-	862	636
Film nights	632	-	-	632	723
Textile collection point	310	-	-	310	298
Other fundraising activities	128	-	-	128	-
Sub total	9,463	-	-	9,463	7,926
Scout Hall income					
Hire of building	3,523	-	-	3,523	1,283
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout Hall income	1	-	-	1	1
Sub total	3,524	-	-	3,524	1,284
Investment income					
Bank interest	384	-	-	384	358
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	384	-	-	384	358
Total Gross Income	35,130	3,927	-	39,057	41,488
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,130	3,927	-	39,057	41,488

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	2025/26				2024/25
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Youth programme and activities	8,826	-	-	8,826	12,377
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-
Loan principal	7,500	-	-	7,500	7,500
Loan interest	50	-	-	50	75
Water and Sewerage	349	-	-	349	306
Electricity and Gas	2,121	-	-	2,121	1,532
Insurance	3,255	-	-	3,255	3,269
Scout Hall repair and refurbishment	455	3,866	-	4,321	3,500
Scout Hall running costs	3,220	-	-	3,220	4,834
Materials and equipment	1,166	-	-	1,166	341
Uniform & badges	1,140	-	-	1,140	686
AGM and trustee expenses	126	-	-	126	83
Donation to Grow Timsbury CIC	100	-	-	100	50
Sub total	28,308	3,866	-	32,174	34,553
Fundraising expenses					
Jumble and other sales	1,081	-	-	1,081	1,491
High Littleton Village Day	432	-	-	432	433
AGM Duck Race	50	-	-	50	60
Afternoon teas	412	-	-	412	303
Film nights	114	-	-	114	145
Textile collection point	-	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising costs	44	-	-	44	-
Sub total	2,134	-	-	2,134	2,432
Total Gross Expenditure	30,442	3,866	-	34,308	36,985
Asset and investment purchases, etc	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,442	3,866	-	34,308	36,985
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,688	61	-	4,749	4,503
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	29,564	3,866	-	33,430	28,927
Cash funds this year end	34,252	3,927	-	38,179	33,430

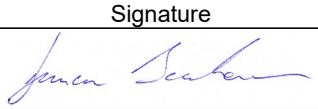
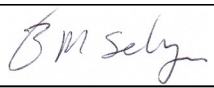
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	05/04/26				05/04/25
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank current account	10,445	-	-	10,445	6,880
Bank current account (camp)	1,274	-	-	1,274	1,924
Bank deposit account	22,333	3,927	-	26,260	24,426
Cash/Floats	200	-	-	200	200
Total cash funds	34,252	3,927	-	38,179	33,430
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Other monetary assets					
Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	1,300	-	-	1,300	1,100
Land and buildings	75,000	-	-	75,000	75,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	30,000	-	-	30,000	27,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	106,300	-	-	106,300	103,100
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	(77)	-	-	(77)	(64)
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	(3,163)
Loan – Avon County Scout Council	(5,000)	-	-	(5,000)	(10,000)
Loan – Wansdyke District Scouts	(15,000)	-	-	(15,000)	(17,500)
Sub total	(20,077)	-	-	(20,077)	(30,727)
Total net assets	120,475	3,927	-	124,402	105,803

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 27 April 2026 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	Duncan Beechener	Chair
	Brenda Selwyn	Treasurer

Unqualified report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of High Littleton Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the High Littleton Scout Group for the year ended 5 April 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the High Littleton 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 High Littleton 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 High Littleton 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: 

Name: Kirsty Jane Plummer FMAAT

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

Association of Accounting Technicians - 10294841

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Date: 14 June 2026