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 HYTHE SCOUT GROUP
Other names the charity is known by	1ST HYTHE BP SCOUT GROUP
Registered charity number (if any)	2 8 0 7 7 9
HQ registration number	1 0 0 1 0 3 0 0
Charity's principal address	Burton Hall Albert Lane Hythe, Kent Postcode C T 2 1 6 B Y

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	Mandy Burton		
2	John Chapman		
3	Luke Chittock	Treasurer	
4	Lee Fawcett	Chair	
5	Gavin Kennett		
6	Debby Pearce		
7	Tony Poole		Until 11 June 2025
8	Naomi Slade		
9	Cameron Mcghie		
10	Lucy Tordoff		
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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: Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustees' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 the Chair, Treasurer, Group Lead Volunteer and between two and nine additional Trustees and meets at least once every school term (Spring, Summer and Autumn) Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Trustee in Scouts learning within the first six months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The Group Trustee Board 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. 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. The Group maintains Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Cover for Non-Members. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, hall hire and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board 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 4 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.

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 in relation to these objects	The Group consists of the following sections: Squirrels (4-6 years) Beaver (6 - 8 years) Cub Scouts (8 - 10.5 years) [Two Sections] Scouts (10.5 -14 years) Explorers (14 - 18 Years) Scout Network (18 - 25 years) The Group provides a varied, active and exciting programme for our young members. The Group actively supports international scouting (e.g. Jamborees and Expeditions) and wider development (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award). The Group supports and engages in local community events throughout the year.

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 maintained its membership of around 100 young people. All sections have delivered an active and varied programme to our young people. The group continues supporting members financially during the wider cost-of-living crisis, but will increase membership fees slowly over the medium term, providing additional support to families where required. The group is broadly operating within its funding model, drawing on funds from covid grant deposits to cover any deficit.

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs. The Group Trustee Board reviewed the reserve and agreed to maintain the groups reserve at £24,000.
Quantify and explain any designations	

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

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	
• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	
• investment policy and objectives;	**Investment Policy** 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 UK regulated banks or building societies.

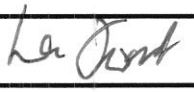
Section F Other Optional Information

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

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)	Lee Fawcett	Luke Chittock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	0 7 0 6 2 6	

1st Hythe BP Scout Group (Charity no. 280779)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
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	11,223	11,580
Donations	226	2,000
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	-	742
Other similar income	11,143	9,079
Sub total	22,592	23,401
Grants		
Maintenenace grant	-	-
Other grants	-	
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events (gross)		
Boot Fair	649	1,670
	-	-
	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	
Sub total	649	1,670
Scout hut income		
Fundraising - Hall Hire	11,323	7,688
Fundraising - Redbanks	-	250
Other Scout hut income	-	-
Sub total	11,323	7,938
Investment income		
Bank interest	-	12
Building Society interest	-	-
NSI interest	-	
	-	-
Sub total	-	12
Total Gross Income	34,564	33,021
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	34,564	33,021

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	6,383	5,202
GoCardless Transaction and App Fees	539	476
Chariatable Donations	57	-
Youth programme and activities	14,895	13,131
Youth Development	-	800
Adult support and training	130	600
Rates	-	
Water and Sewerage	448	344
Electricity and Gas	1,947	2,689
Telephone and Internet	-	-
Insurance	825	747
Repairs and Renewals	3,634	4,425
Materials and equipment	740	705
Printing and photocopying	-	
Uniforms	514	
Badges	1,136	6
AGM and trustee expenses	-	100
Group Administration	144	144
Community Minibus	195	
Other Costs - Vehicle maintenance/hire/insurance/fixed penalties	216	-
Other costs - Redbanks	1,260	350
Other costs - Burton Hall	-	2,076
Other costs - Unpaid Cheques/Refunds	-	-
25th WSJ	-	-
Sub total	33,063	31,793
Fundraising expenses		
Boot Fair	100	100
	-	-
	-	-
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	100	100
Total Gross Expenditure	33,163	31,893
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	33,163	31,893
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,401	1,128
Cash funds last year end	61,529	60,403
Cash funds this year end	62,930	61,531

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st December 2025 Unrestricted funds £	31st December 2024 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	61,374	61,359
Bank deposit account	-	-
NSI Deposit Account	-	-
Equals Group Balance	1,386	170
Total cash funds	62,760	61,529
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	agreement error	agreement error
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim		
Cash/Floats held by Sections		323
Sub total	-	323
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	-	-
Burton Hall - Freehold land and buildings	185,000	185,000
Redbanks Campsite Land and buildings - Freehold land	40,000	40,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	15,000	15,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	240,000	240,000
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities		-
Sub total	-	-
Total net assets	302,760	301,852

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the

Signature	Print Name	
	Lee Fawcett	Chair
	Luke Chittock	Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Hythe Scout Group Scout Council.

I report to the Trustees of my examination of the accounts of the 1st Hythe Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2025

As the charity trustees of the 1st Hythe Scout Group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Hythe 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.

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 1st Hythe Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act.
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.

T.Alcock 27/8/2026

Signed and dated.

T Alcock

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Hythe, Kent.