Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	01/01/25	To	31/12/25
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	**2nd Ware (StMarys) Scout Group**
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**281875**
HQ Registration Number	

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	Weekly term time meetings and activities and camps .
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	

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: ● *Achievements against objectives* ● *Fundraising activities* ● *Contribution made by volunteers*	

Financial review

Review of the financial position	
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 12 months running costs, circa £10,000 The charity held reserves of approximately £29,000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However, this can be explained by the need to guard against unforseen circumstances . Excess reserves will be available for this purpose.
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	Damage to building , property or equipment - Sufficient insurance cover and reciprocal arrangements in place with other Scout groups Injury to leaders etc and members . Full accident insurance in place

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 10 Trustees (including X Ex-Officio Trustees, and X co-opted Trustees) and meets 6 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	**Rebuild of main hall**

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**
1	Philip Rowbotham	Chair	
2	Taylor Wilson	Lead Volunteer	
3	Catherine Lee	Treasurer	
4	Mellisa Law		
5	Richard Earl		
6	Lesley Meek		
7	Jonathan Lippiatt		
8	Catherine Dickson		
9	James Ottery		
10	Karen John		
11	Sarah Merritt		
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Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Sophie Hurst	
Detail others		

Declaration

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

Signature	**P A Rowbotham**	
Full name	**Philip Alan Rowbotham**	
Position held	**Chair**	
Date	**11/10/26**	

2nd Ware (St Mary's) Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31st December 2025

	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Subscriptions	18,057			15,837		
Less subscriptions paid on	9,236			6,903		
		8,822			8,934	
Activity Fees		1,528			1,207	
Camp Fees		4,839			4,141	
Fundraising Takings	5,784			3,567		
Fundraising Expenses	1,014			1,333		
Income from Fundraising		4,770			2,234	
Rent		795			986	
Grants		1,000			1,600	
Donations		-			180	
Gift Aid		3163			2621	
Miscelaneous Income		185				
Interest		343			443	
			25,444			**22,346**
Expenditure						
Section Activities	2,301			3,476		
Camps	3,700			4,138		
Competition Events	588			736		
		6,589			8,350	
Uniform & Badges	1,126			1,608		
		1,126			1,608	
Rent	400			400		
Insurance	1,668			1,424		
Electricity	2922			-		
Water	291			322		
Internet	43			371		
Renovation Expenses	37,320			-		
Repairs & Maintenance	900			1,721		
Surveys & Plans for Capital Expenditure	-			1,537		
Cleaning	1,000			1,000		
Group Expenses	1,967			899		
		46,511			7,675	
Administration						
AGM	202			245		
OSM	429			225		
Payment Fees	38			1,116		
Sundries	-			56		
		669			1,642	
			54,895			**19,274**
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure			**-29,451**			**3,072**

Accumulated funds at 31st December 2024	54,780
Excess/(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-29,451
Accumulated funds at 31st December 2025	**25,329**
Represented by :	
General Accounts	9,303
Go Cardless Account	2,288
Interest Account	10,252
Cash	3,486
	25,329

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 2nd Ware (St Mary's) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 2nd Ware (St Mary's) Scout Group for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 2nd Ware (St Mary's) 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 2nd Ware (St Mary's) 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 2nd Ware (St Mary's) 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: Sophie Hurst

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

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Lowdham
Nottingham
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Date: 05/06/2026