Scouts
14th Canterbury

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 01/01/25 to end date 31/12/25

Section A — Reference and administration details

Charity name: 14th Canterbury Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 285810

HQ registration number: 03590 8

Charity's principal address:
28 Victoria Road
Canterbury
Kent
Postcode CT13SQ

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	Nicholas Thurston	Chair	Until 12th July 2025
2	Mary Bentley		
3	Sally-Anne Ritchie	Treasurer	
4	David Bentley	AGSL	
5	Sarah Barry	DGSL	
6	Tabitha Castle		
7	Matthew Wade		Until 30th November 2025
8	Ross Buggins	AESL	Until 30th November 2025
9	Andrea Hatfield	GSA	
10	Elena Garrett		
11	Julie Fountain		
12	Alexandra Proctor		
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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
Scrutineer	Iain Morris FCA	5 Leycroft Close, Canterbury Kent CT2 7LD

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:	The Group is managed by the 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.
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 Trustee Board consists of 2 independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer, together with the Acting Group Scout Leader, Deputy Group Scout Leader, individual Section Leaders opted to take on the responsibility, and parent representation. The Trustee Board aims to meet every 4 months. Members of the Trustee Board aim to complete *'Essential Information'* training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Scout Leader 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 (contd.)
	The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group owns three gargares for equipment storage and 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 fundraising. 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 Trustee 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. The group has in place internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments.

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	These are detailed in the Chair, GSL and Sections Annual Reports contained in the Annual Report which includes this Trustees Annual Report.
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	All sections of the Group (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) have remained very active throughout 2025. Total membership was at 116 in the January 2026 census, plus a further 16 in the linked Explorers section. Each section has held weekly meetings during term time, following a structured program to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. All sections took part in at least one overnight camp. Each section has organised additional trips and/or nights away through the year and has also come together for group social events that include parents and the wider scouting family. All sections took part in the November social campfire. Activities and events have been planned to be both enjoyable and add value to the members.

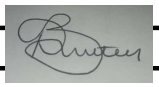
Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a minimum sum equivalent to 9 months running costs, circa £12,500, on top of the amount held by the individual sections. The Group held reserves in excess of the minimum level required for operating expenses. This excess is held to support participants at major Scouting events such as the World Scout Jamborees and enables the Group to keep subscriptions at a minimal level which we consider to be essential during the current cost of living crisis. Having such reserves enables the Group to be in a strong position to move forward.
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	N/A
Further financial review details (optional information)	
• 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)	Continue to operate an engaging and enriching program for our members through 2025 and beyond.

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)	Sally-Anne Ritchie	David Bentley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Treasurer	Joint Group Scout Leader
Date	1 7 0 6 2 6	

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD
1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025
Charity Account Number 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General Funds £	This Year Restricted Funds £	This Year Total Funds £	Last Year Total Funds £
Total Receipts for the year	**41,154.65**	**1,018.31**	**42,172.96**	**40,490.68**
Total Payments for the year	**39,942.45**	**-**	**39,942.45**	**36,641.29**
Net Receipts (payments) for the year	**1,212.20**	**1,018.31**	**2,230.51**	**3,849.39**
Cash bank and funds last year end	**34,533.02**	**1,555.00**	**36,088.02**	**32,238.63**
Transfer of funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	-
Cash bank and funds this year end	**35,745.22**	**2,573.31**	**38,318.53**	**36,088.02**

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Receipts for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General £	This Year Restricted £	Total This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS				
Squirrels	2,338.00	-	2,338.00	1,745.50
Beavers	3,531.00	-	3,531.00	3,461.00
Cubs	4,424.00	-	4,424.00	4,005.00
Scouts	2,926.00	-	2,926.00	2,626.00
Explorers	1,344.00	-	1,344.00	1,275.00
Total	**14,563.00**	**-**	**14,563.00**	**13,112.50**
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED				
NS&I Account Interest	119.23	-	119.23	118.37
Total	**119.23**	**-**	**119.23**	**118.37**
DONATIONS/GRANTS				
Gift Aid	3,029.34	-	3,029.34	2,626.52
Donations	560.00	-	560.00	739.50
Grants	-	-	-	1,000.00
Total	**3,589.34**	**-**	**3,589.34**	**4,366.02**

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Receipts for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 - continued
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General	This Year Restricted	Total This Year	Previous Year
	£	£	£	£
ACTIVITIES (Sections)				
Squirrels Trips/Activities	327.00	-	327.00	554.00
Beaver Trips/Activities/Sleepovers	2,392.00	-	2,392.00	4,136.00
Cubs Trips/Activities/Sleepovers	163.00	-	163.00	1,704.00
Scouts and Explorers summer camp	-	-	-	5,148.27
Scouts Kent International Jamboree	7,880.47	-	7,880.47	580.00
Campfire Social	222.01	-	222.01	221.00
Total	**10,984.48**	**-**	**10,984.48**	**12,343.27**
SPRING B/H CAMP				
Group Spring Camp	7,740.50	-	7,740.50	6,738.01
Group Spring Camp T-shirts	279.50	-	279.50	267.50
Total	**8,020.00**	**-**	**8,020.00**	**7,005.51**
FUND RAISING				
AGM raffle	155.69	18.31	174.00	69.00
Christmas Fair	1,052.26	-	1,052.26	1,268.21
Badge sewing service	103.25	-	103.25	286.30
Family events	400.00	1,000.00	1,400.00	-
Total	**1,711.20**	**1,018.31**	**2,729.51**	**1,623.51**
SUNDRY RECEIPTS				
Squirrels Starter Packs	234.00	-	234.00	287.00
Beavers Starter Packs	189.00	-	189.00	290.00
New Uniform Sales	1,554.50	-	1,554.50	1,341.50
Additional Badges	189.90	-	189.90	3.00
Total	**2,167.40**	**-**	**2,167.40**	**1,921.50**
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	**41,154.65**	**1,018.31**	**42,172.96**	**40,490.68**

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Payments for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General	This Year Restricted	This Year Total	Previous Year
OPERATIONAL COSTS	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Capitation paid to District	8125	-	8,125.00	6,908.00
Hire of Methodist Hall	2341	-	2,341.00	2,777.50
Garage /equipment insurance	817.76	-	817.76	788.62
Total	**11,283.76**	**-**	**11,283.76**	**10,474.12**
ADMINISTRATION				
IT Software	168.91	-	168.91	159.80
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Printing and Stationery	39.85	-	39.85	-
Repairs and Maintenance	90.00	-	90.00	203.59
Total	**298.76**	**-**	**298.76**	**363.39**
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT				
Group equipment	670.95	-	670.95	956.41
Squirrels equipment	89.92	-	89.92	211.54
Beavers equipment	862.94	-	862.94	345.33
Cubs equipment	-	-	-	116.54
Scouts equipment	-	-	-	-
Total	**1,623.81**	**-**	**1,623.81**	**1,629.82**
ACTIVITIES (Sections)				
Squirrels Monday nights	479.06	-	479.06	92.01
Squirrels Activities/Trips/Sleepovers	510.70	-	510.70	265.00
Beaver Monday nights	440.29	-	440.29	367.88
Beaver Activities/Trips/Sleepovers	2784.17	-	2,784.17	4,135.27
Cubs Monday nights	529.09	-	529.09	461.59
Cubs Trips/Activities/Sleepovers	355.35	-	355.35	1,391.56
Scout Activities	1027.89	-	1,027.89	994.31
Scouts Kent International Jamboree	7602.15		7,602.15	850.00
Scouts summer camp 2024	-	-	-	5,374.07
Scouts summer camp 2026	50.00	-	50.00	-
Group spring camp	7,695.34	-	7,695.34	5,730.33
Group spring camp T-shirts	345.00	-	345.00	231.50
Campfire Social	222.01	-	222.01	308.98
Total	**22,041.05**	**-**	**22,041.05**	**20,202.50**

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Payments for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 - continued
Charity Account No 285810 HQ Registration No. 35908

	This Year General	This Year Restricted	This Year Total	Previous Year
	£	£	£	£
OTHER EXPENSES				
Badges	1,815.81	-	1,815.81	1,572.55
Scarves and Uniform	2,411.15	-	2,411.15	2,185.20
AGM	155.30	-	155.30	125.72
Christmas Fayre	37.24	-	37.24	-
Meeting expenses	118.38	-	118.38	32.00
Thank you gifts	57.19	-	57.19	55.99
Donations	100.00	-	100.00	-
Total	**4,695.07**	**-**	**4,695.07**	**3,971.46**
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	**39,942.45**	**-**	**39,942.45**	**36,641.29**

14th CANTERBURY SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL
Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the period ending 31 December 2025
Charity Account No 285810

MONETARY ASSETS	This Year General	This Year Restricted	This Year Total	Previous Year
	£	£	£	£
NatWest Current Account Scout Group	14665.47	2,573.31	17,238.78	15,467.47
NS&I Savings Account Group	12,042.36	-	12,042.36	11,923.13
Current Account Squirrels	663.34	-	663.34	1,200.87
Current Account Beavers	1,153.23	-	1,153.23	1,651.92
Current Account Cubs	2,254.47	-	2,254.47	1,407.43
Current Account Scouts	4,966.35	-	4,966.35	4,437.20
Total	**35,745.22**	**2,573.31**	**38,318.53**	**36,088.02**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31 Dec 2025
	£	£	£	£
Transport Fund	1,405.00	-	-	1,405.00
World Scout Jamboree	150.00	1,018.31	-	1,168.31
Total	**1,555.00**	**1,018.31**	**-**	**2,573.31**

NON-MONETARY ASSETS Assets for Charity's own use, shown at cost	Cost	Value
LANDS, BUILDINGS, MOTOR VEHICLE	£	£
Garages, 6,7 Ulcombe Gardens, acquired 1982, Garage 9 Ulcombe Gardens aquired 2015, combined acquisition cost [Deeds held in trust] - last valuation 2022	4,000.00	20,000.00
Scouting Equipment, Furniture, etc (acquired from1982 onwards) - last valuation 2024	36,843.41	42,590.49
Total	**40,843.41**	**62,590.49**

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 17th June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Print name: Sally-Anne Ritchie

Print name: David Bentley

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 14th Canterbury Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 14th Canterbury Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 14th Canterbury 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 14th Canterbury 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 14th Canterbury Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do 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.

Signed: 

Name: Iain Morris

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

Address: 5 Leycroft Close, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7LD

Date: 14th June 2026