1st Dunmow Scout Group

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st March 2026

Group headquarters address: Mill Lane, Great Dunmow, Essex. CM6 1BG

Group Registration number with the Scout Association: 3102

Charity Registration number: 287412

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TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEES

Appointment	Name
Group Trustees	
	Rodney Martin
	Jacqueline Martin
Chairperson	Liz Overs
Treasurer	Sara Harrison
Secretary	Vacant
GSL	Martin Callingham

Management Committee

Beaver Leader (Farthingwood)	Geraldine Horrix
Beaver Leader (Fern Hollow)	Rachel Bailey
Cub Leader (Panthers)	Mike East
Cub Leader (Tigers)	Veronica Geldard
Scout Leader	Ruth Tidball

BANKERS:	TSB
CONTACT NAME:	Mr Martin Callingham - Group Scout Leader

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2026

The group governing documents are those of the Scout Association:
They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the by laws of the Association and the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Scouting Trustees and Management Committees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association
The Group land and buildings and other major assets are held by Custodian Trustees, for the use of Scouting in Dunmow in accordance with a Trust Document of 1937 .

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Association:
The Aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens 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 Association Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Financial Reserves Policy:
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the activities of the Group should income and fund raising fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to six months running costs in reserve. The Group from time to time build extra reserves to meet planning long term expenditure. A special fund known as the 'Dick Sadler Fund' is held within our reserves for the assistance of scouts of families in need, to ensure that financial restraints do not prevent these young people from benefiting from Scouting.

Investment Policy:
The current reserves stand at £66,250 plus the 'Dick Sadler' Fund holding of £6,104. The Group adopts a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only main--stream bank and building society accounts.

Accounts:
The accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis which is consistent with previous years under the unrestricted funds basis as required by the Charity Commission and the Scout Association. They show total Receipts of £47,661 with Payments of £23,139.

Grants:
Within the total receipts, the following grants were received:
Co-Op: £1,281
J Staines: £700 donated to Dick Sadler Fund

Payments:
Work has begun on refurbishment of the main scout hut, this has been separated as 'Major Repairs'

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Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2026

	This Year	Previous Year (2025)
	£	£
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	31,540	35,040
less: Paid to District, County and H.Q. Capitation		(7,303)
	31,540	27,737
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank Interest	-	-
DONATIONS/GRANTS	3,028	13,222
ACTIVITIES		
Weekly Meetings, Camps and special activities	4,430	6,089
FUND RAISING (net of costs)		
By parents	-	1,972
By members	-	-
OTHER INCOME		
Income Tax recovered on subscriptions (Gift Aid)	8,350	8,063
SUNDRY RECEIPTS		
Uniforms and badges	163	
Other	150	1,604
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	47,661	58,687

Note: No HQ Capitation paid in this year. Invoice of £6,612 was recieved and paid in April 2026

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Payments for the year ended 31st March 2026

	This Year	Previous Year (2025)
	£	£
PREMISES		
Major Repairs	3,494	
General upkeep and running costs of Buildings	3,812	5,235
Grounds Maintenance	1,200	15,423
Vehicle running costs	1,096	339
Insurance	2,696	3,935
	12,299	24,932
DONATIONS	-	50
ACTIVITIES		
Camps and special activities	7,467	15,622
Centenary Day		2,051
	7,467	17,673
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		
Printing, stationery and central admin	937	667
Leader training	500	450
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	170	289
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORMS	1,616	1,765
SUNDRY PAYMENTS		
Miscellaneous	150	1,610
Solicitors Fees	-	1,524
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	23,139	48,960

NOTES:

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Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2026

	This Year	Previous Year (2025)
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (page 5)	47,661	58,687
Total payments for the year (page 6)	23,139	48,960
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	24,522	9,727
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	89,965	80,238
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	114,487	89,965

Statement of Assets & Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2026

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
MONETARY ASSETS		
Working Capital - Sections	6,466	5,494
Working Capital - Group	35,667	18,221
Reserves Short Term (2026/27 Projects)	20,000	20,000
Reserves Long Term	46,250	40,708
	108,383	84,423
Dick Sadler Fund (to assist disadvantaged members)	6,104	5,542
	114,487	89,965
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Tax claim for Year (Estimated 2025/26)	8,000	6,500
NON-MONETARY ASSETS - Revalued in 2025		
Buildings - Revalued in 2025	752,000	642,000
Motor vehicles & trailers	10,000	15,000
Scouting equipment, furniture, etc.	90,000	105,000
	852,000	762,000
LIABILITIES as at 31st March 2026	Nil	Nil

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on: and signed on their behalf by: -

Liz Overs - Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presents with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

3. Which gives my reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the Group's constitution have not been met.

Signed:

Name: R Graty
Qualification: Finance Director (Retired)
Date:

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