Gordano Scout District
Annual General Meeting

11th June 2026
19:30 for 19:45

The Lodge
Glenny Wood Campsite

Trustees Report 2025/26

Charity Commission registered number – 289643
Scout Association reference number – 16710

Introduction

Trustees

Tony Tween – Chair (*elected until June 2027*)
Phil Savage – Treasurer (*elected until June 2027*)
Simon Kelly – LDV Nominated Trustee
Abi Purvis
Angus Wardle
Nicole Jelliss
Steve Woolley
Jake Goodliffe

President

Phil Woolcock

Formal AGM Introduction

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board the members of which are the 'charity trustees' of Gordano District, which is an educational charity. As charity trustees. they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounts, and making returns to Charity Commission as required by law.

The Trustee Board currently consist of the Chair, Treasurer, and 5 Trustees and meets 5 times a year.

The District 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 to run high-quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life

Governance

1. The Districts'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 Associuation and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

2. The District is a trust established under it's rules which are common to all Scouts

3. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association

GORDANO DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

11th June 2025 – 7:45 pm
Glenny Wood Scout Campsite Lodge

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and Welcome**

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **Governance Topics**

    a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th June 2025

    b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

    c. Note the District's financial year – (January to December)

    d. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board – (AGM 2025 12 members agreed)

    e. Agree the quorum for future mee4ngs of the District Scout Council (AGM 2025 - 12 members set as the quorum)

4. **Review of the Previous Year**

    a. The District Lead Volunteer's review of Scouting during the past 12 months

    b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

5. **Making Appointments**

    a. Appoint the District Chair, following recommendation from the District Trustee Board

    b. Appoint members of the District Trustee Board

    c. Appoint District President

    d. Appoint Independent Examiner

    e. Nomination of representatives to the Avon Scout Council

6. **Closing Remarks**

Minutes of the Gordano District Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 24 June 2025 @ 19.45 hrs.

At Glenny Wood Lodge.

Present

Tony Tween, Stephen Hamey, Alison Salter, Jenny Niblett, Bob Symons (County Chair), Clive Sandrey (CLV), Jill Derrick, Andy Derrick, Phil Woolcock, Kath Woolcock, Phil Savage, Matt Jaroszewicz, Dean Marks, Louise Hamey, Ann Parker, Steve Attrill, Nicol Jelliss (DLV)

1) Welcome

Phil Woolcock opened the meeting and welcomed all those attending.

The meeting observed a minute's reflection in memory of our Scouting colleagues, David Burnett and Mick Bryant, who sadly passed away in the last year.

2) Apologies

Angus Wardle, Simon Kelly, Jake Goodliffe, Abi Purvis

3) Approval the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 July 2024

The minutes were unanimously accepted by the meeting and there were no matters arising. Proposer – Tony Tween, Seconder – Phil Savage

4) Governance Topics

a) Adoption of model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules Chapter 5:

The meeting passed the resolution unanimously. Proposer – Jill Derrick, Seconder – Tony Tween.

b) Note of the District's financial year:

The meeting was informed that the charity's financial year is 1st January to 31st December.

c) Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board:

The outgoing Trustee Board proposed that the number of people that can be elected to the Trustee Board should be twelve. The proposal was passed unanimously by the meeting.

d) Agree the quorum for each of the District Scout Council, meetings of the Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees:

Phil Woolcock proposed that the quorum, the minimum number of District Scout Council members that must be present at a meeting of the District Scout Council, should be set at twelve.

The proposal was seconded by Andy Derrick and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

The meeting also, confirmed that the quorum for meetings of the Trustee Board and any sub-committees should be set at one third of the Trustee Board members plus one, in line with the Charity Commission statement of good practice.

5) Review of the Previous Year

a) District Lead Volunteer's Review of Scouting in the District:

Nicole Jelliss outlined the District Review. The full text of the report was available in the District Annual Report, which was available at the meeting.

b) To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Trustee Board including the Statement of Accounts:

Phil Woolcock outlined the Annual Report of the Trustee Board. The full text of the report was available in the District Annual Report, which was available at the meeting.

Phil Savage (District Treasurer) gave additional information in support of the Statement of Accounts, noted that the District Trustee Board had approved the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the report on the accounts had been received from Dawn Bettany FCA, the Independent Examiner.

Bob Symons (County Chair) asked what the percentage use by District was for Glenny Wood. Phil Woolcock replied that it was around 80%. He also added thanks to the Glenny Team for their continued hard work at the site and thanks the Groups within the District for their continued use of Glenny Wood.

6) Making Appointments

a) Nomination of District Chair:

Phil Woolcock, the current Chair is standing down. The outgoing Trustee Board had not been able to put forward a recommendation for the Trustee Board Chair. It was agreed that the Trustees could appoint a Chair on a temporary basis until the next AGM.

b) Election of the District Secretary:

No-one has been proposed for this role. Again, every effort will be made to resolve the issue shortly. This role is not a Trustee role.

c) Election of the District Treasurer:

The Trustee Board proposed Phil Savage to continue be District Treasurer. The meeting unanimously approved the proposal.

d) Election of persons to the District Trustee Board:

Steve Hamey and George Wormald-Kelly are standing down, with Tony Tween continuing as a Trustee. The Trustee Board proposed that the following be elected as Trustee for a period of 3 years.

Abi Purvis (previously co-opted), Jake Goodliffe, Angus Wardle

The proposals were seconded by Dean Marks and unanimously approved by the meeting.

As, under POR, only one DLV is an Ex-Officio member of the trustee Board, Phil Woolcock proposed that Nicole Jelliss be elected as a Trustee. The proposal was seconded by Andy Derrick and approved unanimously.

There are no other nominations for persons to be on the Trustee Board. Efforts will continue to be made to increase the size and diversity of the Trustee Board in the coming months.

e) Appointment of the Independent Examiner:

Phil Savage reported that the Trustee Board had appointed Dawn Bettany FCA, as the Independent Examiner following last year's AGM and requested that this appointment and proposal for her to continue for the coming year be approved. The proposal was seconded by Dean Marks and unanimously approved by the meeting.

f) Nomination of representatives to the Avon Scout Council:

Two nominations can be made. Angus Wardle and Dean Marks were nominated.

g) Appointment of District President

Nicole Jelliss proposed that following his decision to stand down as Trustee Chair and Glenny Wood Manager, Phil Woolcock be appointed as District President The proposal was seconded by Dean Marks and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

7) Closing Remarks

Clive Sandrey (County Lead Volunteer) gave a brief report from County and thanked Nicole Jelliss and Simon Kelly for continuing with the transition across the District. He noted that there continued to be challenges with the new membership system and that here was a need for members to complete the outstanding Safety training renewal before the deadline of Mid July. He also thanks all the leaders across the District for their work in running sections.

Awards and Presentations were made as follows:

Phil Woolcock – Clive Sandrey presented Phil with the Silver Wolf.

Phil and Kath Woolcock were presented with an engraved Amethyst Bristol Blue Platter in recognition of their considerable service to the District over more than 30 Years. Words of thanks were given by Steve Hamey and Tony Tween.

Ann Parker was presented with a Bristol Blue Vase, in recognition of her service to the District in organising many of the Dragonslayer events as well as the County Jamboree in 2016. Words of thanks were given by Phil Woolcock and Tony Tween.

Steve Hamey was presented with a Bristol Blue Plate for his service to the District, as Ten Tors Coordinator from 2007 to 2013 and as Co-DC from 2013 to 2024. Word of thanks were given by Tony Tween and Phil Woolcock.

The meeting closed at 20.35 hrs.

District Lead Volunteers' Report

Group and ESU reports are attached after this report. We thank all our leaders, volunteers, trustees and County colleagues for their dedicated commitment to providing another great year of Scouting for our young people in what has been a challenging year of balancing tradition with managing progress. Special thanks go to the Glenny Team who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide us all with a wonderful District Campsite that providers fun and adventure for so many of our young people every year.

A Place to Belong

TSA has now discharged all its commitments to the Charity Commission with regard to the findings of the Prevention of Future Deaths investigation into the Great Orme incident. All our Group and District Trustee boards have been made aware of their ongoing obligations to ensure we retain the highest standards of safety and safeguarding across the organisation. As a District we now enjoy higher levels of safety, safeguarding, disclosure and first-response compliance than ever before, and although it has been a challenging journey our virtually 100% compliance levels and zero tolerance policy ensure better safety and welfare for all our young people.

This year sees the launch of TSA strategy to 2035 – "A Place to Belong". Based upon the 2025 UK Youth Forum, this is a strategy for young people, shaped by young people. Research has identified that many of our young people feel lonely and isolated, with nearly half not having a trusted adult they can talk to, and 40% feeling they don't have a chance to make friends and 70% spending most of their free time on screens. To our young people the world seems a complex and troubled place, fractured by conflict and division. Young people need a place where they can express themselves without fear of judgement or embarrassment. Scouts is that place to belong: a community of kindness, where fun and friendship run through everything we do.

The focus for 2026-2029 is on three key areas. Programme – to safely deliver a fun, relevant and inclusive programme for all. Volunteering – to improve volunteering, making sure our people feel valued, supported and motivated. Support – to be a growing, effective and sustainable movement. Gordano and Avon County are fully committed to implementing the strategic plan going forward.

District Numbers

The 2026 Census recorded 1255 young people in Gordano (2025 - 1218), an increase of 3% and more importantly the first increase since 2021 and our largest YP number ever. Adult members increased by 44% from 350 in 2025 to 504 currently, although some of this is due to double accounting of roles. Our overall waiting list increased 7% from 633 to 680 in the same period. 60% of the waiting list is made up of Squirrels and Beavers, but the Explorer waiting list has dropped from 15 to 1 due mainly to the opening of Salthouse ESU in Clevedon. Total sections across the District grew from 59 to 60 due to the opening of Salthouse ESU.

Growing the District Team

Last year we identified that our major short-term priority was to recruit more volunteers to the District team to spread the workload – particularly in the areas of programme, volunteer development and support. Steve Robinson has taken on the role of Team Lead for Volunteer Development and we now have Safety, Safeguarding, Data and Media Relations leads in place too.

We now have our own in-house District first response training resource, and are able to offer regular free monthly courses which are significantly reducing the number of volunteers who need to renew their first aid qualification. We are also increasing the number of NA assessors for all categories of camping so we can help leaders gain permits to allow more nights away activities.

We continue to recruit some high calibre volunteers to the TT hill walking teams who bring not only considerable hill walking experience but MLC qualifications as well.

Across the Groups and ESUs we have been working alongside the leadership teams to help in the recruitment of new GLVs and ESU leaders. 2nd Nailsea, Long Ashton and Crockerne now have new GLVs in place and Salthouse has a strong team of six very capable leaders.

We are still looking for a District Chair and will also need a Treasurer when Phil Savage stands down. However, we have grown the Trustee Board with three more recent trustees who bring experience to the Board.

Ten Tors

Gordano and Axe Districts celebrated their 51th year of participation in the Ten Tors Challenge with another amazing result that saw 21 teams successfully complete the 35, 45 and 55 mile challenge. Many of our leaders and managers received well deserved silver and gold awards from the Army.

Last year we identified that TT is our biggest District risk and that we were planning to consider our future modus operandi as to how we continue to safely provide and resource this large event. We have made considerable progress towards this goal, although there are still opportunities to consolidate our approach.

We had two incidents during training on Dartmoor that required the assistance of Dartmoor Mountain Rescue who were excellent and both YP involved were safely extracted from the moor.

New Sections

Following the lead of 1st Clevedon opening the first Squirrel Drey in the District, 2nd Portishead has just opened a Drey and 2nd Clevedon are planning one later this year. Feedback from our Groups and across the County has been unanimously positive, with Groups reporting that Squirrels are being well received by 4-6 year olds and are helping to reduce waiting lists. In addition, it seems easier to recruit leaders and is a good source for bringing new volunteers into Scouting.

Explorers, Network and Beyond

The opening of Salthouse ESU in Clevedon has taken a huge pressure of Kilkenny ESU and reduced waiting list numbers to virtually zero again. Two of our ESUs are embarking on European trips this year as well as other camps planned across the UK.

We were proud that Joe Welsh gained his KSA and Explorer Belt and enjoyed an excellent presentation of all that he had achieved to earn this prestigious award. We plan to promote KSA much more widely so many more can achieve it. Chantelle Cain and Nicole are working with Kathryn Brant from County to promote KSA throughout the District.

Nicole and Chantelle also hope to relaunch the YL training programme across the District to allow YLs to develop their leadership skills and knowledge.

World Scout Jamboree

Planning is underway for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland during 2027 and we now have a team of four young people who are busy fundraising for this amazing opportunity. We also have an adult volunteer IST contingent under the leadership of Jennifer Byatt.

District Recruitment

As mentioned earlier, recruitment of District positions is a major priority and we would welcome new volunteers for the following roles…

· District Chair

· District Treasurer

· Group Chairs – 2nd Clevedon, Long Ashton

· Team Lead – Support

· Programme Team Leads – Squirrels/Beavers and Scouts

· GLV – 1st Nailsea and Crockerne

· Explorer Leaders for Mellons Nailsea

· Nights Away Assessors

· Youth Leaders

· Glenny volunteers

And Finally…

We remember colleagues who passed away in the last year. Sue Pople dedicated over 47 years of Scouting service to Gordano, in various Group and District roles. She was involved with Portishead Scouts before becoming GSL at Crockerne.

Rosemarie Kirwan dedicated many years to Scouting, serving on the County Training Team and later leading it, as well as chairing the County Appointments Advisory Committee. Many in Gordano will have benefitted from her training and support and her exceptional service was recognised with the Silver Wolf Award in 2020.

Nicole Jelliss and Simon Kelly

District Lead Volunteers

Trustees Report July 2025 to June 2026

This is the second year in which we have undertaken the Trustees role as re modelled by The Scout Association (TSA) during 2023. In the previous year, Phil Woolcock built a sound and efficient plan and we have adopted the processes and procedures he put in place to continue to monitor and support the excellent work being carried out by the District Lead Volunteers and their team.

Association requirements - A Trustee is a volunteer who is legally responsible for the management and governance of the District. They ensure the organization operates safely, legally, and in line with its charitable purpose. Trustee Boards, composed of these volunteers, focus on strategy, performance, and assurance.

To this end, we have had a successful year building on the foundations that were put in place during the previous year. in place to be built upon over the next years.

The key areas are as follows:-

- Chair – We started the year without an elected Chair, but following requests from the DLVs and the existing Trustees, I took on the role from September 2025.
- Trustee Recruitment – Started the year with five trustees including myself and the Treasurer. During the year we have co-opted Steve Woolley and Jake Goodliffe to the Trustee Board. These seven plus Simon Kelly as the LDV Nominee provide a wealth of experience and knowledge to carry out the duties of the Trustee Board.
- Meetings Plan – five meetings of the Trustee Board took place during the last 12 months working to an annual plan which was agreed at our first meeting September 2025 to ensure the key areas the Trustees are responsible for are covered.
- Finance – The separate report details our strong financial position and the actions taken during the year.
- Policy Compliance – Monitoring of TSA Safeguarding policies, Training, Safety etc as it related to Gordano District activities. No serious issues of concern have been reported to the Trustees.
- Buildings - Glenny Wood, with a separate report the great work being carried out by the volunteers who maintain and develop the site.
- Insurance – Confirmation the necessary insurance policies are in place and renewed.
- Risk Management – District Risk Register is being maintained and reviewed twice a year.
- AGM / Annual Report / Charity reporting – ensuring this takes place to TSA requirements.

I would like to thank all the Trustees and Lead District Volunteers for their hard work and support to Gordano District Scouts and wish them every success going forward.

Tony Tween

District Chair

On behalf of the Gordano Scout District Trustees

Annual Statement of Accounts & Treasurer's Report – 2025

Below is a true record of the District Consolidated Accounts for the Year 1st January - 31st December 2025. They have been certified by our professional independent examiner, whose report is also attached.

The key points are as follows:-

- Overall, income broadly matched expenditure during 2025; cash funds reduced by around £700.
- The Consolidated Accounts show that funds are in a very healthy position with around £50,000 in the District account and a further £23,000 funds held by Glenny Wood Campsite.
- The District's Explorer Scout Units and the Ten Tors teams each manage their own finances. A summary of their funds is shown at the foot of the District accounts, with the exception of Barracuda ESU, which were not available at the time of writing this report.
- All the 2025 accounts for the units listed have been independently examined by myself I confirm that all the units have been managed to the Scouts POR and that they have sufficient funds to carry out their scouting activities. I am looking to complete this process for Barracuda ESU as soon as possible.
- Glenny Wood was supported by £9,000 funding from the District membership fees and was augmented by £14,000 in booking fees received from scouting organisations outside Gordano District and other organisations.
- This funded over £20,000 spent on the continued safety and maintenance of the site and allowed £5,000 to be spent on new facilities including the development of the new Highlands 'wild camping' area and completion of the Boundary Walk.

Phil Savage

District Treasurer.

On behalf of the Gordano Scout District Trustees

Gordano District Scout Council

Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account 2025

	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024
Receipts and Payments Account	**District General A/c**	**District Glenny Wood Operational Account**	**Total District Accounts 2025**	**Total District Accounts 2024**
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	£77,077		£77,077	£75,578
Less:Membership subscriptions paid	£62,737		£62,737	£60,950
Net membership subscriptions retained	**£14,340**	**£0**	**£14,340**	**£14,628**
Other income -				
Gift Aid	£3,662		£3,662	£1,339
Donations, legacies etc.	£500		£500	£250
Grants			£0	£0
Other income			£0	£2,553
Sub total	**£4,162**	**£0**	**£4,162**	**£4,142**
Operational Income -				
Programme & Events			£0	£125
World Scout Jamboree attendees fundraising			£0	£0
Glenny Wood - Rental		£14,459	£14,459	£18,749
Glenny Wood - Utilities refund				
Glenny Wood - Shop sales		£296	£296	£334
Glenny Wood - Equipment usage			£0	£0
Scout Shop - Sales			£0	£0
Scout Badge Sales	£1,354		£1,354	£612
Misc / Donations			£0	£0
First Aid training	£180		£180	£400
Sub total	**£1,534**	**£14,755**	**£16,289**	**£20,220**
Investment income -				
Bank Interest	£418	£183	£601	£778
Sub total	**£418**	**£183**	**£601**	**£778**
Total Gross Income	**£20,454**	**£14,938**	**£35,392**	**£39,768**
Asset and investment sales, etc.		£0	£0	£0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**£20,454**	**£14,938**	**£35,392**	**£39,768**

Gordano District Scout Council

Consolidated Receipts and Payments Account 2025

	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2025	01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024
Receipts and Payments Account	**District General A/c**	**District Glenny Wood Operational Account**	**Total District Accounts 2025**	**Total District Accounts 2024**
Charitable Payments -				
Programme & Events			£0	£475
World Scout Jamboree			£0	£0
Adult Support and Training	£314		£314	£470
Partnership Agreements (Hall Hire)			£0	£0
Shop			£0	£0
Health & Safety		£5,559	£5,559	£6,303
Utilities		£3,347	£3,347	£4,399
Insurance	£52	£944	£996	£975
Maintenance		£8,684	£8,684	£13,834
Development		£5,061	£5,061	£5,986
Minor Equipment		£1,614	£1,614	£2,852
Admin & Expenses	£767		£767	£91
Donations			£0	£0
Gift Aid to sections	£6,563		£6,563	£1,922
Auditor Fees	£330		£330	£150
Bank Charges & Go Cardless Fees	£24		£24	£87
Grant To Groups			£0	£1,500
Young Leaders	£74		£74	£322
Uniform			£0	£19
Music Licence fees	£552		£552	£479
Sub total	**£8,676**	**£25,209**	**£33,885**	**£39,864**
Other Expenditure -				
Badge purchases & postage	£2,182	£0	£2,182	£681
Scout Shop purchases			£0	£0
Sub total	**£2,182**	**£0**	**£2,182**	**£681**
Total Gross Expenditure	**£10,858**	**£25,209**	**£36,067**	**£40,545**
Total Payments	**£10,858**	**£25,209**	**£36,067**	**£40,545**
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	**£9,596**	**-£10,271**	**-£675**	**-£777**
Cash funds last year end	£50,553	£24,085	£74,638	£75,415
Glenny Wood User agreement	-£9,321	£9,321	£0	£0
Cash Funds This Year End	**£50,828**	**£23,135**	**£73,963**	**£74,638**

Gordano District Scout Council

Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31/12/2025

	31/12/25	31/12/25	31/12/25	31/12/24
	District General A/c	District Glenny Wood Operational Account	Total District Accounts 2025	Total District Accounts 2024
Cash funds				
Bank current account - Lloyds	£290	£319	£609	£484
Bank current account – Santander				
Bank deposit account – Lloyds:-		£22,782	£22,782	£23,599
World Scout Jamboree Fund	£4,485		£4,485	£3,485
District Contingency Fund	£5,000		£5,000	£5,000
Portishead Development Fund	£485		£485	£485
Growth & Development Fund	£19,907		£19,907	£19,907
District Events Fund	£5,000		£5,000	£5,000
Clevedon ESU	£0		£0	£2,401
General Funds & Unattributed Interest	£15,661		£15,661	£14,243
Cash		£34	£34	£34
Total Cash Funds	**£50,828**	**£23,135**	**£73,963**	**£74,638**
Other Monetary Assets				
Debtors	£0	£0	£0	£0
Debts due	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Investment assets				
Investment property - detail	£0	£0	£0	£0
Sub total	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
District Badge stock – core badges	£1,066		£1,066	£948
District Badge stock – other badges	£0		£0	£0
Glenny Shop stock		£1,196	£1,196	£1,247
Land (net of depreciation)		£60,000	£60,000	£60,000
Buildings (net of depreciation)		£11,387	£11,387	£11,387
Motor vehicles (net of depreciation)		£0	£0	£0
Equipment (net of depreciation)		£5,907	£5,907	£6,751
Other			£0	£0
Sub total	**£1,066**	**£78,490**	**£79,556**	**£80,333**
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid			£0	£131
Expenses incurred - Not paid				
Other				
Sub total	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£131**
Contingent liabilities and future obligations	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**

GORDANO DISTRICT SECTION ACCOUNTS	Cash funds Dec 2025	Total receipts in 2025	Total Expenditure in 2025	Cash funds Dec 2024
Barracuda ESU	Figures Not Available			
Clevedon ESU / PCC Ten Tors	£1,115	£8,155	£8,216	£1,176
Horizon ESU	£6,070	£9,971	£6,929	£3,028
Kilkenny ESU	£7,662	£15,442	£13,735	£5,955
Ten Tors	£10,898	£33,359	£24,889	£2,428
Ten Tors - 45/55	£7,757	£14,730	£18,507	£11,534
Section Account - District total	**£33,502**	**£81,657**	**£72,276**	**£24,121**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

GORDANO ..... ~~SCOUT GROUP~~/DISTRICT/~~COUNTY/AREA~~ SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District/County/Area for the year ended 31/12/2025

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages.....

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent 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 Group/District and a comparison of the accounts presented 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *):

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ;and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Name: DAWN BETTNEY

Qualification: CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (FCA)

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Date: 26/3/26

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Glenny Wood Scout Campsite
Review - 2025 / 2026

As always, it has been a busy year at Glenny Wood and it is good to see the site being heavily used by our members of all ages from all around the District. In addition we continue to be visited by Scouts from outside our District as well as similar organisations such as Girl Guides and local schools. We even have the Police use the site for training purposes. All these provide valuable funds to help the upkeep of the site.

Safety – Ensuring we run a safe site is key to our mindset and key measures continue to be in place and reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose. However, accidents happen and first aid kits are available and maintained throughout the site. In addition, there is defibrilator installed on the outside wall of the lodge together with a recently added Bleed Kit.

Woodlands – The sites woodland environment is our biggest resource but also sets us the biggest continual challenge for safety as it is constantly subject to the natural weathering. We have an Arboriculture specialist who undertakes an annual inspection and provides a detailed report on our at risk trees. Following a review of the recommendations, planning permission is obtained, and the work completed. Most of this felling works is due to Ash Dieback. In April this year, 10 trees identified by the latest survey were felled. In addition, we regularly check the trees, bi-monthly and after significant storms. During the last winter several trees were blown down and each has been removed. The wood will either be used for planned activities or, once matured, be made available as camp fire material.

Finally, what comes down must be replaced, and we have a policy of replacing all trees with new saplings. Any visitors to the site will see evidence of this from the number of small trees scattered around. To protect from the wildlife, they are protected by plastic netting which is unavoidable to ensure they are able to grow into mature trees.

Grass Cutting and Strimming – for anyone who has the dream of owning their own ride-on mower, we have the job for you. The grass grows quickly on those plateaus and the tractor mower does the hard work. But the banks are a key safety concern as we look to minimise the risks posed by ticks on the site. For this purpose, we employ a local expert who strims the banks and reduces the amounts of brambles that grow around the site.

Annual Safety Checks – Some of the facilities and equipment on site requires professional inspections and we have routine checks and certifications provided where required. These include water testing for bacteria and legionella, boilers, electrical appliances and fire extinguishers. Certificates are available for inspection.

Weekly Safety Checks - We have a programme of our own site checks which cover the whole site, including Woodlands, Lodge, Loos, Activities and equipment. Any issues identified are quickly resolved.

Site Management – As well as the safety aspect, the volunteers spend much of their time keeping the site looking it's best and ensuring that all the equipment and games are in good working order. From reinflating snook balls and kart tyres to repairing fences damaged by the local wildlife (as well as the not so wild!)

Site Development & Improvements – In addition, we look to improve our site and add new activities and facilities. This year this has included:-

- Pond & Wetlands – in each of the last two summers the pond has dried out and as one of the favourite activities at the site is pond dipping, we have taken action to hopefully prevent this in future. So we have put in place pond lining with the aim of water retention. We have also worked on the banks to improve the vegetation. Finally, for safety reasons, we have had to remove the rotting decking and replaced it with a path to make pond dipping easier and safer

- Completed the remaining part of the boundary walk, so that there is now a 2km circular path with much to explore including a heritage section telling the story of coal mining on the site.

- Built and installed a Campers Kitchen. Provided specifically for groups camping overnight, the kitchen has gas burners with supplied calor gas, a sink, food preparation areas, and a covered area with BBQ tables.

- Erected a mess tent donated by 2nd Portishead on Sycamore close to the car park providing a drop off / pick up facility.

- Replaced the elderly gas cooker in the lodge which was showing signs of it's age and one burner no longer operable.

- Some of our sheds have been here for many years and the roofing felt has been replaced. This year we we have added durable plastic roof sheets to four of our sheds to reduce future maintenance costs and add life to the sheds.

- Horses at Glenny. Due to the extremely dry summer last year, our neighbour's horses were attracted to the relatively lush grass on Apple Plateau and the shade offered around the Wetlands Area. Being determined, they were persistent in overcoming what obstacles we put in their way. But, with help from our neighbours we eventually overcame the challenge, but we are keeping an eye on them!

Of course, all this is only made possible by the hard work of our volunteer team for which I am extremely grateful. In addition, we have had support from teams from around the groups (it's a great way to earn those community badges!) and local firms – Ping Identity, a team from Bristol University and Charles River Laboratories. We thank them for their support and hard work.

Finally, an appeal to anyone who has time and the will to help us with our work. We are a small team who all enjoy each others company and we would love for you to come along and see what we do and you will get the opportunity to learn new skills.

Additional volunteers are much needed, so if you have free time on a Wednesday, please contact me or any of the leadership team for more details.

Angus Wardle

Volunteer Site Warden

Group and ESU Reports

1st Nailsea Scout Group

2025 was another very busy and fun packed one for 1st Nailsea Scouts.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have continued to enjoy a varied programme of events during the year in their various sections. As a group we once again held our annual carol service at the local Catholic Church with attendance from all the other local church leaders. At this event we also celebrated the achievement of the two young people from our group selected to attend the 2027 World Scout Jamboree in Poland.

The Nailsea Scout and Guide Band has continued to thrive and performed at both the carol service and the Remembrance Parade in November.

In July, with the continued support of the new community volunteers who joined us last year, we were able to put on yet another Nailsea Carnival. This amazing event not only show cases the scouting movement, and 1st Nailsea Scouts it also provides a great opportunity to bring the local community together, whilst also providing a helpful opportunity to raise funds for the Group.

In addition to organising Nailsea Carnival, our growing new team of fundraising volunteers, Friends of 1st Nailsea, have continued to run several clothing collections via Bag2School to bring in much-needed funds. As ever, the Trustees are immensely grateful for their support, and for the many people who supported us by making a donation.

1st Nailsea continued our aim to be very much part of the community locally and had a stall at two of the monthly Nailsea Farmers' Markets to increase our recruitment of new adult volunteers and advertise the carnival event,.

We have also started this year to work more closely with 2nd Nailsea Scout Group to share ideas, reduce duplication and support each other.

Beavers

The two Beaver colonies continued to run at close to full capacity all year with a varied and exciting programme. Our new leadership teams across both nights now work fully together to both plan and deliver the section nights benefiting from the common programmes.

This year the Beavers have been learning, amongst other things, about VE day, potatoes, disability awareness and local Nailsea History. They went to the local tennis club, the fire station, learnt how to make pancakes, visited the Repoint climbing centre, took part in a STEM evening, and completed their first aid badge.

A sleepover was held during the year to start getting the Beavers used to staying away from home ready for future camps when they move to Cubs. In a change from previous years, tobogganing was part of the evening at the local dry ski slope (which definitely helped with getting them to go to sleep when they got back to the Scout HQ!)

All those who moved up to Cubs also achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, which is a credit to the leaders who ensure a varied program through the year.

Cubs

This year our new leadership team in Concorde and Compass Cubs have come together wonderfully and along with the established leaders in Jack Warry have worked fantastically well together. Joint planning and programme ideas have enabled a wide variety of activities to be offered to the cubs and helped share the workload across the team.

The Cubs were again very busy building insect houses and bird feeders, learning about local Nailsea history, earning their photography badges and working on their camp skills. They visited Pets at Home as part of their animal carer badges,tried rafting, canoeing and kayaking, held a joint charity disco with all three packs, learnt about El Dia de los Muertos as part of a Mexican themed session, and perfected their DIY skills.

This year the Cubs also attended for the 1st time a County cub fun day at Woodhouse park that enabled them to try some more adventurous activities such as high ropes and archery.

All three Cub packs went on joint camp at Blackwell Adventures near Bromsgrove which was a great success , giving the new leaders the opportunity to learn from the established leaders, and progress towards obtaining nights away permits themselves. As well as taking part in many adventurous activities including high ropes, a blindfolded trail and kayaking, the Cubs enjoyed a visit to National Space Centre, in Leicester.

Most Cubs again managed to achieve their Chief Scout's Silver Award and Gordano Challenge awards at the end of their time with the section, ready to move up to Scouts.

Scouts

Our Raptor Scout Troop saw a change in leadership over the year, when we said a sad goodbye to the existing team, but we were very lucky to have new leaders who stepped forward and both troops are once again running at full-to-capacity which is great and they continue to run a full and varied programme. The leadership teams on both nights are now planning together and sharing the workload and supporting each other with the variety of skills they have between them. The Scouts have been very busy, improving their pioneering skills, building Go-carts, pumpkin carving, pottery, fencing, archery, tie dying and cooking. They have been visited by the local PCSO team, been out Geocaching, litter picking, visiting the lifeboat station at Portishead and hiking.

Raptor held an Easter Camp this year at Huish Camp site, as a final event with the departing leadership team. A fantastic time was had with the Scouts taking part in many activities including Tunneling , camp skills, and the aerial runway. They then had a sleepover later in the year at the HQ including a day visit to JOTA/JOTI (Jamboree on the Air/Internet) at Woodhouse park for the day, with many activities including shooting, crafts and crate stacking.

Tomahawk Troop stayed closer to home this year and travelled up the road to Woodhouse park camp site to allow the several leaders to share the week between them. The scouts enjoyed the on-site activities of archery, climbing The hike to and across the Severn Bridge was a highlight, with great delight being taken by Scouts jumping backwards and forwards over the English / Welsh border! The cooking competition was also a great evening with some budding chefs showing their skills.

Both troops managed to get several older Scouts through their Chief Scout's Gold Award last year, culminating in their expedition (a two-day hike, with a night under canvas without a leader present).

2nd Nailsea Scout Group

The past year has seen lots of changes at 2nd Nailsea. There's been a reshuffle in the Trustee Board, with Jo Coburn (Group Secretary & Hall Hire manager) moving into the role of Group Chair, and Toni Jacobs (outgoing Chair) moving into the vacant GLV role.

We've seen the closure of River Kenn Beavers, and Panther Cub Troop. This was a combination of volunteers leaving, and a reduction in YP numbers.

We're currently running with one Beaver Colony, one Cub Pack, and two Scout Troops. The sections are supported with hard working and enthusiastic volunteers who are running fantastic programmes with activities in and out of HQ.

There have been several camps and sleepovers across the sections, including the Scouts Gold Expedition on Dartmoor. We are working to increase the number of nights away permits, as we currently have 2 sections without permits.

Scouts and Explorers enjoyed a joint Paintballing day last summer, which will be repeated this year. There's a joint Beaver and Cub day out planned for the summer term.

The groups' 2 main fundraisers were successful last year, raising circa £2,500, with a lovely Mayfair event and successful Christmas Post in collaboration with Backwell and 1st Nailsea Scouts. The Christmas Carol Service was well attended and a lovely event for the whole group.

We continue to be well supported by a small hardworking Trustee board and work very closely alongside Melons Explorer Unit- a vital source of experience and support to the group.

We've also been collaborating with 1st Nailsea. I.e. Trustee Chairs working together, climbing permit training, and jointly running Rifle Shooting activities and Crossbow sessions- (thank you Sarah, Justin and others at 1st Nailsea!). We've also had fantastic support from Simon, Nicole & Steve at District this year- thank you!

Current vacancies at 2nd Nailsea: Quartermaster, Cub Team Volunteer, Beaver Team Volunteer and Group Trustee.

2nd Portishead Scout Group

Another good year for the Group; at census we had increased by 7.1% from last year with 136 young people across the 6 sections, and in February we started our very own Squirrel Drey! That's going well with 6 parents now in the core team with a small drey of 12 for now.

In 2025 we awarded lots of Chief Scout Awards:

10 Bronze (Beavers) 5 Silver (Cubs) and 4 Gold (Scouts) – well done to all of them for achieving the highest award in their sections.

Following last year's AGM we secured a new Chair for our Trustee Board, a position that has been vacant for some years. Neil is now driving reviews across the Group to ensure we stay future ready, alongside some new trustees who bring their skills to assist us.

Sadly at the 2026 AGM our treasurer Jacqui is standing down, and Scott is resigning as GLV to focus more on his role in Kilkenny ESU. We thank them both for their dedication and time over

numerous years. Scott will still work with us to liaise with Kilkenny as they base themselves in our hut.

1st Portishead Scout Group

This year was another period of stability for 1st Portishead Scouts; the numbers of adult volunteers remained largely constant with no substantial changes within the numbers of young people in the sections.

A highlight of the year was the Group Camp held in September at Woodhouse Park Activity Centre in north Bristol, with 86 Young People and 13 leaders attending. The weekend provided several activities for the young people, many for the first time - sleeping under canvas, or not sleeping…! Several adventurous activities as part of an activity day on site, as well as two large campfires where the songs from the leaders and children alike were very impressive.

The camp provided an opportunity for our leaders to upskill themselves in running a camp, three nights away permits were granted for indoor and campsite permits. We will continue to use opportunities such as this to gain permits within the team to enable us to run nights away.

The Minibus team has been working hard this year to improve processes within the maintenance, upkeep and administration of the minibus, with use in the community growing slightly this year,

including the Pill Owls male charity choir. The Scout teams have continued their focus on planning towards the international trip to Kanderstegg in Switzerland, planned for August 2027.

At the end of the year we were running a group with 36 Adult Leaders plus 5 adults on the Trustee Board. With the dedication of these volunteers, we have been running 7 sections bringing skills for life to 33 Young People.

Overall, it’s been a fun year for everyone involved, it’s been inspiring to see the inventive activities devised by the teams and the excitement that the young people have each week. A big thanks to the whole leadership and support team for providing another fabulous year of Scouting!

2nd Clevedon Scout Group

It has been another incredibly busy and successful year for 2nd Clevedon, and it has been wonderful to see how much we continue to grow. All sections are now full, we are welcoming more families than ever, and we have also been lucky enough to gain seven new adult volunteers to help strengthen the team. As always we are indebted to our many volunteers that keep the adventure going!

Behind the scenes, work on improving the hut is continuing steadily, with plans for a new fire pit as well as upgrades to doors, windows, and decorating. Looking ahead, there is lots to be excited about, including summer camps at Woodhouse for both Cubs and Scouts and the opening of our new Squirrels Drey in September.

Our Scout Troop has gone from strength to strength this year and now has 23 Scouts and 5 Young Leaders. The programme has been packed with adventure, challenge, and plenty of muddy fun. Highlights have included surfing at The Wave, caving and hiking in the Mendips, go-karting,

visiting Weston Fire Station, and even launching paper boats on the Marine Lake. Back at the hut, evenings have been just as lively, with axe and saw skills, Armageddon cooking, and endless games keeping everyone busy. We are especially proud that two Scouts achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Award and have since come back to support the section as Young Leaders. The dedication and resilience shown by our Ten Tors participants has also been amazing to see, with two Scouts and one Young Leader helping achieve a record-breaking result last weekend.

The Cub Pack has had a fantastic year full of creativity, teamwork, and learning new skills. Over the past few terms they have worked on badges including Space, Backwoods Cooking, Fire Safety, Home Safety, and Hobbies, with sessions ranging from practical outdoor cooking to learning about the world around them. They are currently enjoying the challenge of their Pioneering Badge alongside the Earth Tribe Badge, helping them build teamwork skills while also thinking about caring for the environment. It has been lovely to see the Cubs grow in confidence and enthusiasm as the year has gone on.

Our Beaver Colony has a new team at the helm and it's been great to see an energetic and enthusiastic programme that has taken learning well beyond the hut walls. They loved their visit to Weston Fire Station and a water safety session with the RNLI, while road safety games at Salthouse Fields and planting seeds at meetings brought plenty of hands-on fun. Other highlights included designing bird feeders from recycled materials, learning basic emergency aid, exploring cultures and celebrations from around the world, and proudly taking part in the Remembrance Parade and Christmas concert. The Beavers have worked incredibly hard this year, earning 134 badges across 19 different badge types. Looking ahead, they are already excited for activities focused on kindness, STEM challenges, nature bingo at Norton's Woods, a visit to the Helicopter Museum, and a special day camp celebrating the 40th birthday of Beaver Scouts.

Cleeve Claverham and Yatton Scout Group

Report May 2025 – May 2026

Scout Group: Leadership Team – Main Leaders:

Consisting of: Steve Attrill – Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)

1 x Scout Troop (Monday) Scout Lead Volunteer – Eleanor Tuck (SLV)

1 x Cub Pack (Thursday) Cub Lead Volunteer – Richard Perrett (CLV)

1 x Beaver Colony (Tuesday) Beaver Lead Volunteer – Steph Grey (BLV)

Key Trustee Board Members:

Nicholas Ogborne – Group Chairperson, Ben Andrewes – Group Treasurer

Scout Group operation:

Operation of the Scout Group has been possible throughout the period of this report with a stable group of section leads and supporters. Although with some difficulties in retaining and recruiting suitable adult volunteers. Local appeals for additional volunteers continue to be made with a few supporters coming forward but with many only willing to offer helper type assistance.

Scout Troop: Under the leadership of Eleanor Tuck the Scout Troop had a busy year undertaking a variety of activities. Activities have included, caving, climbing, paddleboarding and golf whilst nights away activities have added a summer camp, an HMS Belfast trip and recently a trip to Snowdonia for some hill walking. Badge report, 100 badges awarded including 2 Chief Scout Gold awards. Throughout the year Eleanor has been supported by Gavin Crook and Alison Denny.

Cub Pack: With Richard Perrett as Cub Lead Volunteer the Cub Pack has had a successful year undertaking a number of activities. An action-packed summer camp using the services available through Mendip Activity Centre and their Basecamp location. Then in Oct. 2025 some of the Cubs and Leaders joined the Paris Trip organised by Avon County. Richard has been supported by Matt Saunders and Imad Wahab in the operation of the Cub Pack. Badge report, 150 badges awarded including 2 Chief Scout Silver awards.

Beaver Colony: Beaver Colony has operated throughout the year under the leadership of Steph Grey. Steph has been ably supported by Team Members Lizzie Shepherd and Warren Marsh. A full programme of meetings and activities has been provided including the Beavers joining in with the Cubs for the activity camp at Mendip Basecamp. Badge report, 289 badges awarded including a Chief Scout Bronze award.

Financial Report and Accounts (Charity Registration Number 1018836):

Funds at end of the 2025 accounting period stood at £19,930.96. Overall funding position remained positive over the year although expenditure has again been higher than income by approx. £6,900.

Salthouse Explorer Unit

We revived Salthouse Explorers for the Autumn term and hit the ground running. We undertook a beach clean of Salthouse Bay, entered two teams for the Sodbury Challenge, organised a weekend camp for Explorers and Scouts for JOTA/JOTI, had a presence at the Clevedon Remembrance Parade and Scouts/Guides Carol Service, celebrated Christmas with a visit to a curry house and a quiz night, and fitted in some rifle shooting and stop-motion animation.

The winter term saw us go karting in Bristol, enter two teams in the Monopoly Run in London, hit balls at the golf driving range, and enjoy soft play at Puxton Park. We celebrated Burns Night and Shrove Tuesday, and did more rifle shooting and some Warhammer modelling.

In the summer term we have already played croquet, plan to visit Glenny Wood for ballista building, and will be building sandcastles on Weston beach with the rest of the district, attending Strategy Camp at Cirencester, and then our big summer camp at the end of July in the Lake District.

Six of our Explorers remain involved in Ten Tors, two at 45 miles and four at 35 miles, and we anticipate all of them earning their medals. One also participated in the Rickard Shield with Kilkenny Explorers. Following a visit from the district team, we also have a number of Explorers working on pursuing the higher scouting awards, including King's Scout.

Our membership began at 14, but has swelled to 20 with scouts moving up, and everyone has stayed involved. With nearly a year's experience of running the unit, we anticipate our offering continuing to improve for next year, and are already putting activities into the diary.

Crockerne Scout Group

This year Crockerne Cubs have struggled and with me stepping up to take on the Group Lead Volunteer role after Sue Pople's passing, this has been increasingly difficult. We did consider closing the pack in the new year, but at the last minute, I decided to continue with only myself and any parents who are available to stay, in the hope that someone would come forward. Chris Jones helps when he can and has completed safety, safeguarding and first aid training. I don't want the young people to miss out and without a Cub pack there is nowhere for the Beavers to progress and no Cubs to feed into Scouts. We continue our search for leaders!

The Beavers have gone from strength to strength with Alison Lawernce and Carla Welsh continuing to provide a great and diverse programme. They are now joined by Scott Wilson who is a real asset to the Colony. They have awarded over 150 badges including 4 Chief Scout Bronze. We were able to run a joint Beaver & Cub camp last summer at Glenny Wood and with the help of a DBS parent. We are hoping to run another in October. The Beavers have also taken part in the Woodhouse Santa Trail, and Noahs's Ark uniformed group day.

The Scouts have been building and have taken part in a number of adventurous activities, including caving, a night hike, Hammock camp, Bristol light festival, Christmas bowling and the recent Scout camp included a survival day, whittling spoons and cooking on the camp fire, before settling down to a night in their bivouacs (a single tarp shelter. Unfortunately, our planned visit to the Fairford Airshow in July, has been cancelled.

In May three of our young Leaders completed the Dartmoor Ten Tors challenge, proudly striding over the finish line carrying our Crockerne flag. Freddie Kingdon, put in a monumental effort at 35 miles, completing the challenge almost 7 hours ahead of the 5pm cut-off. Alfie Lawrence and Henry Marsh also completed the 45 mile challenge, no mean feat! This was the finale to six months of navigation, hill walking and wild camping training.

I'd like to finish off by thanking our leaders, Alison Lawrence, Carla Welsh, Scott Wilson, Chris Jones, Marv Kingdon and helper Chris Reynolds and our young Leaders Alfie, Henry, Hugo and Freddie who without their help the group wouldn't be able to put on such a great programme and who I rely on every week.