Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ending 31st December 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	224th North London Scout Group
Other name the charity uses	224 North London Air Scout Group
Registered charity number	293195
Operating address	The Scout Hut Sheldon Avenue London N6 4ND

Trustees of the Charity

Andrew Myers-Nobbs	Chair
Derek Chambers	
Louise Cowan	
Narendra Dhana	
Ronan Gruenbaum	
Brendan Hodges	
Natalie Langley	Secretary
Ed Smith	Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The group is constituted as an unincorporated association and is governed by the Royal Charter of the Scout Association, originally dated 4th January 1912.

The Trustee Board meets quarterly, or more often as required. The day to day operation of the Group is undertaken by volunteers led by the Group Lead Volunteer.

The Group manages its own premises, and the Trustee Board continues to ensure that the building is fit for purpose.

Trustees are appointed by the Scout Council at an Annual General Meeting following an open selection process or, exceptionally, nomination. Trustees may also be co-opted onto the Board if particular skills or knowledge are required.

The safety of our young people is our absolute priority. The group operates strictly in accordance with The Scout Association's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. All leaders, members of the Trustee Board and helpers with unsupervised access to youth members are required to complete mandatory safety and safeguarding training and undertake DBS criminal records checks.

Objectives and Activities

224th North London Scout Group operates to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The main activities of the Group are regular meetings for young people as Scouts, Cubs or Beavers together with occasional outside activities.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Achievements and Performance

Scouts

The recent meetings covered a wide range of activities focusing on skill development, safety training, and teamwork. Notable themes included badge completion, with sessions dedicated to the Navigator Badge and World Challenge Award, as well as practical skills such as fire safety, climbing, and whittling.

The group engaged in outdoor activities like evening hikes and wide games, promoting teamwork and communication. The inclusion of various creative and festive events, alongside detailed sessions on filmmaking and crafts, significantly contributed to building a lively and resourceful environment for all participants.

During this period, the scouts participated in multiple events that encouraged teamwork and skill enhancement. Highlights included the Ready Steady Cook District Challenge and the District Survival Camp, which both focused on collaborative problem-solving and organisational skills. Additionally, the District 5-a-side Football Competition and outdoor activities like micro gliding and scuba diving further developed the scouts' physical abilities and confidence in new challenges.

Overall, these events provided a diverse range of experiences that enriched the scouts' development and engagement with their peers.

Cubs

In the past meetings, the Cubs engaged in a diverse range of activities aimed at building teamwork and enhancing their skills. The sessions included practical skills such as soft axe-throwing, mini-archery, laser tag, and fire lighting, alongside educational discussions on topics like road safety and money management.

Additionally, visits from external organisations such as Water Aid complemented their learning experience, while fun events like pancake night, firework-themed gatherings, and the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch provided enjoyable opportunities for teamwork and creativity.

Over the past months, the Cubs participated in several events, totalling twelve. Key highlights included the East Finchley Festival, the Thriftwood Activity Camp, and various sports activities such as football and laser tag. These events encouraged the Cubs to develop various skills, build friendships, and engage in community activities, further enriching their scouting experience.

Beavers

During the past meetings, a variety of topics were covered that contributed to the Beavers' development and enjoyment. These activities included practical skills such as first aid and dental health, seasonal celebrations like Diwali and Halloween, as well as environmental initiatives through bulb planting.

The group also engaged in recreational activities, including archery and various themed meetings focused on space, British Science Week, and the International badge. Overall, these meetings fostered teamwork and personal growth among the Beavers. In terms of events, the Beavers participated in a total of eight activities. These encompassed community engagement at events such as the East Finchley Festival and The Grange Big Local, as well as an exciting water activity day that enhanced their confidence and abilities in a fun environment. Additionally, they took part in an introductory archery session, providing them with a new skill while promoting outdoor activity.

Overall, these events contributed significantly to the Beavers' experience and personal development throughout the year.

Financial Review

Summary of Scouting and Support Activities

Income has risen slightly, due in part to raising the termly subscription amount from £40 to £60 in late 2024. At the same time, expenditure during the year on scouting activities has reduced although the accounts include a full year of finance and other costs for the minibus. Spending on upgrading and maintaining the hut facilities was much reduced during the year.

Overall, a surplus of just over £10,000 was generated by group operations and transferred to reserves to cover expected and potential future costs.

Income

The main income sources were subscriptions and contributions to activities from Cubs, Beavers and Scouts, as well as contributions from Ladybird Montessori and others who use the Scout Hut facilities for their activities. Subs, associated Gift Aid and activity contributions amounted to £23,054 and contributions for use of the Scout Hut were £17,558. In addition, contributions of £1,620 were received for use of the minibus.

Expenditure

The Group spent £12,902 on scouting activities including Scout District membership fees of £4,813. Expenditure on the minibus was £10,756 which included loan repayments of £7,252. Premises-related expenditure totalled £8,032.

Assets & Liabilities

The accounts show that the group began the year with a current account balance of £4,556 and ended with a balance of £2,306. The amount outstanding at the end of the year on the minibus loan was £24,173.

In addition to motor insurance for the minibus, insurance is in place to cover the scout hut buildings and contents relating to scouting activities.

Reserves

Reserves are held in the saver account and totalled £21,500 at the end of the year.

Historic reserves are held primarily to mitigate potential relocation costs which are contingent on any ground rent settlement with London Borough of Haringey.

In addition, amounts are now being reserved to cover (a) exceptional costs relating to the minibus including its replacement within the next 7 years and (b) significant maintenance of the roof of the scout hut within the next 2 years.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full name EDWIN DAVID SMITH

Position TREASURER

Date 25 AUGUST 2026

224 NORTH LONDON AIR SCOUT GROUP

GROUP ACCOUNTS
Year Ending 31st December 2025

Scouting Activities

Income	£	**Expenses**	£
Subscriptions	13,250	Scouting Activities	8,089
Giftaid, Grants and Other Revenue	3,607	Scout District Annual Membership	4,813
Activity Contributions	6,197		
	23,054		12,902
Surplus from Scouting Activities	**10,152**		

Minibus

Income	£	**Expenses**	£
Contributions for Use of Minibus	1,620	Loan Repayments	7,252
		Other Costs	1,605
		Insurance	1,899
	1,620		10,756
Net Expenditure on Minibus			**9,136**

Scout Hut and Other Activities

Income	£	**Expenses**	£
Contributions for Use of Hall	17,558	Hut Facilities Upgrade and Maintenance	2,463
		Utilities	2,958
		Insurance	1,461
		Room Hire for Camden Town	796
		Ground Rent	10
		TV Licence	344
	17,558		8,032
Surplus from Scout Hut and Other Activities	**9,526**		

Total Receipts and Payments

	£		£
Total Income	42,232	**Total Expenditure**	31,690
Total Net Surplus for the Year	**10,542**		

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Bank Accounts	£		£
Barclays current account opening balance	4,556	Barclays current account closing balance	2,306
Barclays saver account opening balance	8,708	Barclays saver account closing balance	21,500
	13,264		23,806
Net Increase in Balances	**10,542**		
Asset - Scout Hut (Sum Insured in GBP)	384,087		
Asset - Minibus (Cost in April 2024 in GBP)	49,693		
Liability - Minibus Loan and Finance (GBP)	24,173		

Prepared By:
Ed Smith, Treasurer
23 April 2026

Signed by:
Andrew Myers-Nobbs
Chair
22 May 2026

Ed Smith
Treasurer
22 May 2026

Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of

224th North London Scout Group

Charity Number 293195

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 224th North London Scout Group for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Group in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

3. the accounts did 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: J Hagi-Savva

Name: GEORGE NICHOLAS HAGI-SAVVA

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FORMER MEMBER OF THE ICAEW & CERTIFIED BODY OF ACCOUNTANTS (ie ACA & FCCA)

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Date: 25th AUGUST 2026