EASTCOMBE SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP

Scouts
Eastcombe Scout & Guide Group

Girlguiding
Eastcombe Scout & Guide Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Eastcombe Scouts & Guides

Charity No: 297238

Charity's Principal Address: 23 Sibree Close, Bussage, Stroud, Glos, GL6 8DB

TRUSTEES: *Ex-Officio* - Appointment	Name
CHAIRMAN	Mrs D Litchfield
SECRETARY	Mrs K Beamish
TREASURER	Mr A. Dendy
GROUP SCOUT LEADER	Mr D Lodwig
GROUP GUIDE LEADER	Mrs S Dalby
TRUSTEE	Mr K Walker

Structure, Governance And Management

Description of the charity's trusts

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association and The Guide Association. They consist of a Royal Charters, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Associations and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and The Guiding Manual.

The Group is a trust established under its rules that are defined in its constitution.

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

The Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout & Guide Group, which is an educational charity, manages the Group. 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.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader and the Group Guide Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their 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.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the group are as for units of The Scout Association and The Guide Association.
The Aim of The Group is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aims of the Associations is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout and Guide Promises and Laws and guided by adult leadership.

The Group continues to attract a high number of youth members and all sections are running close to capacity or have a waiting list.

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.

Achievements and Performance

The Group has maintained and improved the facilities provided for the use of the sections but could benefit from greater participation of parents in the running of sections and the support of the executive committee. In particular the meeting room electrical heating has been replaced by heat pump air conditioning system.

The hire of hall by regular hirers and private functions and income from Gift Aid continue to be vital to the main sources of income that support the running of the hall.

The Group Annual General Meeting was held at the Group Headquarters on 9th July 2025 at which the Section Reports were received and the Group Executive Committee Accounts for 2024 were adopted. The Chair was appointed by the Group Scout & Guide Leaders and the remaining Trustees were reappointed at the meeting.

Financial Review

Financial Performance

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is

consistent with the previous year and show a surplus on the year of £1703.59. The Groups assets including funds held by sections stood at £29741.66 at the year end.

Reserves Policy

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" (excluding section funds) should hold a sum equivalent to at least 6 months running costs of circa £16000 per year.

The Group held cash assets of approximately £20770.29 against this at year-end. This is above the level required for operating expenses and is due to receipt of greater than expected income from Hall Hire. The Trustees are considering a number of projects to update the facilities using the excess funds. However this amount includes £3073.75 ear marked for support of all members of the Group to assist with the cost of attending Jamborees, Special Camps, Expeditions and other events or activities and £793.33 of closed section funds that is in the process of redistribution to the existing Scout sections. As always there is some excess over the desired reserves due to the accumulation of funds during the year to service the payment of Capitation fees early in the following calendar year..

Investment Policy

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees on 1ST JULY 2026

Signatures	D Lodwig	S Dalby	A.C. Dendy
Full names	David James Lodwig	Sarah Louise Dalby	Anthony Charles Dendy
Position	Group Scout Leader	Group Guide Leader	Treasurer

Eastcombe Scouts & Guides Group (Charity No 297238)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Receipts and Payments

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	12,732.46	12,498.35
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	8,267.50	7,663.50
Net membership subscriptions retained	4,464.96	4,834.85
Donations	672.00	
Gift Aid	2,663.01	2,902.37
Capitation Refunds from Group/Guide District	53.50	505.00
Group Membership Fees(Received by Group)	1,666.50	1,558.00
Sub total	9,519.97	9,800.22
Grants		
Maintenenace grant		-
Other grants	750.00	800.00
Sub total	750.00	800.00
Activities		
Outings	2,337.93	2,210.16
Camps	2,656.92	838.27
General	3,843.07	3,374.20
Sub total	8,837.92	6,422.63
Fundraising (gross)		
Other fundraising activities		140.00
Sub total	0.00	140.00
Sundary Receipts		
Badge, Handbooks etc	175.10	
Hall Hire income	10,923.12	8,347.12
Scout Units Capitation paid to Group	4,148.00	3,780.00
Miscellaneous	1,337.68	80.00
Sub total	16,583.90	12,207.12
Investment income		
Bank & Building Society interest	497.47	733.65
The Scout Association Charity Deposit Account		
Other investment income		
Sub total	497.47	733.65
Total Gross Income	36,189.26	30,103.62
Asset and investment sales, etc.		-
Total receipts	36,189.26	30,103.62
	2025	**2024**

Payments	Unrestricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £
Premises		
Telephone & Broadband	333.96	393.40
Water and Sewerage	264.62	115.33
Electricity and Gas	1,539.94	646.97
Insurance	1,982.21	1,852.30
Maintenance Repairs and Renewals	6,054.07	10,606.50
Improvements	273.52	14,622.44
Rent		-
Sub total	10,448.32	28,236.94
Grants		
Grants	432.52	300.00
Sub total	432.52	300.00
Activities		
General	4,060.60	6,766.86
Camps	4,895.59	529.54
Outings	1,770.33	977.60
Equipment Consumables & Capital	1,076.76	547.10
Purchase of Badges	2,536.08	2,725.71
Hall Hire		
Sub total	14,339.36	11,546.81
Sundry Payments		
Group Membership Fees(Paid by Sections to Group)	1,666.50	1,558.00
Administration & Establishment Expenses		
Capitation Refunds to Sections		430.00
Scout Units Capitation to District from Group	4,148.00	3,906.00
Training	100.76	115.00
Miscellaneous Payments	3,350.21	1,027.24
Sub total	9,265.47	7,036.24
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	34,485.67	47,119.99
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	34,485.67	47,119.99
Net of receipts/(payments)	1703.59	-17016.37
Cash funds last year end	28,038.07	45,054.44
Cash funds this year end	29,741.66	28,038.07

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Dec 2025 Unrestricted funds £	31st Dec 2024 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current accounts	10,208.20	13,969.51
Bank deposit accounts	19,525.51	14,028.04
Building society accounts		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Cash/Floats	7.95	40.52
Total cash funds	**29,741.66**	**28,038.07**
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group		
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	**0.00**	**0.00**
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	**0.00**	**0.00**
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	6,000.00	6,000.00
Other	-	-
Sub total	**6,000.00**	**6,000.00**
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid		
Expenses incurred but not invoiced		-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-
Sub total	**0.00**	**0.00**
Total Net Assets	**£29,741.66**	**£28,038.07**

Contingent liabilities and future obligations: None

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 1ST JULY **2026 and signed on their behalf by**

Signature	Print Name	
D Lodwig	D J Lodwig	Group Scout Leader
S Dalby	S L Dalby	Group Guide Leader
A. C. Dendy	A C Dendy	Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the EASTCOMBE SCOUTS AND GUIDES GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31ST December 2025, which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, the Statement off Assets and Liabilities and related notes.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Sections 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 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 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 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 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 130 of the Charities Act ;and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Name: C Bowne (CHRISTOPHER JOHN BOWNE)

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Date: 7 OCTOBER 2026