Wantage Scout Group (1st/4th KA, Challow) & Ridgeway Explorers

Balance Sheet as at 31 March	2026 Total	2025 Total	2024 Total	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
WSG Receipts:					
Subscriptions					
Subs Bank Acc			574.00	2,726.00	6,758.00
Subs OSM GoCardless	22,427.65	21,401.75	19,152.68	16,588.19	10,069.62
Donations / Grants					
Donations	226.00			150.00	702.20
Sponsorship		3,471.19	2,380.30	398.76	2,057.01
District Scouts for DHQ Shelter					1,645.60
Activities					
Group Activities and Camps		332.43	2,874.25		4,116.33
Scout Activities and Camps	10,297.93	11,546.96	2,009.84	5,461.90	415.00
Cub Activities and Camps	2,200.90	1,279.75	42.03	1,579.81	272.50
Beaver Activities and Camps	605.08	678.43	45.04	511.44	
Grove Contribution to KIJ Transport	765.00				
Fundraising					
Dickensian Evening Takings	594.71	1,648.65	2275.57		1,984.48
Christmas Post	1,200.00	1,300.00	1,125.00	1,100.00	
Race Night/AGM	553.45				
Gift Aid	4,914.11	7,765.01	47.50	3,067.70	5,749.38
150 Club			224.00	508.00	702.00
Other	158.14	861.11	949.15	468.90	1,100.00
Interest Deposit Accounts	535.80	471.29	56.42	27.65	43.70
Allocation of Group Activity income to Explorers	*0.00*	*-33.00*	*-249.91*		
Allocation of Fundraising income to Explorers	*-281.78*	*-428.00*	*-315.13*		
Explorers Receipts:					
Explorers Subs OSM GoCardless	2688.92	3,082.87	2,785.12	1,851.47	
Explorers Activities and Camps	3,433.19	4,123.85	335.04	1,693.94	
District Explorers Start Up				500.00	
Gift Aid	663.25	863			
Allocation of Group Activity income	*0.00*	*33*	*249.91*		
Allocation of Fundraising income	*281.78*	*428*	*315.13*		
HQ Receipts:					
Lodge Tenants Rent	3,400.00				
Lodge Tenants Deposit	2,550.00				
Lodge Tenants Utilities/Insurance	164.83				
HQ Hiring	1,660.00				
HQ Scouts Notional Rent	7,000.00				
HQ Explorers Notional Rent	880.00				
District Handover Payment	20,000.00				
Total WSG Receipts	44,196.99	50,295.57	31,190.74	32,588.35	35,615.82
Total Explorers Receipts	7,067.14	8,530.87	3,685.20	4,045.41	0.00
Total HQ Receipts	35,654.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	**86,918.96**	**58,826.44**	**34,875.94**	**36,633.76**	**35,615.82**
WSG Payments:					
Premises					
HQ Rent	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	4,600.00	4,600.00
Challow Village Hall	1,440.00	1,140.00	855.00	720.00	480.00
HQ Shelter					1,645.60
Activities					
Group Activities and Camps	655.81	1,036.46	1,190.83	1,100.00	689.47
Scout Activities & Camps	8,893.65	14,963.95	4,916.09	9,090.74	5,345.72
Cub Activities & Camps	3,769.08	2,817.04	2,432.92	4,316.88	1,042.15
Beaver Activities & Camps	1,823.67	3,300.94	1,137.84	1,365.11	1,847.17
Challow Cubs/Beavers Activities			473.87	339.29	330.60
Fundraising Expenses					
Dickensian Fee and Food	622.93	764.85	1,156.17		776.01
AGM Race Night and Drinks	297.34				
150 Club			45.00	535.00	145.00
Other					
Admin and Other Costs					

Capitation Fee	28,514.08	12,087.99	11,485.47	10,321.56	7,565.16
Badges, Neckers & Woggles	1,510.46	2,462.08	2,130.68	1,392.47	926.69
Equipment		796.94	513.68	1,143.99	3,172.15
Online Scout Manager	291.00	205.00	215.09	198.75	183.98
Contents Insurance	718.01	735.49	592.24	515.75	485.52
Donations		1,100.00	1,450.00		1,020.00
Misc		81.55	79.45	49.98	47.24
Allocation of Group Activity spend to Explorers	*-78.70*	*-104*	*-103.48*		
Allocation of Fundraising spend	*-110.43*	*-95*	*-100.52*		
Allocation of OSM/Insurance spend	*-121.08*	*-74*	*-70.17*		
Explorers Payments:					
Explorers HQ Lodge Rent	880.00	880.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	
Explorers Activities & Camps	2,051.49	4,147.26	807.79	1,533.42	529.64
Explorers Capitation Fee	3,129.93	1,767.25	929.46	1,086.48	
Explorers Badges etc	261.68	60.91	99.81	149.73	
Allocation of Group Activity spend	*78.70*	*104*	*103.48*		
Allocation of Fundraising spend	*110.43*	*95*	*100.52*		
Allocation of OSM/Insurance spend	*121.08*	*74*	*70.17*		
HQ Payments:					
Electricity	3,831.35				
Gas	1,680.33				
Water	608.12				
Phone/Broadband	695.02				
Cleaning	3,412.49				
Fire Security	2,178.10				
Equipment	687.00				
Maintenance	1,945.34				
Buildings Insurance	2,200.00	2,230.00			
Estate Agents	1,980.00				
Design	2,854.00				
Asbestos Survey	720.00				
Land Registry	180.00				
Total WSG Payments	55,225.82	48,220.00	35,400.16	35,689.52	30,302.46
Total Explorers Payments	6,633.31	7,127.72	3,211.23	3,769.63	529.64
Total HQ Payments	22,971.75	2,230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Payments	**84,830.88**	**57,577.71**	**38,611.39**	**39,459.15**	**30,832.10**
WSG Excess of Receipts over Payments	**-11,028.83**	**2,075.58**	**-4,209.42**	**-3,101.17**	**5,313.36**
Explorers Excess of Receipts over Payments	**433.83**	**1,403.15**	**473.97**	**275.78**	**-529.64**
HQ Excess of Receipts over Payments	**12,683.08**	**-2,230.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	**2,088.08**	**1,248.73**	**-3,735.45**	**-2,825.39**	**4,783.72**
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS:					
1st KA - Barclays Community Account		0.00	0.00	0.00	11,819.31
4th KA - Barclays Community Account		0.00	0.00	480.54	1,154.54
1st KA - Barclays Business Premium Account		0.00	0.00	0.00	100.50
4th KA - Barclays Deposit Account		0.00	0.00	1,509.93	1,506.65
1st KA - Scout Assoc Short Term Investment Account		0.00	0.00	3,122.57	3,111.73
Wantage Scout Group - Barclays Community Account	18,629.43	19,627.15	18,673.39	27,469.66	17,715.36
Wantage Scout Group - Barclays Deposit Account	2,557.00				
UTB Fixed Rate Charity Deposit Account	11,000.09	10,471.29	10,000.00		
PayPal			176.47	2.61	2.61
Monetary Assets	**32,186.52**	**30,098.44**	**28,849.86**	**32,585.31**	**35,410.70**
FINANCED BY:					
Balance brought forward	30,098.44	28,849.86	32,585.31	35,410.70	30,626.98
Less excess of payments over receipts	2,088.08	1,248.73	-3,735.45	-2,825.39	4,783.72
Total	**32,186.52**	**30,098.59**	**28,849.86**	**32,585.31**	**35,410.70**
Headcount:					
Scouts	189	183	171	173	
Explorers	26	19	25	14	
	215	202	196	187	

Wantage Scout Group

Financial report 2025-2026

This report covers the period from April 2025 through to end of March 2026.

2025-26 accounts

Overall summary: Our finances remain in good health … 'core scouting' - collecting subs, fundraising and spending on fees, camps and activities - remains roughly in balance. The spreadsheet does not immediately show this because we took a double hit on the large capitation fee in this financial year as the 2026-27 payments were demanded earlier in the year. This will balance out in future years. We manage the finances for the District Ridgeway Explorer Group - they generated a surplus this year.

There was a major change this year in that we took on financial responsibility for the Scout HQ building from King Alfred District Scouts. We received a £20K one off payment to manage the transition. Without this we would have made a loss due to the high building running costs. However, late in the year we took on long-term tenants in the lodge which will in future years will better enable us to balance the books.

We started the year with £30,098 in our bank accounts. We had income of £86,918 (including the £20K District Scouts payment) versus expenditure of £84,830 (including the 'extra' Capitation fee). So, we close the year with a slightly increased balance of £32,186, in a good position to move forward to 2026-27.

WSG Income: Subscription income of £23,427 is slightly up versus 2025. We also claim gift aid to boost our subs, this generated a further £4,914.

Parental contribution towards camps and activities was a major source of income, at £13,103, especially as there was the expensive Kent International Jamboree to pay for during this year. Grove Scouts contributed £765 – their share of KIJ transport costs.

Our fundraising events had mixed success. Scout Post earned a solid £1,200; our Race Night (held on the AGM evening) raised £553 versus expenses of £297 – so, a profit of £256. The weather at the December Dickensian Evening was appalling and so we made a slight loss on the evening of £28 (income £594, expenses £622) – this has made a profit of £1000 in the past!

Bank interest, donations and other income contributed £919.

WSG Expenditure: As I have mentioned we were invoiced for two Capitation fees (to District, County and National Scouts) £28,514 in total. We spent £15,142 across all sections for various activities and resources.

We paid £1,440 rent for use of Challow Village Hall, and charged ourselves a nominal rent for the Scout HQ of £7,000 (same as in previous years) so that we can separate out and understand the HQ running costs.

We also spent £1,510 on badges. Our 'contents' insurance bill for the year was £718 and Online Scout Manager cost a further £291.

Explorers: Subscription income was slightly down this year at £2,688 (plus a further £663 Gift Aid). Parental contributions to camps/activities generated £3,433.

Explorers' Capitation fee of £3,129 was also a double hit. Spend on camps came to £2,051, badges £261 and a further nominal 'rent' for the use of Scout HQ of £880.

Taking into account an allocation of fundraising income and group overhead costs (not a precise science!), then Explorers generated a small profit of £433 this year – But, when considering the double capitation fee, Explorers actually contributed a higher profit to the group.

Scout HQ: As I mentioned, we received a £20K handover payment from District Scouts to manage the transition. Late in the year we received rental income for the use of the lodge by Dandelion of £3,400 (plus a deposit payment of £2,550). They also contributed £164 toward their share of running costs (Heating, Phone, Insurance). We received income of £1,660 for the hire of the hall (badminton Group, Gardening Club, etc.). Also, as mentioned, we 'pay' ourselves a nominal rent for the use of the building of £7,000 + £880.

The building utilities are expensive, £6,814. Cleaning similarly, £3,412 – we have been working to renegotiate contracts (Gas, Electricity & Broadband) and optimise these costs. Buildings insurance costs £2,200 – there is an opportunity to consolidate contents and buildings insurance in future to similarly optimise these costs. Maintenance, equipment purchase and fire security maintenance/testing amounted to £5,350.

We incurred some one-off fees – estate agents, land registry & asbestos survey – totalling £2880 and some design costs, £2,854, in preparation for the upgrade to the building in future.

Overall the building has run at a loss of £7,316 – after removing the £20K payment. However, with a full year of income from our tenants, and optimising our costs we predict that the building will not be financial burden on the Scout Group going forward.

Thanks: Many thanks to Tessa Blake and Kay Williams for assisting me in managing expenses payments.

Looking forward: The finances are in good health as we go into 2026-27. Plans to redevelop the building and kitchen will be offset by significant grants.

I am stepping down from the treasurer role (for the second time!). I have transferred the treasurer role to Wendy Dobennie. Thanks to her for volunteering.

John Bales

(Former) Wantage Scout Group Treasurer

September 2026

balesjr@gmail.com

From: David Heron <daveheron1985@gmail.com>
Sent: 10 November 2026 08:54
To: balesjr@gmail.com
Cc: Wendy Dobbenie; Mark Rose
Subject: Re: Fw: Scouts Accounts 2025-26
Attachments: image001.jpg; image006.png; image007.png

Hi John

Sorry for the delay in response.

I can confirm I have received all information required and have reviewed with no issues.

I can confirm the accounts have been prepared correctly and can confirm be signed off.

Kind Regards

David

On Mon, 9 Nov 2026, 13:11 , <balesjr@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi David – do you now have everything you need? Do want to discuss anything with me?
>
> If/when you finish the review can you send me a simple email to confirm that you have reviewed and are happy to sign off. I need this 'evidence' to close out the Charity Commission submission.
>
> Many thanks
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> John
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> **From:** John Bales <balesjr@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** 29 October 2026 17:01
> **To:** David Heron <daveheron1985@gmail.com>
> **Cc:** Wendy Dobbenie <wsgkatreasurer@gmail.com>
> **Subject:** Re: Fw: Scouts Accounts 2025-26
>
> Hi … attached is the best statement I can find. So, at our year end, Mar 2026, the balance was £11,000.09. The interest is added annually on this account at the end of the one-year fixed period, July 2026.