



1st Dawlish Scout Group  
Seaborne Hall, Sandy Lane, Dawlish, Devon  
Charity No. 301042



## CHAIR'S REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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It has been a hard decision to make but after 7 years in the role of Chair I have decided to step down this year and hand over the reins. It has been a privilege to be a part of this team, to build lasting friendships and see first hand the many wonderful experiences it has brought my own children over the past 12 years.

Thank you to all the leaders and the Executive Committee for their continued commitment.

Laura Kelly

Chair of 1st Dawlish Scouts

Beavers Mondays 18h00 to 19h00  
Scouts Tuesdays 19h00 to 20h45  
Cubs Thursdays 18h30 to 20h00  
Explorers Mondays 19h30 to 21h00

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

### For the year ended 31 March 2025

Seaborne Hall,  
Sandy Lane,  
Dawlish,  
Devon EX7 0AF

Trustees	Date Appointed
Mrs Carol Wainwright	
Mrs Laura Kelly	04/08/2020
Mrs Deborah Hallam	16/09/2022
Mrs Mellony Kirby	08/11/2023
Mr Richard Poyner	08/11/2023

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Group'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 Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The group is a trust establishment under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

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

The Group is managed by the committee which consists of Group Scout Leader, Executive Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Section Leaders and parent representatives. This committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader and Trustees 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

### 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 two 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 a unit of the Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individual as are responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult learning.

### Achievements and Performance

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### **Financial Review**

This financial year the membership number has stayed pretty steady, despite comings and goings it has been on a par with last years numbers financially. We have benefited from increased income for hall hire having benefitted from a full year at the increased rate paid by Slimming World following their increased usage of the hall. Fortunately most overheads are in line with last years costs. Repairs decreased significantly with the only major expenses being £160 for some landscaping works, £556 for a replacement consumer unit following the 5 yearly electrical inspection £347 for replacement fire extinguishers and the annual extinguisher service and finally £141 for the annual fire inspection.

We continued to concentrate our efforts on fundraising for the replacement minibus. Notable funds raised were £1225 from a curry night, £431 Piers Motley Auctions, £741 Becky Carpenters London Marathon, £596 Dawlish Football Club car park marshalling, £3485 match fundraising from LSEG, £357 from AGM fundraiser, £100 cheque from AJ King, £320 from those taking part in Teignbridge Lottery and £1250 following a gift aid application from a previous years donation. Other donations included £100 from Cosens institute, £1250 from Dawlish Air Cadets following their disbandment, a further £3072 gift aid following an application covering three years of unclaimed gift aid and £305 from Turn the Tide which was used towards specific wildlife activities across the groups within the year.

A replacement minibus was purchased in February 2025, this has left a surplus in the minibus fundraising account which will be used to help maintain it and service it over the coming years. The only key equipment purchased was replacement stoves for £520.

### **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 Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to four months running costs, circa £1,000. This policy was proven during the lockdown period and, with the help of the contingency grant the sum was preserved for the future.

The Group held reserves above the level required for operating expenses at the year end.

### **Investment Policy**

The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in mainstream bank accounts.

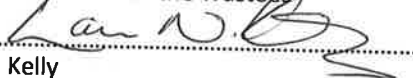
### **Public Benefit Statement**

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.

### **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

  
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Laura Kelly

Group Executive Chairperson and trustee

  
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Carole Wainwright

Scout Leader and trustee

Date:

**Receipts and payments account**  
**For the year to 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2024
	2025	2025	2025	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	£	£	£	£
Subs	4330		4330	4292
Membership Fee	2304		2304	2279
Joining fee	134		134	346
Fundraising	781	8384	9165	9904
Hall Hire	7275		7275	5388
Donations	905	1250	2155	242
Grants	0	0	0	0
Camps	1310		1310	132
Sale of woggles/neckers	0		0	0
Income for activities	7801		7801	6543
Bank interest	261	154	415	158
Gift Aid	4323		4323	0
			0	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>29425</b>	<b>9788</b>	<b>39213</b>	<b>29284</b>

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Weekly activities	2865		2865	2790
Camps	7552		7552	5958
Purchase of uniforms and badges	614		614	758
Fundraising costs	341		341	236
Minibus costs	13015	9995	23010	1704
Scout Membership Fees (note 1)	484		484	241
Heat and Light	1516		1516	1529
Ground rent	550		550	550
Water rates	405		405	219
Software	155		155	154
Cleaning	2824		2824	2771
Personal Liability Insurance	52		52	52
Leader training	10		10	27
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0		0	149
Purchase of equipment	695		695	265
Property improvements	0		0	0
Repairs and renewals	1253		1253	2559
Buildings and contents insurance	1276		1276	1199
Miscellaneous	159		159	355
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>33766</b>	<b>9995</b>	<b>43761</b>	<b>21515</b>
<b>Net of Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>-4342</b>	<b>-207</b>	<b>-4548</b>	<b>7768</b>
Cash Funds last year end	16347	10798	20276	27713
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>	<b>12005</b>	<b>10591</b>	<b>15728</b>	<b>35481</b>

<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixtures and Fittings & Equipment		5363		5923
Archery Equipment		409		481
Minibus		10333		422
<b>Current Assets</b>		<u>16106</u>		<u>6827</u>
Bank Accounts - Group	2462		1501	
Fundraising	4695		4297	
Fundraising - Minibus	8842		8983	
Section Accounts	1126		1421	
Scout Camp	0		396	
Subscription	3525		1737	
Contingency	5752		4826	
		<u>20649</u>		<u>23162</u>
Account in credit (if applicable)		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by  
 the Trustees on 26th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by



..... L Kelly - Executive Chairperson  
 and trustee



..... C Wainwright - Scout Leader  
 and trustee



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees ISI DAWUSH SOON GOOD

On accounts for the year ended 31 MARCH 2025 Charity no (if any) 301042

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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.

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

Signed: [Signature] Date: 23/09/2025

Name: GRAHAM BIRD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body INCORPORATED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANTS

(if any):	
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	Dawlish Business Park Dawlish, Devon EX7 0NH

**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.