CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: 1ST DARWEN SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended: 31 MARCH 2026

Charity no (if any):

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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: 14/09/2026

Name: GRAHAM BOIRD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: INCORPORATED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT.

(if any):	
Address:	Teign Accountancy Services 1 Charter House 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.

1st Dawlish Scout Group

Scout Group Registration No. 05168
Registered Charity Number 301042

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 March 2026

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

Trustees
Mrs Carol Wainwright
Mrs Liz Heal
Deborah Hallam
Mrs Mellony Kirby
Richard Poyner

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 maternal 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
The most important part of our work is the experiences we provide for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. During the year, our young people have taken part in a varied programme, including several camps and sleepovers, archery, first aid, Scouting skills, Ten Tors and volunteering in the local community. Activities have included supporting the Turn the Tide pollinator initiative, which won an award, and helping with gardening and tidying at St Gregory's Churchyard.
These opportunities help young people develop confidence, practical skills, resilience and friendships.
None of this would happen without our volunteers. I would like to thank all our leaders, Young Leaders, trustees, occasional helpers, drivers and parents for the time and energy they give throughout the year.
There is a considerable amount of work behind every meeting, activity, camp and trip, and that commitment is genuinely appreciated.

Volunteer recruitment remains important. Helping does not necessarily mean becoming a leader or attending every week. Support with administration, fundraising, maintenance, transport or occasional events can make a real difference. If you might be able to help, please speak to one of us.
Our Scout Hall and minibus continue to be important assets for the Group. The regular income from Slimming World renting the hall makes a valuable contribution towards our ongoing running costs. We remain committed to looking after these assets responsibly and maintaining the Group's financial sustainability.
Finally, next year will be particularly special because the Group will celebrate its 100th anniversary. We want to use the coming year to prepare properly, collect photographs and memories, reconnect with former members and plan a celebration that reflects the Group's history.
It is a privilege to serve as Chair as we approach this important milestone.
Thank you to everyone who supports 1st Dawlish Scout Group and, most importantly, congratulations to all our young people. Your enthusiasm and achievements are the reason we are here.
That concludes my Chair's report.

Financial Review

INCOME

This financial year the subs income has dropped slightly by 9%. We have benefited from increased income for the hall though with a few additional hires which has seen this increase by 9% to £7945. The other significant income was the sale of the minibus which returned a pleasing £1150 which covered the costs of us keeping it on the road for the final year.

FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS

This year we eased back on the fundraising following the successful purchase of a replacement minibus. Total for the year amounted to £2064. Teignbridge Lottery continues to be a monthly earner totaling £338.50 for the year. Other notable funds raised were £279 from AGM and Quiz, £587.90 from Chocolate Bingo (note expenses not deducted from these figures), £233.41 match fundraising from The Charities Trust thanks to our former Chair. The kindly received donations were £100 from Cosens Institute and £500 from Ashcombe Village Hall. Gift aid wasn't completed in time to come in during this financial year, and we will have two payments due in 2026-27.

NOTABLE EXPENDITURE

Fortunately, most overheads are in line with last year's costs. Repairs had a significant increase on the prior year, major expenses being £1140 for installation of a hot water boiler in the kitchen and £800 for roofing repairs, however this was mostly covered by an insurance claim.

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

Liz Heale
Group Executive Chairperson and trustee

Carole Wainwright
Scout Leader and trustee

Date: 25th September 2026

1st Dawlish Scout Group
Receipts and payments account
For the year to 31 March 2026

Scout Group Registration No. 05168
Registered Charity Number 301042

	Unrestricted Funds 2026	Restricted Funds 2026	Total 2026	2025
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Subs	3945	0	3945	4330
Membership Fee	2309	0	2309	2304
Joining fee	159	0	159	134
Fundraising	2064	0	2064	9165
Hall Hire	7954	0	7954	7275
Donations	600	0	600	2155
Grants	0	0	0	0
Camps	1209	0	1209	1310
Proceeds from sale of minibus	1150	0	1150	0
Income for activities	8203	0	8203	7801
Bank interest	128	0	128	415
Gift Aid	0	0	0	4323
Total receipts	27721	0	27721	39213

	2026	2026	2026	2025
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£
Weekly activities	4395	0	4395	2865
Camps	6286	0	6286	7552
Purchase of uniforms and badges	128	0	128	614
Fundraising costs	452	0	452	341
Minibus costs	60	2533	2593	13015
Scout Membership Fees (note 1)	-139	0	-139	484
Heat and Light	1949	0	1949	1516
Ground rent	550	0	550	550
Water rates	466	0	466	405
Software	210	0	210	155
Cleaning	2835	0	2835	2824
Personal Liability Insurance	52	0	52	52
Leader training	0	0	0	10
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0	0	0	0
Purchase of equipment	569	0	569	695
Property improvements	0	0	0	0
Repairs and renewals	3202	0	3202	1253
Buildings and contents insurance	1315	0	1315	1276
Miscellaneous	99	0	99	159
Total Payments	22428	2533	24961	33766
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	5293	-2533	2760	5447
Cash Funds last year end	0	0	0	16347
Cash Funds this year end	5293	-2533	2760	21794

1st Dawlish Scout Group
Assets and Liabilities
As at 31 March 2026

Scout Group Registration No. 05168
Registered Charity Number 301042

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	**2026**	**2025**
Assets retained for the charity's own use	**£**	**£**
Fixtures and Fittings & Equipment	4603	5363
Archery Equipment	411	409
Minibus	8411	10333
Current Assets	13426	16106
Bank Accounts - Group	2424	2462
Fundraising	7143	4695
Fundraising - Minibus (new a/c in 2023/2024)	6961	8842
Section Accounts (Beavers, Cubs & Troop amalgamated)	988	1126
Scout Camp	1011	0
Subscription	3038	3525
Contingency	5791	5752
	27355	26401
Account in credit (if applicable)	0	0
Current Liabilities		
	0	0

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by

the Trustees on 25 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by



..... L Heale - Executive Chairperson and trustee



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