Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 01/04/25 to end date 31/03/26

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	1st Sid Vale Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	301076
HQ registration number	10010440
Charity's principal address	Sid Vale Scout Centre Salcombe Hill Road Sidmouth Postcode EX10 0NY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mark Roden	Chair	
2	Donna Womersley-Westlake	Treasurer	
3	Ian Westran		
4	Ian Fletcher	Group Lead Volunteer	
5	Brian Manwaring		
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)
(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B	Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	The Group's governing documents are those of the 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.
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	The Group is managed by the Group Trustees, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. 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.
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Trustee Board consists of 2 independent representatives, Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Lead Volunteer, individual Team Lead Volunteers (if opted to take on the responsibility) and individuals with appropriate skills and experience. The Board meets every 3 months. The Trustees complete relevant Scout Association training within the first 5 months of joining. The Trustees exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the 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.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The Trustees have identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are: Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and the hire of the building to youth groups. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustees have the ability to raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently. Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group. Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	**The Purpose of Scouting** Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. **The Values of Scouting** As Scouts we are guided by these values: **Integrity -** We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. **Respect -** We have self-respect and respect for others. **Care -** We support others and take care of the world in which we live. **Belief -** We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. **Co-operation -** We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends. **The Scout Method** Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and: - enjoy what they are doing and have fun - take part in activities indoors and outdoors - learn by doing - share in spiritual reflection - take responsibility and make choices - undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Scout Group runs weekly activities for young people aged 6yrs to 18yrs as well as activity days and camps. The Group manage the Sid Vale facilities for the use of the scout group members and hires them out in order to raise funds for the Group. The Trustees and other volunteers manage the administration and maintenance requirements of the Group.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • contribution made by volunteers; • policy on investments.	

also seen the closure of Wednesday Beaver Section, this is mainly due to one of the Beaver Leaders retiring from the role.

However, despite these changes Sid Vale delivered a strongly themed and well-paced Spring and Summer 2026 programme across Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, centred on outdoor adventure, practical skills, creativity and meaningful community connection. Beavers built confidence through active exploration and hands-on making; Cubs deepened their skills and broadened their horizons with navigation, cooking, and outdoor challenges; and Scouts developed leadership, resilience, and independence through more demanding activities and responsibilities.

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.

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E — Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 Trustees considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12months running costs, circa £34k.

The Group held reserves of approximately £24k against this at year end. This is below the level required for operating expenses. However,this can be explained by the Group's expenditure on maintenance and renewals expenses and the Trustees are satisfied with this level of reserve.

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional

information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives;	**Investment Policy** The Trustees regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Trustees considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Ian Fletcher	**Mark Roden**
Full name(s)	Ian Fletcher	Mark Roden
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Group Lead Volunteer	Chair
Date	17 10 26	