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 North Devon Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	1st North Devon (Barnstaple) Scout Group
Registered charity number (if any)	301092
HQ registration number	10010428
Charity's principal address	Estuary View 43 Cleave Road Barnstaple Postcode EX31 2DU

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	Becky Chappell	Chair	
2	Mark Etheridge	GLV	
3	Emma Lerwill	Treasurer	
4	Stephen Bolton		
5	Andrew Dunsworth		
6	Cat Nelson		
7	Hayley Hardy		
8	Jo Vogwill		
9	Emma Atkinson		co-opted on 05/02/26
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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 Trustee Board, 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 the Chair, Treasurer and 7 further Trustees (including 1 co-opted Trustee) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board has 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:

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. Liability for injury, harm or losses through our activities to our young people. The Group asks all leaders to complete their training and operate activities within the guidelines in the Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. External providers are checked to ensure they are suitable and have appropriate insurance and risk assessments in place. 4. Reduced income from fundraising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
5. Reduction or loss of Trustees. The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to runand administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of trustees to an unacceptable level there would be the need to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting to appoint new Trustees. In the worst case scenaio the complete closure of the Group.
6. 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.

7. Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 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.

8. Abuse of Group finances. 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 policy to ensure all insurable risks are covered.

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

Beyond regular weekly meetings, we provide a diverse range of opportunities for our Scouts to explore new interests, challenge themselves and build valuable life skills. From camps and day events to international experiences, we foster a spirit of adventure and broaden their horizons.

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;

A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated leaders who play a vital role in shaping our Scouts' experience. Their commitment is truly commendable, as they volunteer an estimated 6000 hours to plan and execute engaging activites, week after week. Their time and passion are invaluable to the success of our group.

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

This year has seen the Trustees complete safe premises audits for our main meeting places. Financial intelligence has been applied to establish operating budgets for each section.Our savings have been moved to a savings account to provide a tangible return from our reserves. We have offered 30 nights away opportunities and enabled a full draft of weekend activities in addition to the weekly meetings.

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 24 months running costs, circa £20K. The Group held reserves of approximately £28K against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by monies held for future international trips and favourable investment conditions.
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);	The Group Trustee Board 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 Group Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.
• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	
• investment policy and objectives;	

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	In 2027 we hope to have a group camp and to encourage leadership teams to embrace their budgets. We will be

seeking a new treasurer and looking to recruit to our leadership teams.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s) REBECCA CHAPPELL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) CHAIR

Date D1 B5 M0 M6 Y2 Y6

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Template 1: Unqualified report for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st North Devon Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st North Devon Scout Groupfor the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st North Devon Scout Group 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 1st North Devon Scout Group 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st North Devon Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: [signature]

Name: CATHERINE SPURWAY

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): MAAT

Address: 10 SIGNAL TERRACE, BARNSTAPLE, EX31 2BA

Date: 8/6/26

End of year accounts 25/26.

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income		
Bank Interest	1,386.76	1,391.41
Donation	3,024.63	3,396.38
Events	3,757.54	8,600.42
Events - Beavers	0.00	565.00
Events - Cubs	3,896.81	3,607.21
Events - Scouts	4,850.75	4,211.92
Events - Squirrels	0.00	90.00
Gift Aid	0.00	2,878.08
Meetings	25.00	0.00
Membership Fees	23,734.03	20,896.04
Startup Grant	0.00	7,538.00
Uniform	69.14	29.00
Expense		
Awards	42.98	133.96
Bank Fees	60.00	60.00
Donation	6,259.29	4,424.56
Equipment	141.09	430.76
Events	6,421.72	6,578.60
Events - Beavers	0.00	659.76
Events - Cubs	4,217.11	3,841.62
Events - Scouts	5,551.95	4,258.65
Events - Squirrels	0.00	120.52
Insurance	617.34	324.22
Meetings	23.48	0.00
Meetings - Beavers	266.39	245.25
Meetings - Cubs (Mon)	377.23	223.19
Meetings - Cubs (Thu)	172.82	190.86
Meetings - Scouts	276.56	284.47
Meetings - Scouts (Eden)	179.37	58.75
Meetings - Scouts (Lampard)	414.07	38.33
Meetings - Squirrels	560.08	176.76
Membership Costs	10,057.50	0.00
Membership Fees	539.60	10,011.44
Rent	4,545.00	5,147.50
Startup Grant	327.02	5,286.71
Training	0.00	205.00
Uniform	1,921.39	3,704.89
Utilities	563.01	402.99
Young Leaders	95.88	302.88
Account balances		
CAF Cash	17,250.51	20,052.35
Equals - Mark Etheridge	0.00	161.36
Equals - Pat Tucker	0.00	6.45

Equals - Mathew Gard	0.00	1.59
Equals - Samantha Tucker	0.00	-15.46
Equals - Maria Smith	0.00	11.99
Expense Account	589.30	428.04
United Trust - 2 Years fixed	0.00	20,000.00
United Trust - 3 Months notice	8,000.00	8,000.00
Equals Expense Cards	116.73	-49.20
CAF 12month Fixed rate Saver 8	20,000.00	0.00

Summary

Account balance brought forward	48,597.12	42,505.33
Total income	40,744.66	53,203.46
Total expenditure	43,630.88	47,111.67
Net income	-2,886.22	6,091.79
Account balance carried forward	45,956.54	48,597.12