ELY DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
&
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name: Ely District Scout Council	
Other Names the Charity is Known by:	Ely District Scouts
Charity Registration Number:	301094 *[Charity Commission for England & Wales]*
Scout Association Registration Number:	10001307
Charity's Principal Address:	1 Hardwicke Close, Littleport, Ely CB6 1JB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Graham Smith	Lead Volunteer	
Ian Weatherall	Treasurer	
Adam Thorpe	Trustee	
Bob Groom	Trustee	
Elaine Chamberlain	Trustee	
Abbie Wells	Trustee	
Stuart Cree	Trustee	1st January - 22nd October 2025
Louise Smith	Trustee	

Names and Addresses of Advisors

Type of Advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Victoria Cooper	Red Shoes Accounting 181 Wisbech Road, Littleport, Ely CB6 1RA

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document

The District'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

The District is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee Selection Methods

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

Additional Governance Issues

The District is managed by the District Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout District 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.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and up to 10 Trustees (including 3 Ex Officio Trustees, and 2 co-opted Trustees) and meets every 3-4 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete 'Being a Scouts Trustee' learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

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.

Risk & Internal Control

The District Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the District 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:

Injury to Leaders, Helpers, Supporters and Members

The District through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced Income from Fundraising

The District holds 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 District on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or Loss of Volunteers

The District is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the District.

Maladministration

The District 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 insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. Regular meetings of the Executive committee are held at which updates on finances and administration are provided.

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

Additional Details of the Objectives and Activities

The District arranges large scale events during the course of the year containing a wide range of activities across all programme zones of the Scouting programme, to add value to the smaller events organised by Groups.

Public Benefit Statement

The District meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity During the Year

From the District Lead Volunteer

Over the past 12 months, the number of young people in the district has unfortunately decreased in this year's census, despite 1 more Squirrel Dray opening, now giving us a total of 6 dreys. We unfortunately had to close Stretham & Wilburton group due to lack of volunteers, but the young people were found places within other groups.

We did however have an increase of 29% in adult volunteers joining us but I am aware some groups are struggling to recruit and retain volunteers. This is something as a district we will be looking at how we can improve.

We have been continuing to push our compliance for Safety and Safeguarding learning; and First Response learning compliance is improving. We will be working hard over the next 12 months to improve.

We also awarded 34 Top Awards to our Young People.

All sections have held numerous events over the past year and as a district, we took a contingent to Larch Hill International Campsite, Dublin for a 10 night adventure.

Over the next 12 months the district program team will continue to support and offer our young people a varied, adventurous active program locally and planning for opportunities further afield.

Census January 2026: 613 youth membership and 249 adult & network members, across 7 Groups and 36 sections.

My Lead Volunteer role is to focus in supporting our existing and future teams and a key focus will try to bring in and retain more adult volunteers to our Teams, to enable us to assist more young people in the safe adventures of Scouting.
Thank you once again for another year of amazing scouting in Ely District and giving our young people their best Scouting experiences and memories that will last.
So, here's to another year of campfires, laughter and memories.

Yours in Scouting,
Graham Smith
Lead Volunteer, Ely District

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The District's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the District should income and fundraising activities fall short. The District Executive Committee considers that the District should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months running costs, circa £9,000.

The District held reserves of £9,000 against this at year end.

Details of any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Investment Policy

The District's Income and Expenditure is very small and, consequently, does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The District has therefore adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or CAF Bank.

The District Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances, and the interest rates received to ensure the District obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 8th October 2026

Signed on the Trustees' behalf by:



Graham Smith
Lead Volunteer



Ian Weatherall
Treasurer

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	Receipts 2025	Payments 2025	Balance 2025	See Note	Balance 2024
RECEIPTS					
Charitable Activities	£80,606.22		£80,606.22	1a	£14,447.93
Gross Fundraising	£4,754.08		£4,754.08	1b	£7,886.10
Donations Received	£2,291.24		£2,291.24	1c	£61.75
Investment Income	£686.50		£686.50	1d	£713.21
Other Trading Activities	£34,289.00		£34,289.00	1e	£29,349.47
Asset & Investment Sales	-		-		-
Other Receipts	£8,961.62		£8,961.62	1f	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**£131,588.66**		**£131,588.66**		**£52,458.46**
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Activities		£78,521.18	(£78,521.18)	1a	(£18,521.07)
Fundraising Expenses		£3,624.19	(£3,624.19)	1b	(£6,205.54)
Donations Made		£280.00	(£280.00)	1g	-
Other Trading Activities		£34,289.00	(£34,289.00)	1e	(£52,987.27)
Asset & Investment Purchases		-	-		-
Other Payments		£7,108.43	(£7,108.43)	1f	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS		**£123,822.80**	**(£123,822.80)**		**(£77,713.88)**
BALANCE					
Net Income for the Year	**£131,588.66**	**£123,822.80**	**£7,765.86**	1	**(£25,255.42)**
Account Balances at 1st January			£28,816.55	2	£54,071.97
ACCOUNT BALANCES AT 31ST DECEMBER			**£36,582.41**	3	**£28,816.55**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES			Balance 2025	See Note	Balance 2024
ASSETS					
Cash at Bank and in Hand at 31st December			£36,582.41	4	£28,816.55
Other Monetary Assets			-		-
Investment Assets			-		-
Non-Monetary Assets			-		-
Stock Value (Badges)			£209.02	5	£418.48
TOTAL ASSETS			**£36,791.43**		**£29,235.03**
LIABILITIES					
Scrutineer's Fee Due			-		-
Other			-		-
TOTAL LIABILITIES			**-**		**-**
NET OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES			**£36,791.43**		**£29,235.03**

This Statement of Accounts was approved by the Trustees on 8th October 2026

Signed on the Trustees' behalf by:

Graham Smith
Lead Volunteer

Ian Weatherall
Treasurer

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NOTES		Receipts 2025	Payments 2025	Balance 2025		Balance 2024
1)	**INCOME FOR THE YEAR**					
a)	**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**					
	MEMBERSHIP FEES					
	Annual Fees Received from Groups	£39,606.00	-	£39,606.00		£31,970.00
	Annual Fees Paid to County	-	£33,066.00	(£33,066.00)		(£26,390.00)
	NET MEMBERSHIP FEES	**£39,606.00**	**£33,066.00**	**£6,540.00**		**£5,580.00**
	DISTRICT ACTIVITIES & OPERATIONS					
	Youth Programme & Activities	£34,990.37	£35,036.66	(£46.29)		(£4,451.93)
	Ely District Explorers	£4,273.64	£3,796.82	£476.82		(£973.98)
	Adult Support & Training	-	-	-		(£395.00)
	Financial Fees & Charges	-	£194.94	(£194.94)		(£120.00)
	Group Support	£1,736.21	£2,338.04	(£601.83)		£80.89
	Insurance	-	£310.85	(£310.85)		(£357.63)
	Resources	-	£3,777.87	(£3,777.87)		(£3,205.74)
	Trustee Expenses	-	-	-		(£229.75)
	NET DISTRICT ACTIVITIES & OPERATIONS	**£41,000.22**	**£45,455.18**	**(£4,454.96)**		**(£9,653.14)**
a)	**NET CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**	**£80,606.22**	**£78,521.18**	**£2,085.04**		**(£4,073.14)**
	OTHER ACTIVITIES					
b)	Fundraising Events	£4,754.08	£3,624.19	£1,129.89		£1,680.56
c)	Donations Received	£2,291.24	-	£2,291.24		£61.75
d)	Interest Received on Bank Accounts	£686.50	-	£686.50		£713.21
e)	Other Trading Activities	£34,289.00	£34,289.00	-		(£23,637.80)
f)	Other Receipts & Payments	£8,961.62	£7,108.43	£1,853.19		-
g)	Donation Made to Royal British Legion	-	£280.00	(£280.00)		-
	NET OTHER ACTIVITIES	**£50,982.44**	**£45,301.62**	**£5,680.82**		**(£21,182.28)**
1)	**NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR**	**£131,588.66**	**£123,822.80**	**£7,765.86**		**(£25,255.42)**
2)	**ACCOUNT BALANCES AT 1ST JANUARY**					
	Current Accounts			£1,567.49		£4,563.30
	Deposit Accounts			£27,249.06		£49,508.67
	Cash in Hand			-		-
	TOTAL BALANCE			**£28,816.55**		**£54,071.97**
3)	**ACCOUNT BALANCES AT AT 31ST DECEMBER**					
	Current Accounts			£3,140.98		£1,567.49
	Deposit Accounts			£33,441.43		£27,249.06
	Cash in Hand			-		-
	TOTAL BALANCE			**£36,582.41**		**£28,816.55**
4)	**DISTRICT FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER**					
	General Funds			£18,816.82		£16,190.73
	Reserve Funds			£9,000.00		£9,000.00
	Designated Funds			£5,399.59		£259.82
	Restricted Funds			£3,366.00		£3,366.00
	TOTAL DISTRICT FUNDS			**£36,582.41**		**£28,816.55**
5)	**STOCK OF BADGES (VALUE AT COST) AT 31ST DECEMBER**					
	Stock at Start of Year			£418.48		£667.36
	Sales & Purchases			(£209.46)		(£248.88)
	STOCK VALUE			**£209.02**		**£418.48**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ely District Scout Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Ely Scout Group Council for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act 2022) and that an independent examination is required.

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

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 Trust 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.



Victoria Cooper
Date: 29.10.2026

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