2nd Verwood Scout Group

Annual Accounts

For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

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Group Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Charity name: **2nd Verwood Scout Group**

Registered charity no.: **301225**

Charity's principal address: **8 Copse Road**
Verwood
Dorset
BH31 6HB

Group Trustees:

Name	Office	Date acted if not the whole year
Philip Easdown	Group Chair	Whole year
Noel Smith	Group Treasurer	Whole year
Carolyne Inge	Group Scout Leader	Whole year
Sharon Curtis	Group Trustee	Whole year
Jane Shotliff	Group Trustee	Whole year
Kirsty Rose	Group Trustee	Whole year
Val Aitken	Group Trustee	Whole year
Sarah Hinchliffe	Group Trustee	Whole year

Structure, Governance & 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 established 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 Board of 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.

The Board of Group Trustees consists of 2 independent representatives, Group Chair & Group Treasurer together with the Group Scout Leader, and other individual representatives that meet on a regular basis.

This Board of Group Trustees exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

Ensure the charity is well managed and compliant with the Scouting Policy, Organistion and Rules;
Develop and maintain a risk register and put in place appropriate mitigations;
Ensure the charities finances are properly managed, including appropriate budgets to support the w
Produce and maintain a reserves policy, and investment policy and a public benefit statement;

Ensure appropriate insurancve is in place, for people, property and equipment;
Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.

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 physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The Group runs two Beaver colonies, two Cub packs and one Scout troop. A balanced programme of activities is provided by the scouting leaders for each of these groups. For the Beavers, these cover exploring the world around them, getting to know other people, discovering creativity and practical skills aswell as different beliefs and attitutes, and also learning about themselves. For the Cubs, this is built upon as they are encouraged to try new activities, including trips out and camping for the first time. Finally the Scouts are developed further developing their creative talents, knowing their own ability, but encouraged to keep fit, and exploring their own values and personal talent.

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.

Achievements and Performance

Youngster numbers remain on par with last year as all sections continue to thrive and provide good programmes. Scouts, Cubs and Beavers took part in a variety of camps throughout the year. The group attended the St Georges Day parade and celebrations. All sections took part in the Verwood Remembrance Day Parade. Scouts organised car parking at the Rustic Fayre, Car Washing and running the sausage/burger stall at the Christmas Extravaganza. Fundraising continues to play a large part in the groups activities and provides a valuable contribution to the groups funds. Finally we have welcomed a number of new adult leaders to the group over the year.

Financial Review

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 Board of Trustees considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £20,000.

The Group held free cash reserves of £54,083 against this at year end.

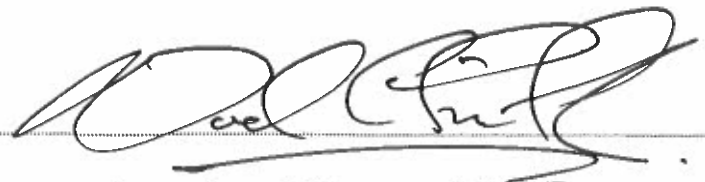
Investment Policy

The Group adopts a risk averse strategy to the investment of funds in excess of its 12 month operating requiremnenst. All funds and investments are held in cash or short term interest bearing accounts using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Declaration

The Group Trustees declare that they have approved the Group Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's group trustees

Signatures: 

Full names: NOEL SMITH

Positions: GROUP TREASURER

Date: 6/9/2026

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Group Trustees of 2nd Verwood Scout Group

I report on the accounts of 2nd Verwood Scout Group (Registered Charity Number 301225), for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out herewith.

Respective responsibilities of the group trustees and examiner

As the charity's group trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

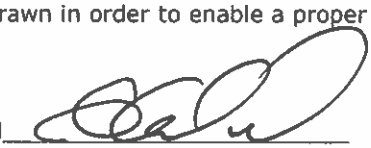
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with sections 130 and 131 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Carver
14 Owls Road
Verwood
BH31 6EW

Signed 

Date 25/5/26

2ND VERWOOD SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 1ST APRIL 2025 TO 31ST MARCH 2026

PAYMENTS	2025/26 £	2025/26 £	2024/25 £
Charitable Payments			
Scouting activities - Camp fees	(9,141.14)		(15,447.15)
Scouting activities - Others	(3,252.98)		(5,431.27)
Adult training	(135.00)		0.00
Cashplus fees	0.00		0.00
Water & sewage	0.00		0.00
Electricity	(1,111.36)		(1,146.72)
Gas	(845.78)		(1,396.95)
Insurance	(879.38)		(846.24)
Licences	(205.00)		(164.50)
NT Card	0.00		0.00
Repairs & renewals	(709.16)		(1,625.76)
Materials & Equipment	0.00		(98.48)
Miscellaneous	(1,407.00)		(925.27)
IT Costs	0.00		(380.00)
Uniforms	(153.44)		(353.00)
Badges & Kneckies	(976.25)		(1,939.89)
Finance Charges on Subs	(814.47)		(1,146.14)
Cleaning HQ	(2,039.16)		(1,661.50)
		(21,670.12)	(32,562.87)
Fundraising expenses			
Car Wash payments to parents	0.00		0.00
Jubilee Food Stall	0.00		0.00
Xmas Extravaganza	(270.50)		(343.69)
Don McMath Foundation	0.00		0.00
Other	0.00		0.00
Mike Downton donation	0.00		0.00
Other	0.00		0.00
		(270.50)	(343.69)
Total Gross Expenditure		(21,940.62)	(32,906.56)
Asset purchases		(3,736.47)	(2,124.76)
Total Payments		(25,677.09)	(35,031.32)
Net Receipts / (Payments)		5,073.84	808.78
RESERVES			
Opening Reserves		46,823.73	46,014.95
Capital Introduced		0.00	0.00
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		5,073.84	808.78
Closing Reserves		51,897.57	46,823.73

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - 1ST APRIL 2025 TO 31ST MARCH 2026

RECEIPTS	2025/26 £	£	2024/25 £
Donations, legacies & similar income			
Membership Subs	16,900.00		16,350.00
Less: Membership Subs paid on	(6,962.00)		(6,844.50)
Net membership subs retained	9,938.00		9,505.50
Donations	250.00		30.00
Gift Aid	3,900.70		3,679.96
Uniforms	760.10		787.38
International Camp	0.00		0.00
Section camps	7,598.00		13,876.60
Section activities	626.00		3,821.00
Waterpark Group Day	0.00		0.00
Other similar income - Investitures	0.00		0.00
		23,072.80	31,700.44
Grants			
Verwood Town Council	0.00		0.00
Scouts	0.00		0.00
Other grants	0.00		0.00
		0.00	0.00
Fundraising (Gross)			
Jubilee Food Stall	0.00		0.00
Scout Car Wash	598.86		508.05
Rotary Club	0.00		0.00
Scout Table Top Sale	0.00		0.00
Airflow - recycling	0.00		0.00
Christmas Fayre	0.00		0.00
Xmas Extravaganza	910.81		670.00
Flameburst	0.00		0.00
Disco	0.00		0.00
Other fundraising activities	0.00		215.00
		1,509.67	1,393.05
Investment income			
Rent of HQ	5,595.00		2,443.75
Scout Shop Profit Share	0.00		175.68
Bank Interest	573.46		53.18
Other income	0.00		74.00
		6,168.46	2,746.61
Total Gross Income		30,750.93	35,840.10
Asset sales		0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		30,750.93	35,840.10

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2026

Unrestricted funds	2025/26 £	£	2024/25 £
Cash funds			
Current Bank account	29,535.13		17,453.95
Savings Bank account	20,626.64		20,053.18
Cashplus account	3,661.84		3,811.81
Cash floats	259.55		226.38
Total cash funds		54,083.16	41,545.32
Other monetary assets			
Gift Aid	3,900.00		3,668.75
Subs due from District Scouts	-		0.00
Camp payments in Advance	-		2,645.00
Prepayment - Badge a/c	321.41		978.66
		4,221.41	7,292.41
Investment assets			
Property	-		-
Other	-		-
		-	-
Non monetary assets			
Stock of Uniforms	555.00		626.00
Land & Buildings	-		-
Scouting equipment	-		-
Other	-		-
		555.00	626.00
Liabilities			
Creditors	0.00		0.00
Capitation Fees	(6,962.00)		0.00
Camp receipts in Advance	0.00		(2,640.00)
Other	-		-
		(6,962.00)	(2,640.00)
Total Assets less Total Liabilities		51,897.57	46,823.73

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on .....6/9/2026.....2026 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Chairman: .....Philip Easdown

Treasurer:.....Noel Smith