Selsley Scout Group – Trustees Annual Report

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

This document is issued to demonstrate compliance with the Charities Act 2011 in demonstrating our purpose and activities as being for the public benefit and that the trustees have demonstrated regard to the commission's guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Section A Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name **Selsley Scout Group**

Registered Charity No. **302118**

HQ Registration No. **10012148**

Charity Address **The Old Forge, Selsley Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 5LB**

Trustees for the period

Name	Role	Dates acted (if not entire period)
Tim Crane	Group Chair (ex-officio)	
Steve Jackson	Group Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Debbie Battrick	Group Treasurer (ex-officio)	
Sarah Bennie	Group Secretary (ex-officio)	
Andrew Wasley	Cub Scout Leader (ex-officio)	
Roger Mills	Quartermaster & Elected member	
Alex Hathway	Elected member	
Helena Gauterin	Elected member	
Richard Hartle	Elected member	
Martyn Price	Elected member	

Names of Advisors

Type of Advisor	Name
Independent Examiner	Tim Jackson

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

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 (POR) of the Scout Association. The Group is a trust established under these rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the POR of the Scout Association.

The Scout Group is managed as an educational charity by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the charity trustees. As 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 8 other Trustees (including 3 ex-officio Trustees) and meets every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete the Scout Association online Trustee Induction training course within 6 months of joining the Board. They also are required to hold an in-date DBS certificate.

The Trustee Board exists to ensure that 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.

Risks and Internal Controls

The Trustee Board has identified and periodically reviews and monitors the main risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. The main risks include:

- **Damage to the Scout Group Building, Property and Equipment**. 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 annual membership fee, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. We provide accident and injury insurance for all adult helpers who are not uniformed leaders. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

- **Reduced Income from Fundraising**. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and hall rental. A substantial fall in hall rental income may necessitate an increase in subscriptions.

- **Reduction or loss of adult volunteers**. The Group relies entirely on volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. Importantly, we need a certain number of uniformed leaders to be able to continue to operate the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Sections. Many of the volunteers are drawn from the parents of the young people who join the Group. The commitment required is significant, and understandably, leaders often wish to move on or stand down after a few years. If we are unable to maintain the necessary level of uniformed leaders, we would have to consider reducing the size of a section or closing it altogether.

- **Reduction or loss of members**. We currently have sufficient numbers of young people to justify one Beaver Colony, a Cub pack and 2 Scout troops. Many of our young people have worked their way up through the Sections and our catchment area is reasonably large due to the quality of programme we offer. However, if there was a significant reduction in the membership of a Section, then we would need to consider reducing the size of the Section of closing it altogether.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. All unbudgeted expenditure requires approval from 2 designated signatories. Emergency payments will be approved retrospectively by the Trustee Board. The Group has comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

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 cooperate with others and make friends.

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the above values, and:

- take part in activities indoors and outdoors;

- Undertake new and challenging activities;
- Learn by doing;
- Share in spiritual reflection; take responsibility and make choices;
- enjoy what they are doing and have fun.

The Scout group arranges a programme of weekly meetings during school term times, with indoor or outdoor activities and challenges for young people of all ages between 6 and 18. The Group also organises weekend and holiday activities that include camps, hikes, visits and other adventure activities. The Group also participates in events that are organised at District, County or National level.

Young people in Scouting can earn badges in recognition of skills learned, challenges met and activities carried out. Our regular programmes and other activities such as camps, are designed to meet the badge requirements. If young people complete enough activities and challenges they will earn their Chief scout's Award.

To help young people in their personal development, if and when our leaders judge that they are ready for the challenge, they may be given a position of responsibility. For example, a sixer or seconder with the Cub section, Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader with the scout troop or Young Leader, assisting the adult volunteers in the planning and running of programmes for a younger Section.

Public Benefit Statement

Selsley Scout Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings. Subscriptions are set at a level that covers only the immediate running costs of the Group and the annual membership fees to the Scout Association, thus ensuring they remain as low as possible and do not unduly restrict membership. The Group have a hardship policy and a process to support access to Scouting. We admit members primarily from the local community in the immediate area around Selsley.

Section D Achievements and Performance

During the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, Selsley Scout Group continued to provide a full range of scouting activities, including overnight, weekend and multi-day camps, for young people of all ages from 6 – 17 years. In the 2026 Census, our membership numbers grew slightly.

The highlights of the year included:

- The Scout Troop attended several camps including: Strategy Camp in June, Summer Camp to Youlbury Scouting Centre in July, Operation Bald Eagle Camp in October and a Winter camp to Penn Wood Activity Centre in November 2025.

- The Cub Pack attended the Evolution Camp in June and an Autumn camp at Penn Wood Activity Centre in October.

- The Beavers took part in a Summer Camp at Penn Wood in July 2025 and visited Wootton Under Edge Outdoor Swimming Pool and 270 Climbing in Gloucester.

- Six scouts were selected as part of the Gloucestershire Contingent for the World Scout Jamboree to Poland in 2027. A further 2 scouts were selected for Haarlem 2027 and 9 Scouts will travel to Austria in July 2027 as part of an international experience organised by the County.

During the period, we recruited an adult leader into the Cubs Section and three of our Young Leaders in the Scout Section became adult leaders upon reaching the age of 18. Each Section has a healthy number of Young Leaders to support the programme.

Tim Crane continues to be the Group Chair and Debbie Battrick continues in the role of Treasurer.

Section E Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group, or at the very least, to conduct an orderly wind-down of the group, should income and hall rental activities fall short. The Group Trustee board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to at least 12 months of essential running costs, including insurance, utilities, equipment and maintenance costs, but excluding membership fees as these are covered directly from subscriptions.

The Group held cash reserves of £40,416.70 as at 31st March 2026 (Group £31,666.23; Scouts £5,411.35; Cubs £1,681.46; and Beavers £1,657.66).

Investment Policy

The Group has adopted a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds with all funds required for working capital held in cash, using a mainstream bank (Cooperative bank). At present, the Group has 4 bank accounts: one for each Section and a Group account.

The Group Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of the bank balances to ensure the Group maximises the use of funds not required in the short-term. The Group holds these funds in savings accounts, split between a Cooperative Bank instant access savings account and a Cambridge & Counties Bank 1 month notice savings account, both opened during the year.

Section F Other Information and Future Plans

The immediate priority for the Group is to consolidate the leadership teams in all Sections and consider succession planning for the GLV and Sections. We are also keen to grow our volunteers to assist with maintenance tasks in and around the hut. In the future, we would be keen to integrate a Squirrels Section into the Group but this would require a new team of volunteers to run it.

Section G Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Tim Crane, Chair

May 2026

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) SELSLEY SCOUT GROUP

On accounts for the year ended 31/3/26 **Charity no (if any)** 302118

Set out on pages 1-5 (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:** 16/6/26

Name: T.N. JACKSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body FCA (ICAEW) 7919608

SELSLEY SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNTS 2025/ 26

All Section Summary

	Start State EFY	Income 25/26	Expenditure 25/26	Net FY 25/26	End State FY 25/26
Beavers Section	1,530.17	2,778.00	- 2,650.51	127.49	1,657.66
Cubs Section	4,245.57	4,352.41	- 6,916.51	- 2,564.10	1,681.47
Scout Section	5,645.34	15,771.67	- 16,005.66	- 233.99	5,411.35
Group	22,063.87	23,831.46	- 14,229.10	9,602.36	31,666.23
TOTAL	33,484.95	46,733.54	- 39,801.78	6,931.76	40,416.71

SELSLEY SCOUTS GROUP

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026

INCOME	ACTUALS 1/4/25 TO 31/3/26	FINAL 24/25
SUBS		
Scouts	3,840	3,184
Cubs	3,572	-
Beavers	1,508	1,286
Total Subs	8,920	4,470
HALL HIRE		
Regular User - NHS	4,684	3,420
Regular User - CAMM	771	850
Regular User - Baby Ballet	1,672	1,050
Regular User - Joys of Yoga	990	702
Regular User - Kishori Yoga	861	702
Regular User - Little City	468	440
Regular User - Scout Active Support	100	100
Regular user- Stroud String Ensemble	260	234
Regular User - Gaia Healing	330	210
SDC/ Selsley Gardening	779	750
Regular user- Other	652	-
Parties	988	750
Total Hall Hire	12,555	9,208
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		
Bank interest	450	-
Annual wayleave	31	31
Other sections	-	233
Donation	90	300
	570	563
GIFT AID		
Gift Aid	1,786	4,320
	1,786	4,320
TOTAL INCOME- EXCLUDING SUBS	14,912	14,091
TOTAL INCOME- INCLUDING SUBS	23,831	18,561

EXPENDITURE	ACTUALS 1/4/25 TO 31/3/26	FINAL 24/25
SCOUT MEMBERSHIP	- 6,370	- 11,805
SCOUT HALL COSTS		
Cleaning	- 1,260	- 1,320
Utilities - Gas	- 1,135	- 2,097
Utilities - Electricity	- 1,559	- 729
Utilities - Water	- 301	- 366
Annual Fire Alarm Service	- 183	- 180
Annual Fire Extinguishers check	-	- 195
Annual PAT Testing	-	-
Alarm service/ maintenance	- 324	-
Gas service	- 96	- 126
Boiler repair	-	- 84
Septic tank	- 126	-
Outside wall	- 1,080	
Other maintenance	- 437	- 231
Boiler replacement	-	- 2,842
Total Hall Costs	- 6,502	- 8,163
INSURANCE		
Insurance- Scout Group	- 651	- 1,059
Insurance- Unity (Helpers)	- 52	- 52
Independent Examiners Fee	-	- 80
Total insurances	- 703	- 1,191
OUTSIDE		
Hedge/ tree maintenance	- 360	- 1,380
CENTRAL COSTS		
Tents	- 294	-
Activities paid centrally	-	-
Banner	-	- 176
	- 294	- 176
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	- 14,229	- 22,715

Selsley Scouts Accounts 2025/26

01/04/2024	Opening balance	5645.34	

Income

Date	Activity	Amount £	Notes
01/04/2025	Summer Term Subs (47 YP x £35 + 1 x £40)	1,685.00	75% to Group Funds = £1263.75
28/04/2025	Stanleys Payment	85.84	
01/05/2025	Summer Camp Payments	1,475.00	
01/05/2025	Exped Camp (19 x £8)	152.00	
19/05/2025	Tent Hire	50.00	
02/06/2025	BB SV	42.00	
09/06/2025	Donation Dixies	10.00	
09/06/2025	BB Tetbury	112.00	
11/06/2025	BB Randwick	140.00	
12/06/2025	BB Amberley	133.00	
20/06/2025	BB Selsley	63.00	
26/06/2025	BB Amberley	7.00	
30/06/2025	Error	42.33	
16/07/2025	Amber SC	10.00	
18/07/2025	Sid Workman Autumn Term Subs	35.00	
24/07/2025	BB Eastcombe	91.00	
01/07/2025	Operation Bald Eagle	1,320.00	
08/08/2025	Summer Camp Refund	55.50	
18/08/2025	Dursley Scouts Donation	75.00	
01/09/2025	Autumn Term Subs (46 x £35 + 1 x £40 + 1 x £30)	1,680.00	75% to Group Funds = £1260
01/09/2025	Winter Camp(33x £20)	660.00	
08/11/2025	YL Payment SC (Hollie)	25.00	
Oct-25	Summer Camp Deposits (33 x £25)	825.00	
24/11/2025	Belle WC	20.00	
01/12/2025	Strategy Camp Payments (25 x £75)	1,875.00	
23/12/2025	Fundraising (Bag packing)	1,477.00	
01/01/2026	Spring term Subs (49 x £35)	1,715.00	75% to Group Funds = £1286.25
12/01/2026	Iylan SC & Strategy (£25 + £75)	100.00	
21/01/2026	Toby Knowles Strategy	75.00	
30/01/2026	Hope Powell Payments	115.00	
01/02/2026	Summer Camp 2nd Payment	850.00	
02/02/2026	KSST Donation	500.00	
18-Mar-26	Rogue Runs Water Stn Fundraising	246.00	
30-Mar-26	Hope Powell Summer Camp Payment	25.00	
	Total Income	15,771.67	

Expenditure

Date	Activity	Amount £	Cheque No
07/04/2025	Fridge	180.00	BACS
19/05/2025	Shop Badges	42.33	BACS
19/05/2025	Tents & Gas - Go Outdoors	109.50	BACS
28/05/2025	Wizard Printers Tee Shirts	27.61	BACS
06/06/2025	Shop Badges	42.33	BACS - error
06/06/2025	One Stop Scouting	106.75	BACS
10/06/2025	Expedition Camp Expenses	128.68	BACS
27/06/2025	Tee Shirt - Hope	9.11	BACS
02/07/2025	Beaver Bounce Expenses	52.89	BACS
02/07/2025	Badges & Lights	67.72	BACS
02/07/2025	Van Hire	178.20	BACS
02/07/2025	Youlbury - Summer Camp Balance	2,060.80	BACS
11/07/2025	Scout Shop Badges	21.10	BACS
11/07/2025	Beaver Bounce - Randwick Donation	100.00	BACS - no receipt
11/07/2025	2 x Shelters	221.82	BACS
25/07/2025	Summer camp Expenses	649.13	BACS
01/08/2025	OBE Booking (3 x £400)	1,200.00	BACS
01/08/2025	Swimming Booking (2 x £65)	130.00	BACS
22/09/2025	Badges	31.50	BACS
29/09/2025	Adele Science Night	15.64	BACS
17/10/2025	Badges	25.20	BACS
17/10/2025	Jet Age Museum Donation	180.00	BACS
17/10/2025	OBE Expenses	212.91	BACS
17/10/2025	Blackwell Court SC Deposit	534.00	BACS
09/11/2025	Harry Camp Cooking	37.18	BACS
25/11/2025	Winter Camp Penn Wood	379.50	BACS
01/12/2025	Winter camp Expenses	336.65	BACS
06/01/2026	Strategy camp Booking	2,118.50	BACS
13/01/2026	Refund Iylan	100.00	BACS no receipt as refund of a payment
02/02/2026	75% Subs payment to Group Account	3,840.00	BACS
02/02/2026	Strategy Camp Booking	76.00	BACS
06/02/2026	Burners, gas & slicers	177.00	BACS
06/02/2026	New Mess Tent	2,000.00	BACS
10/03/2026	Expenses	111.02	BACS
10/03/2026	Swimming Booking (2 x £65)	130.00	BACS
19/03/2026	Burner	76.50	BACS
19/03/2026	Water Station Transfer to WSJ	246.00	BACS
28/03/2026	Bush Tucker Trail	50.09	BACS
	Total Expenditure	16,005.66	

	Balance	£5,411.35

Selsley Cubs Financial Statement 2025/6

	Notes	2025-6	2024-5
Income			
Subs		2,240.50	2,522.50
Activity fees		1,939.60	3,756.20
Fundraising		172.30	-
TOTAL		4,352.40	6,278.70
Expenses			
Share to group	1	3,572.26	-
Trips away		941.20	1,761.40
Camps		1,662.50	2,060.34
Leaders' uniforms		35.95	77.45
Badges, woggles, certificates		444.00	513.05
Stationery/ craft supplies		29.75	176.91
Equipment		8.80	233.49
Food		8.75	48.44
Online scout manager fees		41.00	41.00
Other		172.30	0.01
		6,916.51	4,912.09
Net (expenditure)/ income for the financial year		- 2,564.11	1,366.61
Current account balance			
b/f from previous year		4,245.56	2,878.95
Carried forward		1,681.45	4,245.56

Notes

1. 2024/25 subs share was made in 2025/26

Selsley Beavers Accounts 2025/26

01/04/2025	Opening balance		£1,530.17 ✓

Income

Date	Activity	Amount £	Notes
01/04/2025	Subs Summer Term (22 x £35)	770.00	75% to Group Account = £577.50
May/Jun 25	Climbing (24 x £15)	360.00	
May/Jun 25	Camp (14 x £18)	252.00	
May/Jun 25	Beaver Bounce (10 x £7)	70.00	
01/09/2025	Subs Autumn Term (17 x £35 + 2 x £40)	675.00	75% to Group Account = £506.25
07/10/2025	Payment - Leo	30.00	
Jan-26	Subs Spring term (15 x £35 + 1 x £40)	565.00	75% to Group Account = £423.75
Mar-26	Fun Day Income (8 x £7)	56.00	
	Total Income	2,778.00	✓

Expenditure

Date	Activity	Amount £	Cheque No
14/04/2025	Liz Betty Flower Arranging	21.90	BACS
22/04/2025	Swimming	65.00	
22/04/2025	270 Climbing Deposit	90.00	
20/06/2025	Wizard Printers Tee Shirts	151.01	
20/06/2025	Scout Shop Badges	36.40	
20/06/2025	Beaver Bounce Entry	63.00	
08/07/2025	270 Climbing Balance	270.00	
29/07/2025	Summer Camp Expenses	221.31	
12/09/2025	Scout shop Badges	45.00	
06/10/2025	Rachel Expenses - Soup Night	28.72	
21/10/2025	Divali Night Expenses	8.75	
21/10/2025	Badges	11.70	
19/12/2025	TEAMS 4U Donation, Badges, Crafts	93.02	
01/01/2026	OSM Renewal & Badges	37.20	
01/02/2026	Subs Transfer to Scout Group Account	1,507.50	✓
	Total Expenditure	2,650.51	✓

31/03/2025	Balance	£1,657.66	✓

SELSLEY SCOUT GROUP

TREASURER'S REPORT -Y/E 31 MARCH 2026

The overall position for Selsley Scout Group shows an overall surplus of £6,932 for the year, compared with a deficit of £3,626 in 24/25.

The surplus for the year is due to:

- Two lots of scout membership costs being paid in 24/25 (the 23/24 invoice as well as the 24/25 invoice) with only one payment in 25/26.
- Higher hall rental income: strong usage by some regular users and a modest price increase to match the increase in running costs.
- Lower scout hut and grounds maintenance costs in 25/26: the boiler was replaced in 2024/25 as well as some tree maintenance.

The Group funds not needed for regular income and expenditure are held in interest-bearing savings accounts which earnt the Group £450 in interest in 25/26.

The Scouts and Beavers accounts are virtually at break-even as would be anticipated. The Cubs accounts are showing a deficit as they include 2 payments to group of 75% of subs because none were made in 2024/5 as reported last year.

Trustees track income and expenditure each meeting against an agreed budget, giving us a strong basis for making decisions on spending funds wisely.