Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	1 April 2025	To	31 March 2026
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	**26th Bristol (North Cote) Scout Group**
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**302156**
HQ Registration Number	**10009914**

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. **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 the purpose and objects	Scouts is a national movement, open to young people aged 4-25 and adults, providing non-school coeducational youth activities locally. It supports the ongoing personal development of our youth members. Scouting has a current vision to empower more young people through adventure, teamwork and shared values, to take the lead on making a positive difference in the world. The Group provides a full programme of activities implemented through weekly activities & camps. The achievement of young people is reflected by awards they achieve.
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of

Charity Commission on public benefit	education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability

• *Achievements against objectives* • *Fundraising activities* • *Contribution made by volunteers*	Over the past 12 months the group has continued to deliver increased opportunities for young people to develop skills for life though a programme of activities that challenges them to embark on exciting, new adventures. The Operation team, supported by the Trustees has focussed on: • Offering varied and exciting programme of activities & camping for young people • Supporting Adult Volunteers, uniformed and non-uniformed • Compliance - adult volunteers completing mandatory training and that requirements for activities and nights away are followed. • Premises management The Group continued to grow this year with 234 Young People, 27 Young Leaders and 52 adults, plus many volunteers across 9 sections. Due the Group's size, being one of the largest in Avon County Scouts area, it needs considerable support to operate and the Group relies on volunteers to run all of its sections and manage the building. The Group needs significant funds to safely maintain its premises and the Group relies on subscriptions, gift aid, feed in tariff and hall letting to support this.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers the charity should hold a sum at least equivalent to 6 months running costs, about £25k. The charity held reserves of approximately £121k against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses, however, this can be explained by the Group having substantial building that needs to be maintained to meet legal requirements. There is a rolling capital expenditure plan to replace infrastructure and in 2026 we plan to replace the fire alarm system, internal and external fire doors as well as upgrading electrics which will substantially reduce reserves by approx £40k
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the charity obtains 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.
A description of the principal risks	The trustees manage a risk register and put mitigations in place. Principle risks include: • Safeguarding • Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members • Reduction in loss of leaders/key roles

	• Significant reduction in income • Premises management • Fraud & Cyber risks

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity'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.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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 7 Trustees and meets at least 4 times a year. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programmes that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;

	• Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required; • Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board; • Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; • Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; • Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; • Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.

Plans for future periods

Plans for future Periods	**In 2026 the Group will focus on these priorities:** • Exciting programme of activities & camping for young people • Supporting Adult Volunteers uniformed and non-uniformed, including seeking a new Group Lead Volunteer(s) • Compliance • Investment in equipment and infrastructure of the premises approx cost of £40k

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	North Cote Great Brockeridge Westbury on Trym Bristol BS9 3TY

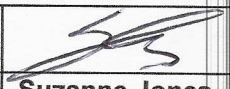
	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Jonathan Barton	Chair	April – Sept 2025
2	Suzanne Jones	Deputy Chair	
3	Richard Bennett	Lead Volunteer	April – Sept 2025
4	Helen Hobbs	Treasurer	
5	George Fletcher	Secretary	
6	Anna-Clare Temple	Trustee	
7	Bethan Guest	Trustee	
8	Jill Neild	Trustee	
9	Natalie Forster	Trustee	
10	Alex Doerr	Trustee	
11	Kieron Ross	Trustee	Sept 2025 – March 2026
12	Helen Thomas	Trustee	Sept 2025 – March 2026

Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Emma Brook ACMA	124 Reedley Road Bristol BS9 1BG

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature		
Full name	**Suzanne Jones**	**Helen Hobbs**
Position held	**Chair**	**Treasurer**
Date	**16 September 2026**	**16 September 2026**

26th Bristol (North Cote) Scout Group (Charity no. 302156)

For the year	Year start date		Year end date
	From 01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Receipts and Payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership fees	32,754	33,978
Donations	1,625	6,312
Gift Aid	7,838	7,971
Other income	-	-
Sub total	42,217	48,261
Grants		
Other grant income	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising events		
Parents & Friends	168	156
Other fundraising activities	-	-
Sub total	168	156
Charitable activities		
Group Event - Wild Place	-	1,013
Group Event - Northcote 50th Annivaersary celebration	-	1,298
Beaver Activites inc sleepovers	3,140	1,885
Cub Activities inc camps	6,521	5,503
Scout Activities inc camps	24,216	22,587
Sub total	33,877	32,286
Other income		
Hire of building	24,503	25,921
Feed in Tariff income	4,615	6,347
Other income	-	-
Sub total	29,118	32,268
Investment income		
Bank interest	1,202	1,375
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	1,202	1,375
Total gross income	106,582	114,346
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	106,582	114,346

26th Bristol (North Cote) Scout Group (Charity no. 302156)
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year	Year start date: From	01/04/2025	Year end date: To	31/03/2026

Receipts and Payments

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Charitable payments		
Membership fees paid (National/County/Area/District)	13,455	13,948
Youth programme and activities	2,695	6,326
Adult support and training	3,764	2,459
Cleaning	4,080	3,218
Water & Sewage	574	602
Electricity & Gas	5,006	6,084
Insurance	6,033	6,101
Broadband	460	529
Council tax	205	491
Repairs and maintenance	6,981	5,784
Materials and equipment	2,543	2,658
Major building improvements	-	9,480
Badges	1,368	918
Card payment fees	1,999	2,143
Group Event Wild Place	-	2,044
Group Event Northcote 50th Celebration	-	724
Group Event American welcome event	366	-
Beaver Events inc Sleepovers	3,922	3,185
Cub Evenst inc Camping	7,164	8,263
Scout Events inc Camping	20,751	19,548
Sub total	81,366	94,505
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total gross expenditure	81,366	94,505
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	81,366	94,505
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,216	19,841
Cash funds last year end	76,184	101,400
Cash funds this year end	101,400	121,241

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year	From 01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31/3/2026

	31/03/2025 Unrestricted funds £	31/03/2026 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	163	163
Bank deposit account	16,884	20,193
Building society account	84,353	100,885
Expense cards	-	-
Other investment funds - detail	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
Total cash funds	-	-
	101,400	121,241
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim		
Other	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings at cost	52,584	52,584
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	127,000	127,000
Other	-	-
Sub total	179,584	179,584
Liabilities		
Suppliers not yet paid	-	- 5,000
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Membership subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Reserves	- 25,000	- 25,000
Sub total	- 25,000	- 30,000
Total net assets	255,984	270,825

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 202X (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	SUZANNE JONES	Chair
Helen Hobbs	HELEN HOBBS	Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of 26th Bristol (North Cote) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2026

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on receipts and payments pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Date: 1-9-2026