Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	**Old Basing Scouts**
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**302202**
HQ Registration Number	**S10010175**

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	The charity's principal activity is the provision of Scouting opportunities for young people within Old Basing and the surrounding area. Through its Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout sections, the charity delivers a balanced programme of personal development, outdoor activities, adventure, skills training and community service, in accordance with the aims and methods of The Scout Association. During the year, the charity provided regular weekly meetings, camps, residential experiences, outdoor activities, badge work and leadership opportunities for young people. Volunteers supported the delivery of these programmes, helping members to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, leadership skills and a sense of responsibility as active citizens.

	The charity also maintained and managed its facilities and equipment, recruited and supported adult volunteers, ensured appropriate safeguarding and safety standards were met, and worked with parents, local organisations and the wider Scout movement to further its charitable objectives.
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Policy on grant making*	N/A

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	During the year, Old Basing Scout Group continued to provide high-quality Scouting opportunities for young people in the local community. Through a varied programme of weekly meetings, outdoor activities, camps, adventurous experiences and community projects, young people developed skills for life, including teamwork, leadership, resilience, confidence and independence. The Group maintained strong membership across its sections and supported young people in achieving a wide range of Scout badges and awards. Volunteers gave significant time and commitment to delivering a safe, inclusive and enjoyable programme, helping members to grow in confidence and contribute positively to their communities. The Group continued to invest in the maintenance and improvement of its equipment and resources, ensuring that activities could be delivered safely and effectively. Efforts were also made to recruit, train and support adult volunteers, helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Group and the continued delivery of Scouting in Old Basing. Through careful financial management and responsible use of resources, the Group remained well placed to meet future challenges and continue providing valuable opportunities for young people for years to come.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Achievements against objectives* • *Fundraising activities* • *Contribution made by volunteers*	N/A

Financial review

Review of the financial position	The Group received £33,439 during 2025, compared with £29,431 in the previous year. Payments totalled £37,375, compared with £27,776 in 2024, resulting in net expenditure of £3,936 for the year.

	The principal areas of expenditure were events and activities, membership fees, equipment, badges and hall hire. The deficit was largely incurred due to required capital expenditure on long-term equipment such as camping equipment and group flags. In addition, across 2025, the cost of business continued to increase, without a related rise in group membership fees, leaving a slight deficit in income to expenditure costs. Events were carefully maintained as cost-neutral. The deficit was met from cash in the bank and reserves were not used. The Group continues to hold sufficient reserves to support its activities and meet foreseeable commitments. The Trustee Board will continue to review the level and planned use of reserves.
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The Trustee Board determines the level of reserves required by the charity and reviews this policy annually. The aim is to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the charity to continue its activities in the event of an unexpected reduction in income or increase in expenditure. At the year end, reserves were above the level considered appropriate by the Trustee Board. The charity also holds designated funds for specific future projects and commitments.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The charity's reserves are relatively small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The charity has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only.
A description of the principal risks	N/A

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 4 Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustees, and 3 co-opted Trustees) and meets 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 programs 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	The charity's plans for future periods are to continue delivering high-quality Scouting opportunities for young people in the local community. The Trustee Board will support the ongoing growth and development of the Group, ensuring that young people can access a safe, inclusive and engaging programme that helps them develop skills for life. The charity will continue to recruit and support volunteers, maintain its facilities and resources, and seek opportunities to enhance and expand its activities where appropriate.

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	Basingstoke East Scouts The Clock Tower Chineham Centre Chineham Basingstoke RG24 8BQ

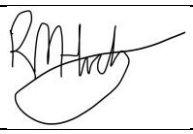
	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**
1	David Noble	Chair	01/01/25 to 23/09/25
2	Jack Tracy	Lead Volunteer (Acting)	
3	Rob Hucker	Treasurer	
4	John Downes		01/01/25 to 23/09/25
5	Heather Croxon		
6	Claire Allen		

Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	**Name**	**Address**
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Salma El-Sodaney	12 Taverner Close, Basingstoke
Detail others		

Declaration

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

Signature		
Full name	Jack Tracy	Robert Hucker
Position held	Lead Volunteer (Acting)	Treasurer
Date	24/06/2026	24/06/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Old Basing Scout Group	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/2025		12/31/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation	1,929	-	-	1,929	12,173
Events	79	-	-	79	-
Events - Beavers	1,237	-	-	1,237	1,303
Events - Cubs	10,008	-	-	10,008	8,318
Events - Scouts	5,554	-	-	5,554	61
Membership Fees	14,632	-	-	14,632	5,564
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	2,013
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	33,439	-	-	33,439	29,431
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,439	-	-	33,439	29,431
A3 Payments					
Activity equipment	3,560	-	-	3,560	11,034
Admin	106	-	-	106	95
Badges	2,207	-	-	2,207	1,507
Events	18,297	-	-	18,297	4,368
Hall hire	2,145	-	-	2,145	1,950
Insurance	256	-	-	256	298
Meetings	633	-	-	633	544
Membership fees	10,173	-	-	10,173	7,980
Other (previous classifications)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	37,375	-	-	37,375	27,776
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	37,375	-	-	37,375	27,776
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,936	-	-	- 3,936	1,655
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,552	-	-	33,552	31,896
Cash funds this year end	29,616	-	-	29,616	33,551

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Expense account	831	-	-
	Barclays current account	19,521	-	-
	Scottish Widows Deposit Account	8,130	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,482	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ROB HUCKER	16-Jun-26

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Old Basing Scott Group

On accounts for the year ended 31/12/2025

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(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 31 / 12 / 2025.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed: Salma El-Sod **Date:** 09/06/2026

Name: Salma El-Sodaney FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants – Fellow membership

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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	