Scouts

4th Eastleigh Scout Group

Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

LEADERSHIP:

Group Lead Volunteer	Mr Edward Price
Scout Section Lead Volunteer	Mr Edward Price
Cub Scout Section Lead Volunteer	Mrs Natalie Jeffery (Non trustee position)
Beaver Scout Section Lead Volunteer	Mrs Joanna Price (Non trustee position)

TRUSTEES: *Nominated*

Chairman	Mr David Whittington
Scout Representative	Mr Philip Harding

TRUSTEES: *Ex Officio* Mr Edward Price

TRUSTEES: *Elected*

Trustee	Mrs Joanna Price
Trustee	Mr Brian O'Neill
Trustee	Mr Ben Gillam
Trustee	Miss Chloe Gillam
Trustee	Mr Barry Green (Resigned December 2025)
Trustee	Mrs Ariane Sanca (Co-opted)
Trustee/Treasurer	Mrs Marta Kostecka-Stachlewski

BANKERS:

Current Account:

Lloyds TSB Bank; 36 Market Street, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO50 9YT

COIF Charities deposit account:

CCLA Investment Management Ltd., One Angel Lane, London, EC4R 3AB

Group Registration Number with The Scout Association: 3422

Charity Registration Number: 302226

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Structure, 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 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 and serve for a period of three years before re-election. The Group Scout Council is managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 consists of two independent representatives - Chair, Treasurer - together with the elected, nominated and any co-opted representatives and meets every 2 months. Trustee elected at the Annual General Meeting serve for a period of 3 years.

The Group Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer and section Team Members in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; Assisting in the recruitment of adult volunteers and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; The insurance of persons, property and equipment.

The Group Trustee Board has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two-person authorisations for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Group Trustee Board 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 full 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, attractive and challenging scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

The main activities in relation to these objectives primarily take place at The Pavilion in The Park under a licence to occupy and lease.

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

Chair's Report

The Group has enjoyed another successful year. Financially it remains strong and during the past year it received a gift of £10,000 from a former member. The Board has designated part of this sum for the provision of a Pizza oven to be located at the District Camp Site to meet the wishes of the donor who expressed fond memories of past camps at the site.

The sections have continued to provide quality programmes and the Board has ensured its responsibilities have been fully met. The Group aims to work alongside the Eastleigh Youth and Community Trust who operate the centre and value the partnership established over past years.

We have been pleased that Marta Kostecka-Stachlewski has taken on the Treasurer role over the past year, plus we have been able to co-opt Ariane Sanca onto the Board pending full election at the AGM.

Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate Ed Price and his team for making Scouting work throughout the sections.

Dick Whittington
Group Chair

Section Reports:

Beaver Section Annual Report 2025

This year's Beavers programme has had a busy and fulfilling schedule, marked by various meetings, activities, and significant achievements. Notably, one of our teams secured second place in the District Craft Competition, demonstrating the creativity and skills our Beavers have developed. An enjoyable outing involved visiting the lambs at Sparsholt College, allowing the children to connect with nature and learn about animal care. Additionally, the conclusion of our Space Badge was a highlight, featuring a memorable attendance at the After Dark Evening at Winchester Science Centre. Our Beavers also took

part in making banners to support runners at the Eastleigh 10K, fostering a sense of community spirit. We also made the most of the warmer months with lots of time spent outside, including a brilliant Eggbox Treasure Hunt around Lakeside.

The past year included an array of meetings, where Beavers engaged in various badge work and activities. It has been an incredibly productive year, with an amazing total of 367 badges achieved by our colony! These included the Communicator Badge, Disability Awareness sessions, and explorations of themes like healthy eating and global issues. The colony also focused on their environmental awareness with a visit from Elly at the Eastleigh Greening Project, which perfectly complemented our hands-on community activities such as a litter pick and the 'Love Your Town Litter Pick', reinforcing their commitment to the environment. The practical learning continued with a highly exciting visit from two First Responders—complete with their emergency car—which helped the Beavers complete components of their Emergency Aid badge. Other meeting highlights included an active Cycling Week and an introduction to the unique art of Ringing. Special occasions like the Family Campfire and Chinese New Year brought families together, creating lasting memories.

In terms of events, the Group Camp was a massive highlight where Beavers enjoyed outdoor experiences, from campfires to team games. The group also got stuck into fundraising and leadership by creating their own games and running them at the Group Race Night. Our participation in the District Beaver Hike allowed them to put their skills into practice in a challenging setting, complete with some excitingly close encounters with horses! Other notable events included the traditional Christingle Service, Remembrance Parade, a fun Beaver Birthday Sleepover, and a fantastic Pirate Day at Cranbury Park, where they celebrated another year of fun and adventure.

This year, six Chief Scout Awards were presented, marking significant milestones in the personal development of our members. These awards are a testament to their dedication and the efforts of their leaders.

As we look ahead, we are excited to celebrate the 40th birthday of Beavers becoming a section. This anniversary year will be filled with celebratory activities, including a special sleepover at the Winchester Science Centre and a birthday party at Cranbury Park in July.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated leaders. Leanne has been exceptional with the management of badges, ensuring that all Beavers have the opportunity to earn them and helping them reach this year's incredible badge milestone. Andy's calmness and patience have greatly complemented the group’s dynamics. Our young leaders, Matthew, who is continuing his journey with Scouts, and Louie and Joe, who are stepping confidently into their roles—deserve special recognition for their contributions.

Moreover, we would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm, which makes every session enjoyable for the leaders. Lastly, heartfelt appreciation goes to the parents for their ongoing support and the volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes to make all these activities possible. We look forward to another exciting year in Scouting!

Cubs Section Annual Report 2025

Looking back on 2025 gives great pride in all that our Cubs section has achieved together. None of this would be possible without our dedicated leadership team of Bagheera Natalie, Baloo Lucy, Phao Damian and Ikki Ian, supported brilliantly by our Young Leaders Tiger Luke and Hathi Harri.

Our Cub pack remained strong with numbers ranging from 20–24, including several young people experiencing scouting for the very first time. We began the year with an exciting Planetarium sleepover at the INTECH Science Centre. We also pioneered indoor ballistas and made Chinese New Year-themed paper circuits.

During February the Cubs worked hard towards their International, Home Help and Pioneering badges, whilst also enjoying a joint evening at Partyman. We were especially proud to see Young Leader Tiger awarded the Young Leader Belt, recognising his commitment and contribution to scouting.

March proved to be another busy month filled with fun and challenge. Cubs made Tin Can pancakes, tested their map reading skills, tackled Bounce Fitness and enjoyed Eco Camp alongside Community Action Day activities. Thank you to our volunteers and parents who supported the Eastleigh 10K through marshalling and cheerleading duties, helping secure a generous donation for the group from the event organisers. The Cubs also enjoyed firelighting, backwoods cooking and den-building adventures at Cranbury Park.

In April we made beeswax wraps and cotton bud bow and arrows. Cubs attended the St George's Day Parade, continuing a scouting tradition and representing the group so well. Then in May the Cubs enjoyed a nature walk and a fantastic Group Camp at Lyons Copse, which many of the young people wished could have lasted even longer! June saw a visit to Highbridge Community Farm and water rockets with Arrow District Rock n Roll Active Support.

July was a time of both celebration and farewell as we said goodbye to Young Leaders Tiger, who would be moving on to university (joining 29th Norwich as Beaver/Cub Leader in Sept) and Harri, who left to pursue a career in motorsport. We thank them both for the huge impact they have had on our young people and wish them every success for the future. We also enjoyed welcoming Beavers preparing to move up into the Cub section at a Swim Up ceremony at the paddling pool!

As the summer drew to a close we enjoyed camp activities in Fareham before welcoming new Young Leader Alistair (Chil) to the leadership team in September. We also linked with Eastleigh Town Council's Greening Campaign again to create our own wildflower garden - combining environmental awareness with practical community action. September also

included the Hampshire Scouts Navigator Hike from Cheesefoot Hill to Marwell, before finishing the month with a joint campfire evening alongside Cubs from across Arrow District at Cricket Camp.

This year also marked the retirement from scouting of Raksha Ann alongside our much-valued Quartermaster Barry. Their dedication, commitment and support to 4th Eastleigh Scouts over many years has been extraordinary and their contribution will always be treasured by the group.

Throughout the autumn term Cubs got crafty stone painting for the wildflower garden, building bird feeders, creating clay poppies and participating in JOTI activities at a multi-pack sleepover at Shakespeare School. We also enjoyed another successful fundraising Race Night for the group.

November included a Remembrance Parade, alongside a Chess Competition, plus climbing activities and a hugely entertaining Cubs Got Talent evening where our young people confidently showcased their many talents and personalities. We rounded off the year in December with a festive Christingle celebration and the return of Bounce Fitness by popular demand — a fantastic way to finish another busy and successful year together. To reflect the hard work, determination and enthusiasm shown throughout 2025, the Cubs earned a total of 343 badges, including 4 Chief Scout Silver Awards, 45 Challenge Badges, 109 Activity Badges and 59 Staged Activity Badges. A fantastic achievement and a reflection of the commitment shown by every Cub throughout the year.

As we look ahead, we are excited to welcome new Young Leader Jakub and prepare for a very special year in 2026 as the Cubs section celebrates its 110th birthday with camps, events and themed activities planned throughout the year. Finally, heartfelt thanks must go to our Group Lead Volunteer, Chairman and Board of Trustees for their continued support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you also to all our parents and guardians whose help and support allows our young people to thrive within scouting. Most importantly, thank you to our fabulous Cubs, who fully embraced the 2025 theme of Ready for Life with enthusiasm, kindness and determination.

Scout Section Annual Report 2025

2025 was a fantastic year for the troop. A massive highlight was the Group Camp back in May. It was brilliant to see so many of our scouts stepping up to take on leadership roles, pitching in, and really making the camp their own.

Our weekly troop nights have been packed. We've tackled everything from pioneering and Taskmaster challenges to wide games and pancake flipping. We were privileged to have 'Digger' to lend us a hand during our birdbox construction sessions, and we completed Chef and Climber badges.

We also got plenty of practice in problem-solving, making sure everyone's practical skills stayed sharp.

Getting out and about is what it's all about, and the Scouts threw themselves into the Expedition Challenge, a Ninja Warrior trip, plus plenty of climbing, kayaking, and hiking to Chip Shops. We also turned out for the St George's Day Parade to renew our promises.

We've got several Scouts gearing up for the Sweden Jamboree, which is going to be the adventure of a lifetime, and Christin gave us a great introduction to Swedish culture to round off the year in December.

On the leadership front, we said goodbye to Euan mid-year as his career took him elsewhere.. We really miss having him around and wish him all the best! On a happier note, we are thrilled to welcome two new Young Leaders to the ranks, With Julian joining the group and Matthew making the move up from Beavers to join our team.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the Young People for bringing so much energy and laughs each week, and to the parents and volunteers for your endless support. We couldn't run these programmes without you.

Edward Price

Group Lead Volunteer

4th Eastleigh Scout Group

Finance Report - All Unrestricted Funds

	2025	2024
Income		
Activity Clothing	380.20	0.00
Bank Interest	799.28	801.33
Donation	10,200.00	295.00
Group Camp	1,414.38	0.00
Activities - Beavers	322.20	626.18
Activities - Cubs	1,409.68	1,810.00
Activities - Scouts	547.80	1,291.20
Fundraising	2,235.42	2,066.76
Gift Aid	2,855.62	968.09
Membership Fees	8,500.00	8,062.44
Rent	1,246.00	975.00
	29,910.58	**16,896.00**
Expense		
Activity Clothing	376.55	0.00
Activity Equipment	800.21	43.89
Admin	772.65	301.73
Badges	850.57	1,078.40
Camping Consumables	0.00	102.70
Camping Equipment	1,900.06	0.00
Donation	610.00	160.00
Group Camp	1,333.17	0.00
Activities - Beavers	1,043.06	872.88
Activities - Cubs	2,175.92	2,067.17
Activities - Scouts	1,520.22	1,509.46
Insurance	267.06	303.40
Membership Costs	3,816.39	3,149.00
Venue Service Charge	5,068.60	4,908.64
	20,534.46	**14,151.65**
Account balances		
Expense Account	1,022.53	0.00
Treasurers Account	2,243.09	7,084.91
COIF	29,940.94	16,141.66
Cash on Hand	0.00	15.00
Camp Bank	0.00	588.87
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	23,830.44	21,431.71
Total income	29,910.58	16,896.00
Total expenditure	20,534.46	14,497.27
Net income	9,376.12	2,398.73
Account balance carried forward	33,206.56	23,830.44

Certificate of Independent Examination

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 4th Eastleigh Scouts Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	302226
Set out on pages	8 (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 trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:	*N R Whitemore*	**Date:**	10/06/2026
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