GSL report 2026

I want to start by saying a massive thank you to our amazing Leaders, adult volunteers and Young Leaders for providing another year of amazing opportunities for our young people. I would also like to thank Sarah who has been doing an amazing job in the background managing the waiting lists for the group.

Thanks to their hard work we have had 3 Gold, 6 Silver, 9 Bronze and 4 Acorn Chief Scout Awards completed in the last academic year, with 1490 badges awarded this year according to OSM's badge report. Our Squirrels and Beavers attended at the annual Christingle service, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all be on camps. Our young people have participated in loads of fantastic activities, with many hikes, activities like climbing, kayaking and archery, and have been on several trips. We participated in the Eastleigh St George's Day and Remembrance parades. Some of our young people and Leaders went to a jamboree in Sweden with many other scouts and Explorers from across Arrow District.

We have continued fundraising for our new HQ, and have made massive progress in rebuild plans. We have agreed a long term rental agreement with Crossfit Southampton, whereby they will fund 2/3 of the cost of the new build in exchange for a 20 year lease on the upper floor of our new HQ. This has enabled the dream of our new building to take massive leaps forward. Planning permission was granted a few weeks ago and, assuming we are able to stick to our fairly tight schedule, we should be in our new building by September.

In Squirrels our Leadership team has said good bye to David who has now fully moved to supporting Wednesday Beavers, and we have welcomed Karin to the team. In Beavers, we have said goodbye to Amanda and James who have now moved to support our Cubs sections. In Scouts, Dave has left, but continues to help when possible with big events (like at the recent Scout camp at Lyons Copse). We are also blessed with a fantastic team of occasional parent helpers who step in as needed to ensure all Sections are able to continue to run safely.

In addition to our adult volunteers, we have a fantastic team of young leaders who help run our sections. We now have Young Leaders in most sections, helping as their volunteering for their DofEs, with several also completing or who have completed their Young Leader belts.

In terms or Leader awards congratulations to James for his 5 years award.

From a Trustee perspective we have said goodbye to Lucy who has been our Chair for the last 4 years. I would personally like to thank Lucy for her support with everything.

We currently have a couple of essential roles unfilled in our Trustee board – Chair and Secretary. If you are aware of anyone who would fit one of these roles please let us know.

Financial Review

Income and Expenditure
1st Chandlers Ford Scout Group

Year to 31 December 2024 £		£	Year to 31 December 2025 £	£	
	Sections				
	1. Squirrels				
0.00	Start Up Costs	0.00			
0.00	Grant to Start Up Costs	0.00			
(25.22)	Activities Costs	0.00			
1,350.00	Membership Subscriptions	1,855.00			
1,324.78	Net Total Squirrels	1,855.00			
	2 Beavers				
(246.80)	Activities Costs	(265.81)			
4,900.00	Membership Subscriptions	5,320.00			
4,653.20	Net Total Beavers	5,054.19			
	3 Cubs				
(190.92)	Activities Costs	(359.95)			
4,860.00	Membership Subscriptions	5,535.00			
4,669.08	Net Total Cubs	5,175.05			
	4 Scouts				
11.09	Activities Costs	(293.01)			
5,640.00	Membership Subscriptions	6,310.00			
5,651.09	Net Total Scouts	6,016.99			
254.60	Non specific Group Income/Cost	(227.20)			
	All Sections:				
0.00	Start Up Costs		0.00		
0.00	Grant to Start Up Costs		0.00		
(197.25)	Activities Costs		(1,145.97)		
16,750.00	Membership Subscriptions		19,020.00		
	Total - All Sections				
16,552.75	Subscriptions less regular meeting expenses			17,874.03	+8%
	Group Items				
(9,112.00)	Capitation	(9,842.00)			
(308.00)	OSM	(308.00)			
(1,230.89)	Badges/Woggles/Neckerchives	(1,494.77)			
0.00	Leader Training	0.00			
(2,679.82)	Equipment Repair & Purchases	(348.89)			
0.00	Less: Specific Equipment Grant	0.00			
(41.45)	Gifts/Gratuities	(36.00)			
0.00	Sundry	0.00			
(13,372.16)	Sub-total		(12,029.66)		
	Group Clothing				
610.15	Receipts	172.95			
(677.45)	Expenditure	(119.50)			
(67.30)	Net Group Clothing		53.45		
(13,439.46)	Sub-total Group Items			(11,976.21)	-11%
	Camps & activities				
14,917.00	Receipts		19,645.50		
(13,504.04)	Expenditure		(14,288.54)		
1,412.96	Sub-total Camps/Activities			5,356.96	+279%
4,526.25	**Scout Activities net income/(outgoings)**			11,254.78	+149%
	Hut Income/(Expenditure)				
12,548.75	Hut Hire		11,690.00		-7%
	Hut costs/general overheads				
(1,647.33)	Electricity	(1,364.19)			
(508.26)	Gas	(823.67)			
(693.15)	Water	(1,080.79)			
(3,248.84)	Insurance	(3,471.90)			
0.00	Legal & Professional	(585.00)			
(821.76)	Other Administration	(675.81)			
(2,282.34)	Inspection & Maintenance	(1,777.86)			
0.00	Building Equipment	0.00			
(25.49)	Sundry	0.00			
(9,227.17)	Sub-total hut cost/general overheads		(9,779.22)		
3,321.58	**Net Hut Income/(Expenditure)**			1,910.78	-42%

	Financing - excl Big Build			
87.54	Interest Received	91.78		
(1,083.39)	Go Cardless Fees	(1,194.47)		
(32.07)	Square Fees	(34.67)		
(60.00)	Bank Charges	(60.00)		
(1,087.92)	Net Financing Cost		(1,197.36)	+10%
	General Fundraising			
230.00	Receipts	0.00		
0.00	Expenditure	0.00		
230.00	Net General Fundraising		0.00	
	Donations			
35.07	Amazon Easy Fundraising	41.08		
0.00	Grants (General)	0.00		
580.37	General	0.00		
3,500.00	Gift Aid	3,500.00		
4,115.44	Total Donations (excl Big Build Specific)		3,541.08	-14%
11,105.35	General Fund Surplus for the year		15,509.28	+40%
	Big Build			
7,410.18	BB Grants (Specific)	2,320.92		
9,266.73	BB Gift Aid	2,383.39		
320.20	BB Fund Interest Received	5,911.20		
7,329.22	BB Fund Raising Events	5,054.44		
(865.51)	BB Costs of Fund Raising Events	(1,538.63)		
23,460.82	Big Build Surplus for the year		14,131.32	
34,566.17	Surplus of Income over Expenditure		29,640.60	
	Of which:			
	Big Build Special Fund			
105,046.72	Balance B/fwd		138,507.54	
10,000.00	Tfr from Gen Fund per Trustee meeting 20.01.2026		16,000.00	
23,460.82	Current year's surplus		14,131.32	
138,507.54	Closing balance C/fwd		168,638.86	
	General Fund			
33,637.11	Balance B/Fwd		34,742.46	
(10,000.00)	Tfr to B.Build Fund per Trustee meeting 20.01.2026		(16,000.00)	
11,105.35	Current year's surplus		15,509.28	
34,742.46	Closing balance C/fwd		34,251.74	
	Represented by:			
	General Fund			
34,742.46	Balance at CAF (current a/c)		33,306.17	
0.00	Balance at Nat West (current a/c)		945.57	OK
34,742.46	Total Closing Bank Balance		34,251.74	
	Big Build Fund			
23,764.76	Balance at CAF (currrent a/c)		0.00	
33,172.84	Balance at Nat West (current a/c)		20,446.42	
75,000.00	Balance at United Trust (1yr bond)		75,134.13	
0.00	Balance at Redwood (35 & 95 day deposit)		66,000.00	
6,569.94	Balance at COIF (interest paying)		6,850.73	
0.00	CIT between Redwood/Nat West A/cs		207.58	
138,507.54			168,638.86	
173,250.00			202,890.60	

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I certify that the accounts as presented above are correct

Rachel Plumb
Independent Examiner

Signed _____ Date 31/10/26

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Group Executive Committee

Jennie Evans
Group Scout Leader

Signed _____ Date 31/10/26

Siyin Liu
Group Treasurer

Signed _____ Date _____

Phil Rowley
Trustee

Signed _____ Date 31/10/26