Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: From

Period end date: To

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	2nd Fareham Sea Scout Group
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	302236
Charity's principal address	HQ, Locks Yard
	Lower Quay,
	Fareham, Hampshire
	Postcode PO16 0RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mike Edey	Group Scout Leader	Re-appointed	Denewulf District Scout Commissioner on behalf of The Scout Association (TSA)
2	Leigh Bryce	Chair	Re-appointed	Group Scout Leader (GSL)
3	Kirsten Southern	Treasurer	Re-appointed	2nd Fareham Scout Council (Parents)
4	Alan Stead	Facilities Manager	Re-appointed	2nd Fareham Scout Council (Parents)
5	Steve Ring	Parent Rep	Re-appointed	2nd Fareham Scout Council (Parents)
6	Clive Nash	Secretary (non trustee role)	Re-appointed	2nd Fareham Scout Council (Parents)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Financial Adviser	T Geoghegan	
Independent Accountant	N Bryce	313 Gosport Road, Fareham

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

n/a

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	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.
How the charity is constituted	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts with a local Group Constitution in place in regard to local procedures and responsibilities, including an Agreement with Sea Dragon Explorer Scout Unit
Trustee selection methods	The Group 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 meets every month and consists of 4 independent representatives, including a Chair and Treasurer the Group Lead Volunteer.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Members of the Trustee Board hold an Enhanced DBS with Barring and complete the 'relevant section so the Scouts Association Growing Roots training.

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustee Board have identified the following major risks:

Damage to the building, property and equipment:
The Group would request the use of buildings, property, boats and equipment from neighbouring organisations. The Group has sufficient Buildings, Contents and Marine Insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters or members:
The Group, through membership fees, contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. The Group has sufficient Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Cover for Helpers and Supporters.

Reduced income from fund raising:
The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. Subscription values could increase either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders:
The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there were a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a section, or the Group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or, in the worst case, the closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members:
If there were a reduction in membership of a section or the Group as a whole, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section or, in the worst case, the closure of the Group.

Internal Controls:
The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure those insurable risks are covered.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Developing skills for life, including teamwork and leadership.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The method of achieving this is when young people, in partnership with adults, work together with integrity, respect, care, belief and co-operation on a quality youth shaped programme of activities. A quality programme is challenging, relevant and rewarding for every young person regardless of their abilities, to enjoy and achieve as

Public Benefit Statement

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All adults in Scouting are required to act in accordance with the key policies of The Scout Association. They provide a framework within which we provide safe and inclusive Scouting, in line with our Purpose and Values. Further details can be found at

Child Protection Policy and Young People First:
It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from neglect and from physical, sexual and emotional harm. The Yellow Card, Young People First, details the child protection policy and code of practice.

The Equal Opportunities Policy:
No young person or adult in Scouting should receive less favourable treatment on the basis of: class or socio-economic status; ethnic origin; nationality or race; gender (including gender reassignment); marital or civil partnership status; sexual orientation; disability; pregnancy; political or religious belief (including the absence of belief). All adults and young people in Scouting should seek to practise equality.

Anti-Bullying Policy:
The Scout Association is committed to the prevention of all forms of bullying.

The Safety Policy:
It is the responsibility of all those involved in Scouting to seek to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that all activities are conducted safely, without risk to the safety of participants. The Purple Card, Safe Scouting and Emergency Procedures, details the safety policy and code of practice.

The Development Policy:
The Scout Movement is open to all young people. We are committed to making Scouting available and accessible for all.

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2nd Fareham Group Annual Report 2025

2nd Fareham Squirrel Section Annual Report 2025

2nd Fareham Beaver Section Annual Report 2025

2nd Fareham Cubs Report 2025

2nd Fareham Sea Scouts Report 2025

Section E Financial review

Financial Review

	2025	2024
Income		
Bank Interest	438.31	501.39
Donation	940.50	369.00
Events	8,588.00	13,116.24
Fundraising	2,492.21	2,238.69
Membership Fees	16,484.00	17,728.00
Uniform Loan	70.00	60.00
Expense		
Activity Equipment	317.58	201.99
Admin	342.01	143.32
Badges	1,061.32	1,648.42
Bank Fees	1,011.33	1,043.08
Boat Maintenance & Equipment	290.45	2,741.76
Camping Equipment	690.79	659.98
Events	10,427.47	7,399.60
Fundraising	1,020.10	585.70
Insurance	3,200.95	3,108.14
Meetings	700.03	945.23
Membership Costs	6,157.00	5,344.45
Rent	450.00	450.00
Training	120.00	273.00
Uniform Loan	0.00	192.44
Utilities	1,676.01	1,308.29
Venue Maintenance	9,346.52	3,877.92
Account balances		
2nd Fareham Seascout Group Cha	9,458.59	13,608.10
2nd Fareham Seascout Group BMM	20,830.14	24,878.90
Sea Dragon Explorers Charity	6,709.22	6,438.57
Expense Account	529.77	400.69
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	45,326.26	41,236.26
Total income	29,013.02	34,013.32
Total expenditure	36,811.56	29,923.32
Net income	-7,798.54	4,090.00
Account balance carried forward	37,527.72	45,326.26

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy:
The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £12,000 to avoid financial difficulties should there be an unforeseen emergency or other unexpected need for funds. This amount is reviewed and monitored.

RING FENCED

From	Amount	For
2020 FBC COVID-19 Funding Grant of £10,000.00	£ Fully Spent	Overheads (allocated to building maintenance, spent 2025)
Colson Memorial Fund of £779.32	£ 529.32	Mel Colson Award
Arthur Caswell Legacy of £1,000.00	£ 750.00	Arthur Caswell Legacy
2022 Squirrels Start up Funding £500	£ 345.59	Squirrels (funding to be allocated)
TOTAL	**£ 4,364.61**	

Yearly Reserves	£ 12,000	Utilities, Insurances, Licences, Membership

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Gift Aid Policy:
As part of the Group's strategic planning, the Trustee Board look beyond the annual operational costs and annual budget. When projects or planned expenditure cannot be met from a single year's income alone then there is a need to build up reserves to meet future expenditure.

The Trustee Board considers the claiming of Gift Aid every 3 years to be an effective way of building those reserves. Thus, ensuring funding for planned commitments, or designations, that cannot be met by future subscription income alone, e.g. a major asset purchase (new boats), or to a premise project (heating). Enabling the Group to raise further significant amounts through 'matched funding' if required.

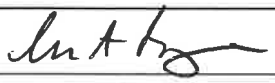
Investment Policy:
The Group has adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds in that any surplus funds are held in an interest-bearing account linked to the Group current account allowing for same-day money transfer. The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to enable the Group obtains maximum value from its current banking arrangements.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Leigh Bryce	Kirsten Southern
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date	9th June 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	2nd Fareham Sea Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	302236
Set out on pages			

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 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:	N A Bryce	**Date:**	04/06/2026
Name:	Nichola Bryce		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACCA		
Address:	313 Gosport Road Fareham		

Hants PO16 0SZ

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.	No material issues found.

AGM 2026 Attendees

Clive Nash

Alan Stead

Kirsten Southern

Hilary Nash

Sian Edey

Heidi Clinch

Laura Gavin

Jason Nash

Kirsty Snow

Joshua Davis

James Tandy

Jemma Rayner Tickner

Kyle Grady

Samantha Grady

David Bell

Alex Jones

Rhys Scerat

Nathan Muckett

Sue Davis

Alan Davis

Josh Tran

2nd Fareham Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

9th June 2026

1930-2100

Scout Headquarters

MINUTES

1. Introduction and welcome

Safety announcement

Introduction to trustees:

- Group Chairman — Leigh Bryce
- Group Lead Volunteer — Mike Edey
- Group Treasurer — Kirsten Southern
- Group Trustee — Alan Stead
- Group Trustee — Steve Ring
- Note Taker — Clive Nash

Summary of the year's highlights:

- £1600 raised through the Fareham Regatta
- Purchase of new Tents and Equipment
- £9500 on Building improvements including Front Door and Windows over the next 12-18 months
- Fire Extinguishers

Welcome to our guests:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Susan Bayford and Deputy Mayoress Mrs Sue Wilson.

Sarah Anderson - County Leadership Team - Deputy County Lead Volunteer

Malcolm Nicholls – Rotary Club

Jason Nash - District Youth Lead - Denewulf

2. Apologies for absence

Steve Ring

3. Governance topics

a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd June 2025.

   Approved by Sian Edey and Alan Stead

b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

   Approved by James Tandy and Michael Edey

c. Note the Group's financial year

   January 2025 – December 2025

4. Review of the previous year

a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 2nd Fareham – Mike Edey

b. The District Lead Volunteer's remarks by Jason Nash.

c. Received and considered the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, from Mike Edey including the annual Statement of the Accounts provide by Kirsten Southern summarising the report.

5. Making appointments

a. Request made for a new Trustee to replace Steve Ring who is giving up is place on the board.

5. Awards

a. Linda Grady Award for Squirrels

b. Linda Grady Award for Beavers

c. Linda Grady Award for Cubs

d. Ray Stead Award for Scouts

e. Ray Stead Award for Explorers

6. Closing remarks

2nd Fareham Sea Scouts

CHARITABLE

12,172.32 GBP

40-22-17 | 91323326

Available Balance 12,172.32 GBP

BMM ACCOUNT

21,978.22 GBP

40-22-17 | 91323334

Available Balance 21,978.22 GBP

£34,150.54

CHARITABLE

7,183.80 GBP

40-22-17 | 91663119

Available Balance 7,183.80 GBP

£41,334.34

BMM ACCOUNT

0.00 GBP

40-22-17 | 91663127

Available Balance 0.00 GBP

As of 13:57, Tuesday, 9 Jun 2026