Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	January 2025	To	December 2025
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	**1st Horndean Scout Group**
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**302250**
HQ Registration Number	**26824**

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	Horndean delivery weekly meetings of activity in alignment with the purpose and objectives for young people aged 4 – 14. In addition, each member has the opportunity for a minimum of one night away per year. Horndean have 1 Squirrel Drey, 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and 2 Scout Troops.
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	The Group applies where it can for grants to help provide funds for more significant capital investments.

relevant, about: • *Policy on grant making*	

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 period reported the Group has seen growth in membership this year, now being the second largest group in the district. We awarded a total of 1,174 badges and 9 special awards for our leadership team. We currently have 140 youth members and a team of 43 adult volunteer members. We have had a very rich, active and exciting programme across all our sections with plenty of outdoor camping and sleepover opportunities. Throughout the year we've been publishing a termly newsletter to keep our wider Scout Council up to date on what we've been doing. We were successful in receiving a council Green Grant which enabled us to install a battery system that works alongside our solar panels, thus reducing our demand for electricity and ensuring longer term sustainability.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Achievements against objectives* • *Fundraising activities* • *Contribution made by volunteers*	Our primary objective for 2025 was to regain financial stability and ensure our position ended up positively. In order to achieve this, we: 1) Increased our subscriptions 2) Re-instated Gift Aid and back-claimed as far as possible 3) Introduced OSM cards for better control and autonomy 4) Opened a Squirrel Drey I'm pleased to report we achieved all of these objectives.

Financial review

Review of the financial position	The financial position is much stronger this year with an income of £32,514.67 and an expenditure of £32,649.14
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 that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £10k. The charity held reserves of approximately £5,000 against this at year end. This is below required for operating expenses. The Trustee Board plan to increase the level of reserves to the amount they consider appropriate by the end of 2027.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The charity's reserves are 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 mainstream banks or building societies.
A description of the principal risks	Our financial stability is largely based upon having regular and significant membership. Providing we maintain our Youth Membership around 130 – 140 we are in a position to cover our running costs.

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 8 Trustees. 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	Plan for 2026 is to further improve our financial position and aim to bring our reserves up to the level that is agreed by the Trustees. In addition, we also aim to: 1. Introduce a 2nd Drey 2. Safeguard our adult member capacity to ensure sections can continue to run safely 3. Deliver a viable and funded plan for facility improvements

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	7 – 9 Queens Crescent Waterlooville HANTS PO8 9NB

	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**
1	Ian Rowney	Chair (acting)	Full Year
2	Jackie Moor	Lead Volunteer	Full Year
3	Louise Durbin	Treasurer	Full Year
4	Alex Stuart	Trustee	Full Year
5	Jacqueline Byatt	Trustee	Full Year
6	Jane Rowney	Trustee	Full Year
7	Dan Bennett	Trustee	Full Year
8	Hannah Smith	Trustee	Full Year
9	Angela Stapley	Trustee	Voted in at AGM in July
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Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	**Name**	**Address**
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Susan Daniels	
Detail others		

Declaration

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

Signature	**Ian Rowney**	**Louise Durbin**
Full name	**Ian Rowney**	**Louise Durbin**
Position held	**Chair (Acting)**	**Treasurer**
Date		

1st Horndean Scout Group (342250)
Receipts and payments account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	1/1/2025	To	12/31/2025

Receipts and payments

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Activity Equipment	£ 415.50	£ 16.50
Camping	£ 10,095.68	£ 3,982.41
Donation	£ 600.00	£ 1,560.00
Events	£ 555.00	£ 3,396.54
Events - Beavers	£ 556.85	£ 1,251.13
Events - Cubs	£ 441.50	£ 902.25
Events - Scouts	£ 620.50	£ 2,668.26
Fundraising	£ 274.36	£ 2,477.06
Gift Aid	£ 1,042.43	£ -
Membership Fees	£ 16,614.90	£ 9,822.36
Rent	£ 1,201.00	£ 1,852.00
Utility rebate	£ -	£ 735.92
Saving interest	97	
Total	**£ 32,514.67**	£ 28,647.93

Payments		
Activity Equipment	1,891.06	1,346.20
Admin	127.5	0
Badges	306.04	300.36
Camping	9,325.92	3,528.47
Camping Equipment	120.07	749.95
Donation	50	0
Events	495.98	6,113.38
Events - Beavers	1,365.69	638.11
Events - Cubs	530.78	172.77
Events - Scouts	836.53	768.03
Events - Squirrels	85	0
Go Cardless	223.8	0
Insurance	945.55	898.18
Meetings - Beavers	868.73	1,792.72
Meetings - Cubs	675.92	234.29
Meetings - Scouts	474.57	302.57
Meetings - Squirrels	89.96	0
Membership Costs	8,088.21	7,218.49
Utilities	2,011.40	2,724.93
Venue Maintenance	4,136.43	4,979.72
Total	**32,649.14**	**31,768.17**

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	1/1/2025 Unrestricted funds £	12/31/2025 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	**7,791**	**8,503**
Bank savings account	**4,996**	**5,599**
Expense Account (Stripe)	**1,180**	**-**
Total cash funds	**13,967**	**14,102**
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)		
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Trailer	**2,000**	**2,624**

Land and buildings	**550,000**	**146,332**
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	**11,000**	**-**
Other	**-**	**-**
Sub total	**563,000**	**148,956**

Total net assets	**576,967**	**163,058**

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on Xth X 200X (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their

Signature	Print Name
	Chair
L.D.Durbin	Louise Durbin - Treasurer

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name 1ST HORNDEAN SCOUT GROUP		
On accounts for the year ended	31 DECEMBER 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	302250
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 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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 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:		**Date:**	
Name:			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:			

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.