

2nd Deal (Walmer) Sea Scouts

Accounts for the year

1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026



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Welcome by the Chair of the Group Trustees of 2nd Deal Sea Scouts

Sadly this will be my last AGM as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

It has been an honour and privilege to represent 2nd Deal and I will be sad to be moving away from the Group but will be leaving a fabulous group of people behind.

Over the last year the Leaders have continued to provide a fabulous programme of events for the young people that we will hear about tonight and recognise some of those who have stood out. Every young person is a credit to this Group.

It has especially been pleasing to see the Cub Section develop. It is always a concern when long standing leaders step aside and how things continue, but Sam has done a fantastic job from stepping in to help out to suddenly being thrust to the Leader's role.

I am pleased that we continue to have a very supportive Board of Trustees, however we do need more help and new faces to offer alternative ideas and to support our young people. So please, if any parent can spare some time, ask a Leader how you are able to support the Group to ensure it continues for the years to come.

Regards



Steve Noddings
Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report, together with the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The Group's accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Reference and administration details

Trustees

The following trustees were in office during the year:

Brian Harris (Treasurer)
Stephen Noddings (Chair)
Chris Goodwin
Kathleen Goodwin
Jordan Curling
Ella Tappenden
Catherine Marchbanks
Daniel Collard
Stephen Dale
Diane Ferrell

Principal address

Marine Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT147DN.

Charity registration number

303375

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Group's governing document is a lease dated 24th July 1959 upon the trusts of the Boy Scouts Association trust deed 1955.

Governance

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are both the 'Charity Trustees' and volunteers of the Scout Group. 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.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Committee consists of independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, together with the individual Section Leaders and parent's representation, and meets once a month apart from July and December.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- **Damage to the building, property and equipment.** The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** The Group through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

- **Reduced income from fund raising.** The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, 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 was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

- **Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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Objectives and activities

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 friend **.**

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Each Section meets weekly during school term time and sometimes during holidays. The Section Leaders organise age appropriate indoor and outdoor activities so that the young people learn new skills and life
lessons all within a fun environment. As a Sea Scout Group, activities may be linked to the water particularly in the summer. The Scout and Explorer sections do meet through the summer provided we have the appropriate permits available for the activities.

Achievements and performance

Over the past year the Group has continued to deliver high quality, adventurous and inclusive Scouting to young people in our community this aligned with our charitable objectives. Our programme has focused on personal development, teamwork, water safety and environmental stewardship The Group has attended St George's Day celebrations and some members were present for the King's visit to Walmer.

Financial review

There was a significant increase in income during 2025-26 to £35,155 due to some large one-off donations, which the Group is extremely grateful for. These were used in part to fund the purchase of new equipment, including a new outboard motor.

The overall result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £9,110 (2025: surplus of expenditure over income of £4,209).

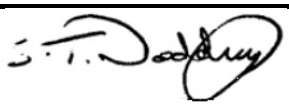
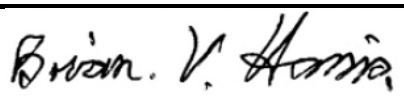
Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue with the charitable activities 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, plus a contingency to cover unexpected events that may disrupt income, together with an element to cover future maintenance work to the Group's Headquarters.

The Group held cash reserves of £73,520 at year end.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature	**Print Name**
	Steve Noddings (Chair)
	Brian Harris (Treasurer)

Date: 2 September 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Charity Number
303375

		2025/2026 Unrestricted funds	2024/2025 Unrestricted funds
Receipts			
Donations, legacies & similar income			
Membership subscriptions		7,601	8,761
Membership subscriptions paid out		(3,938)	(5,094)
Net membership Retained		3,663	3,667
Gift aid claimed on subscriptions		-	-
Donations		25,497	1,730
Friends of 2nd Deal		-	-
	Sub-total	**29,160**	**5,397**
Fundraising			
Group activities (camps)		3,875	3,440
Other group activities		-	1,118
Uniforms & badges		327	300
Other fundraising activities		86	465
Equipment sales		700	-
	Sub-total	**4,988**	**5,323**
Investment income			
Bank interest		1,007	983
	Sub-total	**1,007**	**983**
Total gross income		**35,155**	**11,703**

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Charity Number
303375

		2025/2026 Unrestricted funds	2024/2025 Unrestricted funds
Payments			
Charitable payments			
Youth programme and activities (camps)		3,968	3,656
Development of Scouting		4,036	1,867
Scout shops - uniforms / badges		932	652
Insurance		2,536	2,080
Premises - water & sewerage		740	348
Premises - light & heat		1,874	1,666
Premises - rates		348	(369)
Premises ground rent (DDC)		100	100
Building maintenance & similar works		485	2,909
Admin and establishment costs		2,890	80
	Sub-total	**17,909**	**12,989**
Fundraising expenses			
Other fundraising costs		634	668
	Sub-total	**634**	**668**
Total gross expenditure		**18,543**	**13,657**
Asset purchases		7,502	2,255
Total payments		**26,045**	**15,912**
Summary			
Total gross income	**prev. page**	35,155	11,703
Total payments	**above**	(26,045)	(15,912)
Excess of receipts over payments / (payments over receipts)		**9,110**	**(4,209)**
Cash funds brought forward 1 April		64,410	68,619
Cash funds carried forward 31 March		**73,520**	**64,410**

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at the end of the year

Charity Number
303375

	31/03/2026	31/03/2025
Cash funds		
Bank current account	5,813	12,639
Business Money Master account	67,405	51,398
Cash in hand (Section accounts)	302	361
Friends of 2nd Deal	-	12
Total cash funds	**73,520**	**64,410**
Other monetary assets		
Membership subscriptions outstanding at year end	1,763	1,575
Non-monetary assets for Group's own use		
Land & buildings at insured value	619,630	579,283
Scouting equipment at insured value	29,931	25,701
Boats and associated equipment	52,665	52,665
Liabilities	None	None
Contingent liabilities and future obligations	None	None

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 2 September 2026 at an Executive Committee meeting and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name
S. T. Noddings	Steve Noddings (Chair)
Brian. V. Harris	Brian Harris (Treasurer)

SECTION REPORTS FOR THE YEAR

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BEAVERS SECTION REPORT 2025/26

Beavers have achieved a variety of badges this year including : camp craft, safety, cook, creative, space, disability awareness, health and fitness and money skills which led to them choosing to make donations to the RNLI and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

They have also carried out activities towards their 6 Challenge badges leading to 10 Beavers being awarded their Chief Scouts Bronze award before they moved to Cubs

We have 13 Beavers in the group at the moment and are celebrating 40 years of Beavers with a special badge and a camp fire at the end of term.

Beavers were invited to spend a day at Scout Camp this summer and a few have taken this up. Two may even have been brave enough to sleep overnight!

Thanks to the loyal team of leaders and helpers who make all this possible.

Cath Marchbanks

CUB SECTION REPORT 2025/26

It's been another busy and enjoyable year for the Cubs, with plenty of opportunities to learn new skills, take on new challenges and, most importantly, have fun together.

Our section currently has 18 Cubs. We welcomed young people moving up from Beavers, while a few Cubs have now moved on to Scouts to begin the next stage of their Scouting journey.

We've enjoyed a varied programme throughout the year, and one of the biggest highlights was taking part in power boating and kayaking. For many of the Cubs, this was their first experience on the water, and it was brilliant to see them embrace the challenge. We also celebrated the Cubs 110th birthday in style with a big water fight on the beach.

We spent time working on a community project focusing on acts of kindness, which encouraged the Cubs to think about how small actions can make a big difference. The project finished with a hike along the seafront, where the Cubs placed their decorated kindness pebbles for members of the public to find. It was a simple activity, but one that reflected the values of kindness, community and service that Scouting encourages.

The Cubs have worked incredibly hard on their badges this year, earning their Science, Chef and International badges, along with staged badges in Nautical Skills, Paddle Sports, Community Impact and Emergency Aid, as well as their World and Teamwork Challenge Awards. Cubs were also in attendance at the Remembrance Day and St George's Day services.

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CUB SECTION REPORT 2025/26 - cont.

The biggest achievement, though, has been seeing how much the Cubs themselves have grown over the year. Whether it's welcoming new members, helping each other during activities, or having the confidence to try something completely new, they've shown enthusiasm, resilience and lots of energy every week. They should all be very proud of what they've achieved.

This year also saw a period of change within the section leadership. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Kath and Diane for everything they have done for the Cubs over so many years, and to Tracey for leading the section during the initial transition and for then making the handover to me so smooth. Their guidance, encouragement and willingness to share their knowledge helped me settle into the role quickly, and I'm very grateful for all their support.

A huge thank you also goes to our fantastic team—Dave, Matt, Katja and Bill—for the time they give and the enthusiasm they bring every week. I'd also like to give a special mention to Rachel, Cath, Becca and Rose from the Beaver and Scout sections, who have been incredibly supportive and generous with their time throughout the year. Their willingness to step in and help, particularly while I was recovering from surgery, meant we could continue delivering an enjoyable programme for our Cubs. I genuinely couldn't have managed it without them.

Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support, and to the Group Leadership Team and Trustees for everything they do behind the scenes to support the section.

Looking ahead, we've got another exciting programme planned, with plenty more opportunities for adventure, learning and fun. We're especially looking forward to our Cubs joining the Scouts for two nights at the summer camp in Tonbridge, giving them the chance to spend more time on the water and build friendships with the Scout section. I can't wait to see what they'll achieve over the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Cubs section over the past year.

Sam Terry

SCOUT AND EXPLORER SECTION REPORT FOR 2025/26

It has been another successful year for badge work, with Scouts and Explorers completing a range of badges including Communications, Chef, First Aid and Team Building. The young people have shown great enthusiasm and creativity throughout these activities, from building Morse code machines and making Christmas decorations to designing and cooking their own menus.

Our members once again represented the Group proudly by attending the annual Remembrance Day Service at St Saviour’s Church and the St George’s Day Parade at St George’s Church. Thank you to all the Scouts and Explorers who made the effort to attend and looked so smart in their uniforms. Your commitment to these important events is always appreciated.

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SECTION REPORTS FOR THE YEAR

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SCOUT AND EXPLORER SECTION REPORT FOR 2025/26 - CONT.

Over the last year, the Scout and Explorer Sections have met together on the same evening. While this has presented some challenges, it has also created valuable opportunities for the young people to build stronger relationships and form closer bonds across both sections. During the year, we welcomed several new Scouts moving up from Cubs, as well as new members joining the Group. At the same time, some of our older Scouts took the next step in their Scouting journey and moved up to Explorers. As a result, our Scout Section now stands at 16 members, with 10 Explorers actively involved.

The boating season has now come to an end, and thankfully the weather was on our side for much of it. Throughout the season, Scouts and Explorers enjoyed a variety of activities on the water, including power boating and pulling. These sessions provided opportunities to develop practical skills, build confidence, socialise and, most importantly, have fun. They also enabled us to continue developing nautical skills, encourage leadership among our young people and strengthen teamwork across the sections.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of our leaders, helpers and Explorers. Their commitment, both on and off the water, is something for which I am continually grateful.

The highlight of the summer was the return of our annual Summer Camp in Tonbridge. This year we expanded the event into a whole-group camp, welcoming not only the Cubs but also the Beavers. During the camp, our Scouts and Explorers had the opportunity to further develop their kayaking, power boating and pulling skills. Alongside this, they enjoyed a wide range of games and activities and learned how locks operate as we travelled up the river towards Tonbridge town. As I say every year, this camp simply would not be possible without the support of every leader, helper, parent and Explorer who contributes their time and effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people whose support has been invaluable throughout the year. Firstly, Steve Garrett and Mark, who are regularly down on Friday evenings ensuring that our young people continue to develop their skills and that the boats are prepared and ready for the boating season.

I would also like to thank Henry, Dudwee and Danny for the significant amount of work they put into ensuring our boats, equipment and water-based operations remain safe and ready to use.

A further thank you goes to Rachel, Charlotte, Martin and Gavin, who are always willing to give their time and support the section whenever needed. You are all tremendous assets to the team. Thanks also to Steve for regularly checking in and offering support wherever he can.

Finally, a huge thank you must go to Rose, Dave, Holly and Ella. Week in and week out, they are always there to support both me and our Scouts and Explorers in every way possible. Their dedication, reliability and commitment make a tremendous difference to the section and are greatly appreciated.

As the Group continues to move forward through what have at times been challenging circumstances, we remain keen to explore options that would allow us to return to separate meeting nights for the Scout and Explorer Sections. If anyone feels they may be able to help us achieve this, we would be extremely grateful to hear from you. As always, if there are any other members of our community who would be interested in volunteering and supporting our young people, please do get in touch. Any help, no matter how big or small, is always warmly welcomed.

Jordan Curling

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 2nd Deal (Walmer) Sea Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 2nd Deal (Walmer) Sea Scouts for the year ended 31 March 2026, as shown on pages 3 to 9.

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 charity'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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. 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:  **Date:** 3 September 2026

Name: Allan Hickie

Relevant professional qualification of body: ICAEW Chartered Accountant (FCA)

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