

30th Strood (Cuxton) Scout Group Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st April 2024	to	31st March 2025
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Receipts and payments

	2024/25	2023/24
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	11,997	11,896
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-	4,693
Net membership subscriptions retained	6,814	7,203
Donations	750	750
Covid Grant		
Gift Aid	-	-
Other similar income	-	-
Sub total	7,564	7,953
Facility Usage	1,550	800
Scaves/Transport		
Camps & Activities	11,973	5,962
Sub total	13,523	6,762
Fundraising (gross)		
Bonfire night	1,385	1,427
Other - Quiz's big lunch etc	3,240	2,749
Sub total	4,625	4,176
Bank interest	-	-
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total Gross Income	25,712	18,891
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	25,712	18,891

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	£	£
Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities		600
Adult support and training		
Rent	30	30
Water and Sewerage	621	478
Electricity and Gas	3,165	3,693
Insurance	1,833	1,769
Repairs and Renewals	1,370	1,249
Materials and equipment		26
Admin Costs	903	798
camp costs	9,287	7,614
Uniforms (scarves-badges)	162	748
AGM and trustee expenses		
Section Running costs	4,532	4,376
Minibus	1,866	876
Sub total	23,769	22,256
Fundraising expenses		
Bonfire night	648	555
Other - Quiz's big lunch etc	538	346
	-	-
Sub total	1,186	901
Total Gross Expenditure	24,955	23,157
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
	24,955	23,157
Net of receipts/(payments)	757	4,266
Cash funds last year end	5,202	9,468
Cash funds this year end	5,959	5,202

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2024/25 Unrestricted funds	2023/24 Unrestricted funds
Cash funds		
Bank current account	4,325	3,960
Bank deposit account	5	5
Cash/Floats	1,629	1,237
Total cash funds	5,959	5,202
Other monetary assets		
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Sub total	-	-
Liabilities		
Sub total	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 18th July 2025 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature

Print Name

KEVIN CUFF	Chair
JAMES BALLOCH	Treasurer

30th Strood (Cuxton) Scout Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th September 2025 19:30

Present: Stephen Dartnell, Kevin Clift, Jim Baldock, Ann Hayes, Ash Reynolds, Stephen Hood, Dave Payne, Carrie Payne, Hannah Abrahamson, Gordon Chitty, Tom Copeland, Paula A'Bear

Apologies for Absence: Simon White, Keith Hayes

Welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting and thanked them for coming.

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Agreed – Tom Copeland agreed – 2nd Gordon Chitty

Group Leader Volunteer Report –

Welcome to Hannah, with Abby as a new leader, running Squirrels
Spoke about the lease and awaiting to hear – ongoing
Camps – Southend and KIJ
Strong sections – Beavers, Scouts and Explorers
Quiz's going well
Big Lunch not so good
Fireworks night where more food can be used.

Treasurer's Report – Distributed, all agreed and signed off. Finances are down,
Same position as last year – increase in subs should help with the funds.
Fund raising was raised – KH, any ideas would be welcomed.
Fund raising – Xmas and Toy fairs were raised.
Signing on fee, membership fee and reduced weekly fee.
Please remind parents to check the Gift aid box in OSM

Section Leader Reports –

Reports were available, but
Quick around the room, Beavers have 25 kids, Atlas, 4 Chief Scouts, Camps
23 Scouts and 8 Explorers, 6 going through Jamboree selection camps. (July 2027)

Approval of the Group Lead's Nomination for Chairperson, and for the office of Treasurer to the Trustees Committee

Chair: Ann Hayes nominated Kevin Clift, and was 2nd by Carrie Payne
Treasurer: Kevin Clift nominated Jim Baldock and was 2nd by Dave Payne

These were approved by the meeting.

Confirmation of Trustees of the Group

Kevin Clift
Ann Hayes
Jim Baldock
Steve Dartnell
Paula A'Bear

Nominated Members of the Trustees Committee

All were elected to serve. Kevin Clift nominated and Gordon Chitty 2nd

Approved

Election of Group Auditor/Scrutineer

Louise Link - JB to check is LL still ok.

Constitution

Trustees' minutes are now sent out to everyone. Any issues to be reported back. Scout Council are to put forward any issues for the Trustees to action.

Weekly Subscriptions

We have already discussed and leave that as on going, with the membership thing.

Any Other Business

Asked HA if she required anything and can use headed note paper if necessary.

CP – new Tesco's can be used for fund raising?

AH - Thank You to all leaders for everything you do.

PA – Card Machine at Fireworks would be good

KC – Thanks to TC for sorting the leak, And for the maintenance days.

KC – echo AH's thanks, please continue efforts to keep the kids happy with smiley faces and Life Skills

DP – Most groups have a web site. Simon Corrigan is a possibility.

KC Closed the meeting at 20:25



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Report from Group Lead Volunteer

This year has proved quite a challenge and unfortunately not everything has been satisfactory. A new database was introduced at the beginning of the year and inevitably brought with it some major problems. Many of these have been amended but we still have a way to go before we have a good working tool.

In May 2024 the Ground Lease expired and despite many attempts at renewing it we found the discussion to be slow and unhelpful. The owners, The Diocese of Rochester finally passed this over to Savills who have only recently contacted us to discuss the issues. Obviously, we are concerned about the revised rent which will be placed on the Lease and it has become frustrating trying to negotiate this. It does not affect the Group but it does cause us problems when trying to Budget for the future.

Fundraising efforts this year have not been as successful as previous years. Whilst the Quizzes are extremely good, the Big Lunch proved not to be. A repositioning of our stall and changes in the weather left us with a loss on the day. Huge thanks go to everyone who turned up to help. We also need to thank the Parish Council for their donation, which will allow us to purchase another BBQ stove for Firework Night.

Unfortunately, due to this, we have had to increase subs and we hope everyone understands that to ensure the future of the Group we need to balance the books. Subs had not been increased for many years but with rising costs we felt the time was right.

Finally on the negatives we lost two leaders this year. Our thanks go to Dave Budden and Matthew Dartnell who have moved on to pastures new.

However, onto the positives, with the lost of Matt his father Steve took his place, coming into uniform for Atlas Cubs. We have also been extremely happy to introduce Hannah. Hannah joined us recently to open a Squirrel Drey on a Saturday morning. Squirrels are the youngest section in Scouting, for 4 – 6-year-olds. We were one of only two groups in the District who had not introduced them, but we have now redeemed ourselves! Hannah and her assistant, Abbie now have a full section.

A few camps have happened this year, For the summer, Apollo Cubs went to Belchamps Site in Southend and the Scouts & Explorers went to the Kent Jamboree in Detling. Both camps were a great success. Other camps and weekends away have kept the leaders very busy.

Finally I want to say a huge thank you, to the Trustees, the leaders, helpers and young people who give up their time, voluntary, to make the Group the success it is. To the local community supports who have given invaluable assistance, building our gateway at the Kent Jamboree to name one item. To all the parents who support us and their young people throughout the year. For all the packing, being a Taxi and ultimate washing, that Scouting involves. We are truly grateful.

Ann Hayes, Group Lead Volunteer



Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 30th Strood (Cuxton) Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended ...31st March 2019.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records at accounts set out on pages1..... to3.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution

Name: ..J. Mills.....



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Appollo Cub Pack

Appollo Cub Pack Section Report 2024 - 2025

Apollo cub pack.

We have 10 children a mixture of girls and boys with 2 new children starting next week.

The children have done a few badges to name a few first aid

Home help.craft badge.

We have had to young lads come from scouts to do there D of E and one is hoping to become a young leader.

We went on a summer camp to South end for 7 days and all the children enjoyed it and they gained there nights away badge a big thank you to Keith for arranging the camp.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the leaders for there support with out this We would not be able to achieve the growing of our section.

Nigel Akela.





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Atlas Cub Pack

Atlas Cub Pack Section Report 2024 - 2025

This past year Atlas Pack have been very busy. We are very pleased to have awarded 4 Chief Scout Silver Awards to four very deserving cubs who then moved on to Scouts.

We have been working on the 7 challenge badges over the past year and have completed the Animal Carer, Artist, Backwoods Cooking, DIY, Entertainer, Emergency Aid and the Hikes Away badges. As well as some badges being completed at home by the cubs.

Our cubs have also earned some Nights Away badges. We camped at Buckmore Park for the District St Georges Day camp. Where the cubs were free to visit all the activities that had been organised for them. These included air rifles, archery, nerf wars, escape room, decorating a dragon's scale, shield making with a campfire and disco being held in the evening.

In May we had a weekend activity camp indoors at Broadstone Warren Scout Campsite. The cubs took part in lots of adventurous activities when they eventually arrived having taken the scenic route thanks to Akela's Sat Nav. The evening campfire put on by the Scout Adventures Team was very enjoyed by all.

We have spent time at Buckmore Park doing air rifles, archery, wide games, shelter building, tracking and a campfire.

Back at the hall we have been hiking around the village and completed a litter pick. We have learned about railway safety. Cooked on a fire and used a campfire stove to cook taco's. We have a local artist visit us to enable the cubs to decorate Christmas ornaments or a raki bowl that then had to be fired in the kiln. We did Christmas craft and baked gingerbread. Thanks to baker Tim from The Cuxton Bakehouse for supplying the dough.

We visited Lower Grange Farm Scout Campsite so the cubs could do climbing in the climbing barn. They also had a go at fencing.

We helped the Wheel of Cuxton by selling advance programmes for the village fireworks display. As a thank you after the success of the evening, the Wheel of Cuxton were kind enough to make a donation to the pack. We used this money towards a night out at Laser Tag at Battle Sector X.

We have taken part in group events such as Remembrance Parade, and our Joint Scout and Guide Carol Service.

We have had 4 Young Leaders join us who are working towards their Young Leaders Award/Belt. They have been planning and running games and an activity badge. They are a great asset to the pack.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our leaders for their support over the past year, and welcome to Katie who has taken the plunge and agreed to become a leader. Als thanks to the few parents that have assisted us during our visits to Buckmore Park and other visits. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Carrie Payne
Akela Atlas Pack



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River beaver Section Report 2024 - 2025

This year has been a great year; we have maintained a steady number of beavers with most coming via word of mouth

We have been working on the challenge badges over the past year and have been trying to base our badge work around those, we have completed the adventure and outdoor badges with a few beavers being awarded their personal challenge badges.

We have completed our safety, space, Emergency Aid, cook, night away community impact and camp craft badges.

We have visited a fire station and the train station taking a trip to Strood station and back covering the green cross code as well as railway safety.

We have cooked bread twists and campfire toast on an open fire and pancakes on stoves. We have made mothers and Father's Day cards, had a paper aeroplane derby, been on loads of hikes and orienteering treks up the woods and recently been to Buckmore park for the teddy bear trail.

The high light of my year was going on our first section camp, 12 beavers from our section attended a 2 day camp at Buckmore park where we did activities and badge work, we only had 1 beaver go home so a successful first camp

We have taken part in group events such as the golden box challenge a joining other groups for activities at Buckmore park, we have found that getting to know other groups and our district team has helped us with planning and activities to do once back at the hall

Looking forward to the year ahead we are looking to run another camp at Buckmore park

We have had a few parents' helpers over the year and extend our thanks to them for all their help, I know a few have moved on with their kids and still help at other section regularly and hopefully will continue to be part of our group .

I want to say a big thank you to the other section leaders and committee members, even after 7 years in the role it has been a learning curve and having the group we have as backup has been an invaluable resource.

Tom
Assistant section leader



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CUXTON SCOUT TROOP / EXPLORER UNIT SECTION REPORT 2024-25

Scout and Explorer section is doing well and numbers have stayed around the same since the beginning of the year.

Summer Camp was at Great Tower Scout Campsite in the Lake District. We took 20 scouts and explorers. We did activities comprising of Gorge Walking, Raft Building, High All Aboard and crate staking to name but a few. We took a boat trip around Lake Coniston and explored the surrounding areas.

Tolmers Scout Campsite, Cuffley - We took over 20 young people and adults for the weekend. The young people completed a hike and activities on site with another group in the District.

We have been regularly camping up at Buckmore Park on our group adopted site. We have made quite a few Hazel fences.

We have done District events including Arrowhead, Troop Night, Quiz, Conker Bash and IScout to name a few.

The scouts and explorers took part in the Pinewood Derby and the Explorers won. And the scouts and explorers also took part in the District Air Rifle & Archery Competition.

Some of the older scouts and explorers did sailing.

We have been practicing cooking on a Trangia (solid fuel burner), making one pot meals.

Over the past year we have completed lots of badges. Some of the badges completed include; Nights Away, Hikes Away and knife and axe training.

Summer Camp for 2025 is booked at Kent International Jamboree at Detling Showground.

Looking forward to next year's adventures.

Thanks Dave

