Annual Accounts
&
Trustees Annual Report

2025 / 2026

Scouts
1st Foots Cray

1st Foots Cray Scout Group
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01-Apr-25	To	31-Mar-26

Receipts and payments

	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2025/26 Restricted funds £	2025/26 Total funds £	2024/25 Total funds £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Membership subscriptions	17,856.00	-	17,856.00	18,175.94
Building / Grounds Hire	110.00	-	110.00	10.00
Donations	600.00	-	600.00	26.00
Gift Aid	4,163.86	-	4,163.86	3,885.86
Programme & Activity Receipts	13,808.41	-	13,808.41	15,342.13
Sub total	36,538.27	-	36,538.27	37,439.93
Grants				
HQ Dacia Activity Grant	-	100.00	100.00	-
Jack Petchey	-	600.00	600.00	-
Sub total	-	700.00	700.00	-
Fundraising (gross)				
Bexley Community Lottery	54.50	-	54.50	26.00
Charity Sale	-	-	-	125.45
Easy Fundraising	20.25	-	20.25	142.52
Quiz	329.43	-	329.43	-
Madagascar	-	700.00	700.00	-
RBL Great Tommy Sleepout	-	1,033.47	1,033.47	-
World Wide Fund for Nature	-	-	-	387.75
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	404.18	1,733.47	2,137.65	681.72
Investment income				
Bank interest	3,665.88	-	3,665.88	3,681.51
Other investment income	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,665.88	-	3,665.88	3,681.51
Total Gross Income	40,608.33	2,433.47	43,041.80	41,803.16
Asset, investment sales, insurance claims paid out etc.	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,608.33	2,433.47	43,041.80	41,803.16

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	Unrestricted funds £	2025/26 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024/25 Total funds £
Payments				
Charitable Payments				
Advertising (inc website)	100.00	-	100.00	-
Bank Fees (inc GoCardless & Paypal fees)	727.73	-	727.73	774.68
Broadband, Telephone	301.52	-	301.52	319.15
Business Rates	188.62	-	188.62	78.59
Electricity	584.42	-	584.42	767.30
Equipment	713.59	600.00	1,313.59	1,474.86
Insurance	822.48	-	822.48	737.34
Leader Training Fees paid to District/County	-	-	-	12.00
Leader Training Fees other	-	100.00	100.00	-
Licenses	125.58	-	125.58	184.26
Membership Fees (District, County & HQ)	5,074.00	-	5,074.00	4,275.00
Professional Cleaner	627.51	-	627.51	609.00
Programme and activities	14,176.59	-	14,176.59	19,303.75
Rent	194.00	-	194.00	194.00
Repairs & Renewals	1,431.15	-	1,431.15	4,505.23
Water	259.37	-	259.37	215.88
Sub total	25,326.56	700.00	26,026.56	33,451.04
Fundraising expenses				
Charity Sale	-	50.00	50.00	57.19
Quiz	27.95	-	27.95	-
RBL Great Tommy Sleepout	-	1,033.47	1,033.47	-
Madagascar	-	700.00	700.00	-
World Wide Fund for Nature	-	-	-	387.75
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Sub total	27.95	1,783.47	1,811.42	444.94
Total payments	25,354.51	2,483.47	27,837.98	33,895.98
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,253.82	- 50.00	15,203.82	7,907.18
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-

Cash funds last year end	106,771.15	50.00	106,821.15	98,913.97
Cash funds this year end	122,024.97	-	122,024.97	106,821.15

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st Mar 2026			31st Mar 2025
	Unrestricted (inc Allocated funds)	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank Current Account	1,000.00		1,000.00	998.89
Expenses Account (Prepaid Cards)	572.03		572.03	584.45
Instant Savings Account (Allocated & Restricted Funds only)	8,563.29		8,563.29	7,736.90
95 Day Notice Account (Allocated & Building Fund)	111,889.65	-	111,889.65	97,500.91
Total cash funds	122,024.97	-	122,024.97	106,821.15
Other monetary assets				
Unpaid Subs	-	-	-	56.00
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	56.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use				
Badge stock	150.00	-	150.00	150.00
Other stock	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
Buildings (insured value)	379,902.00		379,902.00	164,460.00
Scouting/camping equipment (insured value)	25,000.00		25,000.00	26,165.00
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	405,102.00	-	405,102.00	190,825.00
Liabilities				
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The Group leases land from The London Borough of Bexley - .
Should the Group vacate the land it is required to remove all buildings and equipment, cost to do this would be approx £25,000

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2026

Signature

J Hopkins	Joy Hopkins Chair
	Karl Cantwell GLV

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of

1st Foots Cray Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2026

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the charity trustees of the 1st Foots Cray Scout Group, 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 1st Foots Cray Scout Group accounts carried out under the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission.

Scrutineer's Statement

I have completed my examination and can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which would give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Foots Cray Scout Group as required by the Act ; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

R A Liscoe

Signed. .....
Name: .....Roger Liscoe.....
Address: ..96 Barton Drive.....
.....Barton on Sea.....
.....New Milton.....
.....BH25 7JL.....
Date: .....24th September 2026.....

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 01 04 25 to end date 31 03 26

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	1st Foots Cray Scout Group
Other names the charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	303517
HQ registration number	10017618
Charity's principal address	Rectory Lane Sidcup Kent Postcode DA14 5BP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Joy Hopkins	Chair	
2	Karl Cantwell	Group Lead Volunteer	
3	Richard Potts	Treasurer	
4	Maz Potts	Squirel Team Leader	untill 4 May 2025
5	Carly Dickinson	Scout Team Leader	
6	Mark Morris	Elected Member	
7	Gina Dilling	Beaver Team Leader	
8	Claire Day	Elected Member	
9	Tina Preston	Secretary	until 24 Sep 2025
10	Peter Dickinson	Nominated Member	
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Type of advisor	Name	Address
Banker	Lloyds Bank	PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT

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.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Additional governance issues practice)	
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, 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 Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 2-3 months. Members of the Executive Committee complete *'Essential Information for Executive Committee'* training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)

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 Scout District, other Scout Groups. 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 capitation 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 does hold 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 14. 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.

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	**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 these objects	The Group currently has four active sections, Squirrels Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The Group also hosts an Explorer Unit. These five sections meet on a weekly basis throughout the year, at our HQ in Rectory Lane. In addition, a number of other activities are offered, that may take place at weekends or other days, these enhance the Scout Association training program, and are events such as camps, trips, outings, Watersports etc. The Group utilises its own leaders, other scout instructors and outside organisations to fulfil this.
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.

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

All sections continued to expand their programmes, with young members enjoying a wide range of activities both within the Group and at District events.

There has been an overall growth in membership numbers.

Section E — Financial Review

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 £10,000.

Several years ago the Group started a building fund to be used to re-build the scout hall when the current building is no longer fit for purpose. This fund currently stands at £111,889 and as these are allocated funds the Trustees consider these funds to also cover the reserve policy.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only UK registered banks or financial savings organsiations .

TheTrustees regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Trustees considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	The Group will continue to enhance its building and grounds, while expanding the range of activities and opportunities available to young people in the local community

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J Hopkins	
Full name(s)	Joy Hopkins	Karl Cantwell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chair	Group Scout Leader
Date	16 09 26	