**1ST HATCH END SCOUT GROUP**

Charity Number 303689

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Hatch End Scout Group**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Hatch End Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2026.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the 1st Hatch End 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 Hatch End Scout Group 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Hatch End Scout Group as required by section 130 of 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.

Signed:

Name: NEIL SHAH

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 13 LANGLAND DRIVE HATCH END HA5 4SA

Date: 08 JULY 2026

## 1ST HATCH END SCOUT GROUP

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## RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

| | Year ended 31/03/2026 | | Year ended 31/03/2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Membership subscriptions** | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 5,445 | | 6,577 | |
| Subscription - Explorers | 1,220 | | 378 | |
| | | 6,665 | | 6,955 |
| Less paid | (4,722) | | (5,119) | |
| Less paid - Explorers | (1,397) | | (1,229) | |
| | | (6,118) | | (6,347) |
| | | 547 | | 607 |
| **Investment income** | | | | |
| Bank interest | | 1,290 | | 1,576 |
| **Hall rental** | | 33,729 | | 89,052 |
| **Switzerland** | 3,980 | | 7,725 | |
| **Switzerland - Explorers** | 4,495 | | 6,605 | |
| | | 8,475 | | 14,330 |
| **Activities and camps** | 4,692 | | 9,663 | |
| **Actiivties and camps - Explorers** | 2,072 | | 855 | |
| | | 6,764 | | 10,518 |
| **Centenary items** | | 0 | | 0 |
| **Fundraising** | | 0 | | 704 |
| **Awards** | | 2,150 | | 900 |
| **TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR** | | 52,955 | | 117,688 |

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## PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

| | Year ended 31/03/2026 | | Year ended 31/03/2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Premises expenses** | | | | |
| Cleaning and refuse collection | 5,358 | | 2,827 | |
| Water | 1,644 | | 0 | |
| Rates | 0 | | 0 | |
| Light and heat | 1,756 | | 9,238 | |
| Insurance | 3,449 | | 2,684 | |
| Repairs and renewals | 2,433 | | 14,791 | |
| Sundries | 610 | | 299 | |
| | | 15,249 | | 29,839 |
| **Scouting activities** | | | | |
| Activities and camps | 7,985 | | 11,755 | |
| Activities and camps - Explorers | 257 | | 2,906 | |
| Sectional and general scouting expenses | 488 | | 1,887 | |
| | | 8,730 | | 16,548 |
| **Purchase of badges and uniforms** | | 0 | | 947 |
| **Fees - Gocardless and Sumup** | | 757 | | 933 |
| ***Donations made - defibrillator*** | | 668 | | 0 |
| **Building Project** | | 6,954 | | 16,782 |
| **Switzerland** | | 17,227 | | 4,671 |
| **Switzerland - Explorers** | | 15,413 | | |
| **Centenary items** | | 0 | | 0 |
| **Capital** | | 0 | | 0 |
| **TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR** | | 64,998 | | 69,720 |

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## RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

| | Year ended 31/03/2026 | | Year ended 31/03/2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **General fund** | | | | |
| Total receipts for the year | 52,955 | | 117,688 | |
| Total payments for the year | 64,998 | | 69,720 | |
| **Net receipts for the year** | | -12,043 | | 47,967 |
| **Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward** | | 123,271 | | 75,304 |
| **Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward** | | 111,228 | | 123,271 |

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 07/07/26 and signed on their behalf by:

Christopher Read - Honorary Chairman

Gill Barron - Honorary Treasurer

## 1ST HATCH END SCOUT GROUP

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
## 31ST MARCH 2026

| | Year ended 31/03/2026 | | Year ended 31/03/2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Monetary assets** | | | | |
| Bank current accounts | 250 | | 250 | |
| Bank deposit accounts | 110978 | | 123,021 | |
| | | 111,228 | | 123,271 |
| **Non-monetary assets (See Note below)** | | | | |
| (at insured value) | | | | |
| Land and buildings | 828,000 | | 828,000 | |
| Scouting equipment, furniture etc. | 35,434 | | 35,434 | |
| | | 863,434 | | 863,434 |

**Liabilities, contingent liabilities and future obligations**

As at 31st March 2026, the Group had no liabilities, contingent liabilities or future obligations

Note to these accounts:

Non-monetary assets

(1) Land and buildings refers to the Scout Headquarters located at Uxbridge Road, Hatch End

(2) Scouting equipment, furniture etc. refers to tentage and camping utensils plus tables and chairs, and archery equipment.

# Group Chair Report to 31 March 2026

**Trustees (Ex-officio appointment):**

| | |
|---|---|
| Group Lead Volunteer | Liz Doulton (Ex-officio) |
| Group Chairman | Chris Read (Nominated) |
| Group Secretary | Nicky Sly (Elected) |
| Group Treasurer | Gill Barron (Elected) |

Trustees (Elected & Ex-Officio appointment):

| | |
|---|---|
| Ann Lumley | (Elected) |
| Liz Doulton | (Ex-officio) |
| Simon Rutstein | (Ex-officio) |
| Vinay Raval | (Elected) |
| Sachin Dedhia | (Elected) |

The District Lead Volunteer Gillan Barnard / Reshma Patel and District Chair, Tyler Skerton have the right of attendance at meetings of the Trustees.

**Bankers:** National Westminster Bank plc
**Custodian Trustees**: Scout Association Trust Corporation for Group Headquarters, Buildings and Land

**Charity Registration No:303689**
**Scout association Registration No:1792**

## Trustee Board Report:

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

The **Group** is established under the rules of the Scout Association and in accordance with the Constitution of 1st Hatch End Scout Group

The **committee** met Four times (plus the AGM) during the year.

The Trustees and I particularly wish to thank our Group Lead Volunteer (s), Section Leaders and all volunteers, without whom our young people would not enjoy the fun and learning that they do as members of the group.

After 15 years of dedicated commitment and service to 1st Hatch End Scouts including the last 18 months as Group Lead Volunteer, Liz Doulton retired from active Scouting in March. Liz's commitment, enthusiasm, great organisation skills and strong Scouting ethos have been a vital part of the Groups continuing success. Thank you, Liz, for the personal commitment you have given to the Group over the years. I am pleased also to announce that Simon Rutstein agreed to step into the role of Group Lead

volunteer. Simon has been a leader within the Group for a number of years, most recently as Cub Scout Leader.

Our prime purpose is safe and effective delivery of Scouting activities, Simon Rutstein, our Group Lead Volunteer will outline our continued commitment to this purpose in his annual GLV report. It is particularly pleasing to see the continued development of all sections for which I thank Simon and all the leadership team for their hard work and commitment to the Group. Our Trustee Board, however, remain concerned that we are able to resource our sections with suitable levels of leadership and volunteer support. Whilst we have sufficient numbers at the moment, we are always in need of additional support to allow greater resilience for those that do volunteer. As a Trustee Board we continue to monitor this situation with Simon, however, we do still need to increase our leadership team to ensure the continued running of the Group in the long term, I appeal to all parents, guardians and carers of our young people to proactively consider how you can support the Group.

We will also be re-adopting our constitution at this AGM. This will align us with our Trustee Board structure which is commonly adopted across Scouting in the UK to support good governance at all levels. This is the fourth year we have adopted our own local constitution.
Four years after setting up our Trustee Board, I am delighted to report that our Board has settled into the new Scouting structure and consists of a very active and committed group of Trustees.

I would like to thank Gill Barron our Group Treasurer for her continued support and diligence in managing all financial aspects of the group, this has been a critical year for us financially given our investment in the building against a backdrop of not having the committed nursery revenue we had been used to.
I would also like to thank Nicky Sly for taking on the role of Group Secretary a vital role in supporting the governance of the group. Group Treasurer and Group Secretary are both important roles ensuring the Group's effectiveness, and I appreciate Gill and Nicky's ongoing support.

I would also like to thank Ann Lumley who has managed our relationships with our hall letters ensuring this important revenue stream for the Group is maintained at a level sufficient to support the Group. This has been a particularly difficult year given the main hall has been out of action while the roof strengthening work has been carried out. Ann has worked very hard with our renters to successfully ensure continued rental during a difficult period.

I would also like to particularly thank Vinay Raval who has taken ownership of our building and premises this year.
Last year I reported that we had seen a number of improvements to the Scout hut, including a new boiler and the loft removal to enhance the environment of the main hall. This year under Vinay's stewardship we have continued to invest in the building including remedial works to strengthen our roof structure following the removal of the loft. We have also reconfigured our storage space to help accommodate a new nursery alongside Scouts and other renters. Vinay and his team have also carried out considerable clearance work around the hall including the remaining loft, the outside perimeter of the building and reduction of the trees overhanging our building.
I would like to thank all trustees for their hard work, contribution and support this year.

In July 2025 our relationship with Jigsaw Nurseries (Family First) formally ended after nearly 20 years residency in the 1st Hatch End premises. I am pleased to report that after a formal bidding process involving 6 nursery companies, we have a new nursery due to start in September this year.

As Trustees, we wish to provide the best possible premises for group activities and ensure that we are attractive for essential lets. As a trustee board we continue to plan further development of our building as funding allows.

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to the Gift Aid scheme, which, for very little effort, means that the group receives 25% additional funding from subscriptions.

The accounts for the year to 31/3/26 have been audited and signed off ready for submission to the Charity Commission. Gill will review in her treasurer's report.

The Group Trustee Board continue to part fund a number of activities for the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to further develop the group and individuals. Continuing these events is excellent for the group and I would like to thank all our lead volunteers, parents and Explorers who have helped to make this happen through the year. Simon Rutstein, Group lead volunteer will expand further in his report.

Our relationship with Grimsdyke School to share use of a minibus with joint branding between Grimsdyke School and 1st Hatch End Scouts has continued successfully. We are now entering our eleventh year together with the Scout group making good use of this valuable facility.

The Trustees are continually concerned about the difficulty of recruiting and retaining section leaders. Simon Rutstein, our Group Lead Volunteer will tell you about current vacancies and we will be happy to discuss with you at the end of the AGM. We need to ensure that we pursue every opportunity to preserve the prime scouting activities of the Group. We are also keen to recruit volunteers to help support operational activities such as fund raising, risk management etc again happy to discuss with anybody interested.

I reported at last year's AGM that after 15 years a Chair at 1st Hatch End I would be standing down at this AGM, I am delighted to announce that we have recruited Steve Hickman to take over as Chair supported by Rakesh Tailor as Deputy Chair. Both Steve and Rakesh have been active supporters and volunteers at 1st Hatch End for several years and both have an exciting vision for the future of the Group. I wish Steve, Rakesh and Simon my very best wishes for the future in their new roles.

Please this year support your group by again:

- Paying subs as soon as possible and signing a Gift Aid declaration.
- Helping on the parents' rota for the younger sections.
- Volunteering to become leaders and assistant leaders – a much-needed team to ensure the continued running of the Group
- Supporting some of the other social events arranged during the year

Very importantly, I would also like to thank all those people who have voluntarily given up their time to run the sections, without whom we would not have a Scout group.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Chris Read (Group Chair)**