

**1<sup>st</sup> HOOK SCOUT**  
**GROUP**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
**AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE**  
**YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

FOUNDED 1923  
REG. No. 5981  
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 303752

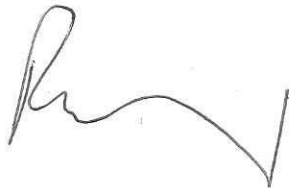
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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report:

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



F LANG  
CHAIR- BOARD OF TRUSTEES



S THOMPSON  
GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER

## A. GROUP DETAILS

### **Trustees: *Ex-Officio* - Appointment**

Group Lead Volunteer  
Group Chair  
Group Treasurer

### **Name:**

Mr S Thompson  
Mr F Lang  
Mr C Stevenson

### **Trustees: *Elected***

Mrs J Findlay  
Mrs F Lovell  
Mr D Nune  
Mr D Perrin  
Mrs P Thompson

### **Trustees: *Co-opted***

None

### **Bankers:**

Barclays Bank PLC,  
6 Clarence Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 1NY

### **Examiner:**

Mr D Sadler

### **Group Registration Number with The Scout Association:**

5981

### **Charity Registration Number:**

303752

## **B. WELCOME FROM THE GROUP CHAIR OF TRUSTEES**

Hi everyone,

It's my absolute pleasure to welcome everyone reading this report and all attending the NBF and 2025 Annual General Meeting of 1st Hook Scout Group. As Chair of the Group Board of Trustees, I'm proud to reflect on what has been a truly successful, exciting, and inspiring year for our Group.

### **A Huge Thank You**

Before I share some highlights, I want to start with the most important thing — saying thank you. To our Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Young Leaders, Trustees, parent helpers, fundraisers, and every volunteer who gives their time, energy, and passion — you are the reason this Group is thriving. Your efforts make Scouting happen, and I know our young people appreciate it, even if they don't always say it as often as they should!

### **Highlights of the Year**

We've achieved so much together this year, and I couldn't be prouder of the progress we've made.

#### **✔ Climbing Wall - Project Complete**

Thanks to Dave for the work he did on this project. It's installed and being used by all sections.

#### **✔ A Hugely Successful Hook Beer Fest**

Thanks to the Beerfest Team and volunteers for another great festival and our major fundraiser of the year – onwards and upwards. There may be the possibility of additional events forthcoming so watch for those.

#### **✔ Investing in New Equipment**

We've upgraded our kit with new tents, camping gear, and safety equipment for the climbing wall to ensure our adventures are not only fun but also safe and accessible for all, we are making full use of the 3D printer, and the new archery nets have been welcomed by all those who use the facility. This is an investment in the future of our Group.

#### **✔ Community Spirit on Show**

Our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have been out and about in the community — from litter picks and Remembrance Day parades to visits to Surbiton Care Home. We are proud to see 1st Hook Scouts making a positive difference locally.

## ✓ Growing and Thriving

It's fantastic to see our numbers growing. More young people are joining our Group, eager for adventure and ready to challenge themselves. Of course, with that comes the ongoing need for more adult volunteers — so if you've ever thought about getting involved, now's the time! Even a small commitment can make a huge difference.

## Looking to the Year Ahead

The success of this year gives us great momentum, but we won't be standing still. Our plans for the coming year include:

- Continuing to enhance our hall and equipment
- Supporting our brilliant Leaders with training and resources
- Expanding activities and camps, giving our young people even more opportunities to learn and grow
- Our minibuses are getting on and we need to look at replacing one or both
- We are in discussions with the council over the fate of the garages in Kent Way – watch this space...
- HQ could do with a lick of paint
- Encouraging more parents and carers to get involved — because together, we can achieve even more

## In Conclusion

1st Hook Scout Group is more than just weekly meetings and camps — it's a community. It's a place where young people learn skills for life, grow in confidence, make friends, and, most importantly, have fun.

Thank you to everyone who plays a part in making that happen. I'm proud of what we've achieved this year, and I can't wait to see what the next twelve months bring.

Here's to another fantastic year of Scouting at 1st Hook!

**Thank you.**

Fergus Lang

Chair of Trustees

## **C. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Scout Group is a trust administered under the rules which are common to all Scout Association Groups. Group Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of the Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Board of Trustees. The Board currently consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer, the Group Lead Volunteer, and 3 other elected trustees and meets once a month.

The Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for:

- the maintenance of Group property.
- the raising of funds and 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 subcommittees that may be required.
- appointing Group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

The Group has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies.

#### **D. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their national and international communities. The method of achieving this is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

#### **E. GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER - MAJOR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR**

It has been another good year for 1<sup>st</sup> Hook with all sections **Full**, with fluctuations across the sections as the young people move through the Group. At the census in January we declared 177 young people (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) and 33 Explorers, supported by a leadership team of 20.

Transformation and adapting to the new Adult Membership Scheme (AMS) has been a challenge for everyone, requiring additional training to be completed alongside the work-load of running sections and keeping all our young people interested in their scouting challenges and journey. I am pleased to say that as a Group we have stepped up to the challenges and are getting to grips with the new system. All our leaders are fully compliant and up-to-date with their training requirements. **WELL DONE TO ALL AND THANK YOU.**

We have welcomed 2 new adult leaders to our leadership team over the last year, Graeme Thirde (Spitfire Cubs & Troop), one of our parents with a military background and an enthusiasm to work with our young people, and Meredith (Merrie) Carman (Hurricane Cubs), one of our young leaders that has now turned 18 and happy to stay with us and work with our young people. **WELCOME AND THANK YOU.**

We, as a Group, are now looking at the newest section in Scouting Squirrels (4-6 age group); when, where, and what day of the week will be down to the volunteers that take on this challenge. If you are interested in helping us form this new section and coming on a journey with us please talk to myself or any of the leaders in the Group.

We have reviewed our president and vice president positions and welcome Bob Bushell as Group President and Carole Atkinson as a Vice President, joining our 2 existing Vice Presidents, Richard Hackett & Peter Menhennett.

The Group Trustee Board is now fully in place and we have also welcomed Fee Lovell as a new member to the team. A climbing and bouldering wall has been installed on the end wall of the main hall, partly funded by donations in memory of Rachel Butler and from the Mould Family. Also an improved archery stop net has been installed. Thank you to the Trustee Board for implementing these improvements.

Although after the date to which these accounts are drawn up, we had another great Beerfest again in April. **THANK YOU TEAM.** Takings were slightly up on previous years' but expenditure was up with investment into our own chip fryer and boundary fencing.

NBF Camp is on the horizon again with another fun packed weekend for everyone 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July at Polyapes Camp Site.

So, all in all, another great year for the Group; it is in good shape and all sections are functioning well with badges and top awards being achieved, camps and adventurous activities undertaken.

**A REALLY BIG THANK YOU** to all the Leaders and the Group Trustee Board for their time & hard work that they do, so that our Young People can enjoy Scouting at its best and provide "Skills for Life".

Now a request/plea to all parents/carers and anyone reading this report. We can always do with additional help across all our sections and our Trustee Board; no special skills required plus all training given free of charge. All I ask for is your time and enthusiasm to work with our Young People and give them additional "Skills for Life". Come and join our team, it would be great to have you on board.

In an ideal world I would like to see our leadership team grow by 14 leaders: Beaver section 4 adult leaders per Colony, Cub Packs 6 adult leaders per pack, Troop 10 adult leaders. This will give us bigger flexibility through all our leadership teams. It is a tall order I know, but if we cannot grow our teams of leaders, then the present team will burn themselves out and / or decide to call it a day and our Young People will lose out. If being a leader is not for you, join our Trustee Board or sub-teams and help the

Group in a background role, ensuring the infrastructure is in place to support our young people and leaders.

Please give it some thought and talk to either me or our current team of leaders. It does not mean you have to commit to every evening, it could only be once a month. You do not have to go into uniform, it is whatever you feel you can give but it will be for the benefit of our Young People and the generations to come.

Stuart Thompson

Group Lead Volunteer

## **F. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial position of the Group is contained in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Receipts and Payments account, with accompanying Notes, on the following pages.

The strength and success of the Group is reflected in its finances as well as in the range of activities provided. Once again, it has been another good year. Subscriptions and net fundraising were in line with last year, whilst two years' gift aid was received and donations, largely towards building and equipment, were significantly higher.

Running costs were consistent with prior year but expenditure on building and equipment was up significantly as investment was made in the kitchen and a new climbing wall.

In summary, and as detailed on the next pages, the Group's Unrestricted Cash Funds increased by £12,612 in the year, to £109,625. There is £1,376 in Restricted Cash Funds, as at 31 March 2025, being the amount held on behalf of Horizon Explorer Unit. The available funds enable the Group's Trustees to keep the cost of scouting, to all our members, as low as possible and to allow us to make the most of opportunities to enhance facilities and equipment as necessary.

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 Board of Trustees considers that the Group should hold a minimum sum equivalent to 12 months normal running costs, circa £25,000-£30,000. A review of the financial position of the Group is carried out during the year at Trustee Board meetings. Funds greater than the minimum level are reviewed regularly in conjunction with potential future commitments on property, transport and equipment repairs and improvement.

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis which is consistent with the previous years and with the Charity registration requirements. No funds are in deficit.



# 1st HOOK SCOUT GROUP



## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

### Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £<br>Note 13 | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                               |  |   |                                 |                               |
| <b>Donations, legacies and similar income</b> |  |   |                                 |                               |
| Membership subscriptions                      | 29,180                                 | 4,891   | 34,071                          | 34,015                        |
| Less: Membership subscriptions paid on        | (11,328)                               | (2,112)   | (13,440)                        | (12,264)                      |
| Net Membership subscriptions retained         | 17,852                                 | 2,779   | 20,631                          | 21,751                        |
| Legacies and Donations                        | 6,410                                  | 0   | 6,410                           | 784                           |
| Gift Aid                                      | 10,181                                 | 0   | 10,181                          | 4,571                         |
| Other income                                  | 0                                      | 0   | 0                               | 3,573                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                              | <b>34,443</b>                          | <b>2,779</b>                                    | <b>37,222</b>                   | <b>30,679</b>                 |
| <b>Grants</b>                                 |  |   |                                 |                               |
| Petchey Awards                                | 0                                      | 1,900   | 1,900                           | 2,500                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                              | <b>0</b>                               | <b>1,900</b>                                    | <b>1,900</b>                    | <b>2,500</b>                  |
| <b>Fundraising (gross)</b>                    |  |   |                                 |                               |
| Use of hall                                   | 15,348                                 | (1,954)   | 13,394                          | 12,700                        |
| Beer festivals                                | 35,498                                 | 0   | 35,498                          | 29,018                        |
| Garden Centre collections                     | 2,234                                  | 0   | 2,234                           | 2,342                         |
| Jamboree                                      | 0                                      | 0   | 0                               | 0                             |
| Other fundraising events                      | 241                                    | 0   | 241                             | 1,066                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                              | <b>53,321</b>                          | <b>(1,954)</b>                                  | <b>51,367</b>                   | <b>45,126</b>                 |
| <b>Investment income</b>                      |  |   |                                 |                               |
| Bank interest                                 | 279                                    | 0   | 279                             | 28                            |
| Building Society interest                     | 1,541                                  | 0   | 1,541                           | 1,512                         |
| <b>Sub total</b>                              | <b>1,820</b>                           | <b>0</b>  | <b>1,820</b>                    | <b>1,540</b>                  |
| <b>Total Gross Income</b>                     | <b>89,584</b>                          | <b>2,725</b>                                    | <b>92,309</b>                   | <b>79,845</b>                 |
| <b>Asset and investment sales</b>             | <b>0</b>                               | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                      |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                         | <b>89,584</b>                          | <b>2,725</b>                                    | <b>92,309</b>                   | <b>79,845</b>                 |

## Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |        |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Payments</b>                                 |  |                                      |                                 |                               |        |
| <b>Charitable payments</b>                      |  |                                      |                                 |                               |        |
| Programme and activities                        | 6,390                                  | 3,901                                | 10,291                          | 7,096                         | Note 5 |
| Programme and activities - after year end (net) | (2,049)                                | 0                                    | (2,049)                         | (1,773)                       | Note 5 |
| Training and administration                     | 792                                    | 0                                    | 792                             | 963                           |        |
| Bank charges                                    | 165                                    | 0                                    | 165                             | 217                           |        |
| Insurance (excluding minibus insurance)         | 6,527                                  | 0                                    | 6,527                           | 6,013                         |        |
| Gas   | 4,530                                  | 0                                    | 4,530                           | 5,092                         |        |
| Electricity (net of solar panel rebate)         | 1,344                                  | 0                                    | 1,344                           | 2,987                         |        |
| Water   | 596                                    | 0                                    | 596                             | 816                           |        |
| General rates                                   | 497                                    | 0                                    | 497                             | 465                           |        |
| Telephone and internet                          | 1,345                                  | 0                                    | 1,345                           | 1,068                         |        |
| Cleaning  | 1,384                                  | 0                                    | 1,384                           | 2,532                         | Note 6 |
| Repairs and renewals                            | 2,453                                  | 0                                    | 2,453                           | 2,735                         | Note 7 |
| Materials and consumables                       | 246                                    | 0                                    | 246                             | 207                           |        |
| Minibuses                                       | 3,651                                  | 0                                    | 3,651                           | 2,801                         | Note 8 |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>27,871</b>                          | <b>3,901</b>                         | <b>31,772</b>                   | <b>31,219</b>                 |        |
| <b>Fundraising expenses</b>                     |  |                                      |                                 |                               |        |
| Beer festivals                                  | 22,300                                 | 0                                    | 22,300                          | 15,404                        |        |
| Jamboree  | 0                                      | 0                                    | 0                               | 1,200                         |        |
| Other fundraising events                        | 0                                      | 0                                    | 0                               | 0                             |        |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>22,300</b>                          | <b>0</b>                             | <b>22,300</b>                   | <b>16,604</b>                 | Note 4 |
| <b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>                  | <b>50,171</b>                          | <b>3,901</b>                         | <b>54,072</b>                   | <b>47,823</b>                 |        |
| <b>Asset and investment purchases</b>           |  |                                      |                                 |                               |        |
| Building and equipment                          | 24,983                                 | 0                                    | 24,983                          | 2,940                         | Note 9 |
| Camping stores                                  | 1,818                                  | 1,000                                | 2,818                           | 1,305                         |        |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                | <b>26,801</b>                          | <b>1,000</b>                         | <b>27,801</b>                   | <b>4,245</b>                  |        |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                           | <b>76,972</b>                          | <b>4,901</b>                         | <b>81,873</b>                   | <b>52,068</b>                 |        |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>                  | <b>0</b>                               | <b>0</b>                             | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                      |        |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>               | <b>12,612</b>                          | <b>(2,176)</b>                       | <b>10,436</b>                   | <b>27,777</b>                 |        |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>                 | <b>97,013</b>                          | <b>3,573</b>                         | <b>100,586</b>                  | <b>72,809</b>                 |        |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                 | <b>109,625</b>                         | <b>1,397</b>                         | <b>111,022</b>                  | <b>100,586</b>                |        |

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

|   | At 31/03/25        |                  |                | At 31/03/24    |
|---|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds    | Total funds    |
|   | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £   | to nearest £   |
| <b>Cash funds</b>                           |                    |                  |                |                |
| Bank current accounts - Barclays Bank       | 4,582              | 3,573            | 8,155          | 39,407         |
| Bank deposit account - Barclays Bank        | 42,702             | 0                | 42,702         | 2,423          |
| Cash boxes                                  | 211                | 0                | 211            | 344            |
| Building society account - Monmouthshire BS | 59,953             | 0                | 59,953         | 58,412         |
|   | <b>107,448</b>     | <b>3,573</b>     | <b>111,021</b> | <b>100,586</b> |

| Value      |            |
|------------|------------|
| 31/03/2025 | 31/03/2024 |

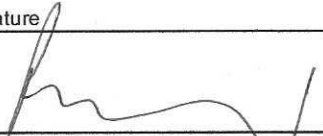

### Assets retained for the charity's own use

|                            |                  |                  |         |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Land and buildings         | 2,453,025        | 2,376,963        | Note 10 |
| HQ equipment               | 86,414           | 86,414           | Note 11 |
| Camping and band equipment | 100,391          | 100,391          | Note 11 |
| Vehicles                   | 31,000           | 31,000           | Note 12 |
|                            | <b>2,670,830</b> | <b>2,594,768</b> |         |

### Liabilities

|  | 31/03/2025   | 31/03/2024   |        |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Amounts received in advance for camps / other activities | 2,568        | 2,400        | Note 5 |
|  | <b>2,568</b> | <b>2,400</b> |        |

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on **xxx July 2025** and signed on their behalf by:

| Signature   |                 |           |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
|  | Fergus Lang     | Chair     |
|  | Colin Stevenson | Treasurer |

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### Note 1 Gift aid

Gift Aid is claimed on membership subscriptions. Receipts in 2024/25 comprised taxclaims for 2022/23 (£4,894) and 2023/24 (£5,287). Gift Aid for tax year 2024/25 is still reclaimable from HMRC.

### Note 2 Other income

Due to the closure of the Explorer unit bank account with Barclays, funds were transferred to the Group in 2023/4. Until alternative arrangements are made, money owed to the Explorer Unit is shown in Restricted Funds and any amounts received or paid out on behalf of the Unit are shown as a movement in these retained funds.

### Note 3 Grants

Petchey Awards totalling £1,900 were received during the year. Monies received are spent on equipment or activities of the award winner's choosing.

Where grants are awarded for specific use, their receipt and use are shown within Restricted Funds.

### Note 4 Fundraising

Due to the timing of fundraising events, particularly those near each year end, receipts and payments in a particular year do not always reflect the financial performance of the individual event as the costs or receipts may be in two different financial years.

'Other' Group fundraising events comprise online shopping donations (£131) and matched funding (£110).

### Note 5 Programme and Activities

|                      |          | 2024/25  |          |          | 2023/24  |          |         |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|                      |          | Receipts | Payments | Net      | Receipts | Payments | Net     |
|                      |          | £        | £        | £        | £        | £        | £       |
| Activities           | Sections | 1,147    | (8,946)  | (7,799)  | 6,944    | (11,560) | (4,616) |
|                      | Group    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2,385    | (3,623)  | (1,238) |
|                      | Band     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 110      | (35)     | 75      |
| Camps and sleepovers |          | 19,725   | (22,217) | (2,492)  | 12,905   | (14,222) | (1,317) |
|                      |          | 20,872   | (31,163) | (10,291) | 22,344   | (29,440) | (7,096) |
| Future events*       |          | 2,568    | (519)    | 2,049    | 2,400    | (627)    | 1,773   |
|                      |          | 23,440   | (31,682) | (8,242)  | 24,744   | (30,067) | (5,323) |

\* Future events include cub pack camps, troop camps and NBF camp, all held after 31 March, for which monies had been received and paid out in advance.

Total section payments include £900 covered by Petchey Award receipts, and £3,001 on Explorer Unit activities, both of which are shown as deductions from Restricted Funds.

### Note 6 Cleaning

Cleaning of the HQ is carried out weekly, when the HQ is in use, by a contracted cleaning company. Deep cleans of specific areas are carried out as and when necessary.

### Note 7 Repairs and renewals

2024/25 costs include £580 on gutter clearing, £555 on the fire alarm and £300 for an asbestos survey.

### Note 8 Minibuses

|  | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Net costs:                               | £       | £       |
| Tax and insurance                        | 2,221   | 2,140   |
| Service and repairs                      | 1,665   | 686     |
| Fuel                                     | 50      | 0       |
|  | 3,936   | 2,826   |
| Less: Contributions for use of minibuses | (285)   | (25)    |
|  | 3,651   | 2,801   |

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

### Note 9 Assets purchased

|   | 2024/25       | 2023/24      |
|---|---------------|--------------|
|   | £             | £            |
| Expenditure on new assets was as follows: |               |              |
| Climbing wall and equipment               | 16,388        |              |
| Cooker hood                               | 4,100         |              |
| Deep fat fryer                            | 3,192         |              |
| 3D Printer/Cutter                         |               | 2,700        |
| Archery net                               | 2,606         |              |
| First aid equipment                       |               | 240          |
| Less: Contribution to Archery net         | (1,303)       |              |
|   | <u>24,983</u> | <u>2,940</u> |

### Note 10 Land and buildings

A "Report on Reinstatement Cost" was carried out for insurance purposes in March 2000. The insurance value has been uplifted by inflation each year.

### Note 11 Equipment

The level of insurance for Camping, Band and headquarters equipment is regularly reviewed. Excess of £100.

### Note 12 Vehicles

|  |          | Cost   |
|--|----------|--------|
|  |          | £      |
| Ford Transit Minibus (16 seats + driver) | NJ59 NXB | 12,000 |
| Peugot Boxer Minibus (16 seats + driver) | WA62 CHJ | 19,000 |

Comprehensive insurance cover. Drivers must be over 25 years of age. Damage excess of £200

### Note 13 Restricted funds

Where there is a restriction on the use of amounts received, these are shown in the Restricted Fund.

|                               | Petchey Awards | Explorer Unit funds |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                               | £              | £                   |
| At 1st April                  | -              | 3,573               |
| Received - Grants             | 1,900          |                     |
| Subscriptions received        |                | 4,891               |
| Membership fees paid          |                | (2,112)             |
| Use of hall and equipment     |                | (1,954)             |
| Spending - Section activities | (1,900)        | (3,001)             |
| At 31st March                 | <u>-</u>       | <u>1,397</u>        |

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 1<sup>st</sup> HOOK SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 which comprise the Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes, set out on pages 9 to 13.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. 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 for my examination work.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26 August 2025