Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 4 2 5 to end date 3 1 0 3 2 6

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: **2nd Whitton Scout Group**

Other names the charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 3 0 3 8 2 7

Charity's principal address:

Evelyn Close
Whitton
Twickenham
Postcode: T W 2 7 B L

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mr T Smallpiece	Chairman	
2	Mr P Jones	Vice Chairman	
3	Mrs S de Boeck	Secretary	
4	Mr D Clay	Group Lead Volunteer	
5	Mrs J Oliffe	Treasurer	

Section A Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of advisor	Name	Address

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	The Group structure changed in July 2024 and is now managed by the Group Trustee Board, 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 Trustee Board consists of 5 independent representatives, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary together with the Group Lead Volunteer, which meets every 3 months. This Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer 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; and Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	Risk and Internal Control The Trustee Board 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 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 Trustees 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 4 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership 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.

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

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 local national and international communities. The method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

Each of the nine sections of the Group meet weekly during term time and participate in a full programme of activities. In addition the Cub and Scout sections attend organised Camps and training days and the Beavers participate in day camps and sleepovers. All sections also take part in many organised District and County Activity days and competitions. We have in the past year addedd a Squirrels Dray to the Group which caterers for children from 4 to 6 years old. This new section is now an integral part of the Group taking part in Group and District Activities.

The supporters team have undertaken fundraising activities throughout the year. Activities have mainly been running match day parking for events at Twickenham Rugby Ground.

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

Group membership has remained consistent with 272 young people and 37 leaders and helpers.

Throughout the year the Group were able to offer camping experience to Cubs and Scouts and the Beavers have been able to experience nights away in a hut.

The main Group expenditure remains consistent with the previous year. The main movements being that in 2025 the group spent £3k more on repairs including £2k on tents including a new dining shelter which was not replicated in 2026; additionally in 2025 our insurance costs were £1.5k more and section activities were also £3k more. This is offset by a £1.5k increase in badge costs in 2026 with some special 90th anniversary badges as well as increased badge purchases across the group.

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 Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs, circa £10,000, in addition to those held to cover normal expenditure until the next annual subscriptions fall due. It is the group's policy not to rely on fundraising to cover the "normal" expenditure of the group. Instead any income from this source is used to renew equipment, more major maintenance projects and any improvements to the HQ and to cover any unforeseen expenditure.

After allowing for amounts held by the Group for the sections and approved projects in hand the Group held reserves of approximately £10,000 against this at year end.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence it 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 mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Trustee Board 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 The Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Trevor Smallpiece
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Chairman
Date	22 / 6 / 20

2nd Whitton 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 £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	32,741	36,900
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	- 15,589	- 17,444
Net membership subscriptions retained	17,152	19,456
Donations	1,612	321
Legacies	-	-
Gift Aid	5,842	6,413
Youth programme and activities	39,825	42,029
Sub total	64,431	68,218
Grants		
Maintenance grant	-	-
Other grants	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Fundraising (gross)		
Parking	5,660	6,439
Family camp	6,230	-
Other fundraising activities	1,157	2,359
Sale of scarves and Hoodies	330	462
Sub total	13,377	9,260
Investment income		
Bank interest	1,000	1,234
Building Society interest	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Property Rent income	-	-
Other investment income	-	-
Sub total	1,000	1,234
Total Gross Income	78,808	78,713
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
Total receipts	78,808	78,713

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Payments		
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities	44,646	47,494
Adult support and training	-	-
Water and Sewerage	170	143
Electricity and Gas	1,894	1,693
Insurance	2,235	3,781
Building works	5,760	8,367
Cleaning	1,404	1,347
Printing and photocopying	-	13
Telephone	389	151
Uniform and badges	3,619	2,185
Bank charges and go cardless fees	1,239	1,475
Sundry expenses	294	299
AGM and trustee expenses	167	125
Donations	445	502
Contribution to Jamboree	-	-
Trim trail	-	-
Sub total	62,261	67,576
Fundraising expenses		
Parking	589	680
Family camp	5,085	-
Other fundraising costs	1,120	1,696
Purchase of Hoodies and Scarves	775	-
Sub total	7,569	2,376
Total Gross Expenditure	69,830	69,952
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-
Total payments	69,830	69,952
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,978	8,761
Cash funds less monetary assets and liabilities last year end	81,895	73,134
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31-Mar-26 Unrestricted funds £	31-Mar-25 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	13,072	15,801
Bank deposit account	76,000	65,856
Building society account	1,118	1,025
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-
Cash/Floats	683	623
Total cash funds	90,873	83,305
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	-	-
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	978,850	978,850
Motor vehicles	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	120,801	120,801
Other	-	-
Sub total	1,099,651	1,099,651
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities - family camp deposits	-	1,410
Sub total	-	1,410

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 23 June 2025 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	TREVOR SMALLPIECE	Chair
	JOANNA OLIFFE	Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

2nd Whitton Scout Group

We report on the accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Receipt and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for our 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 our 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

Our 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 our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - 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 Act

   have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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11th June 2026