Trustees' Annual Report

For the period:

From	1 APRIL 2025	To	31 MARCH 2026
	(period start date)		(period end date)

Charity Name	**11th IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP**
Charity Registration Number (if registered - leave blank if excepted charity)	**305658**
HQ Registration Number	**5225**

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purpose and objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the charity are as a part of The Scout Association. **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 the purpose and objects	The aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, 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. The 11th Ipswich Scout Group consists of the following Sections: • Beaver Colony (Thursday) • Beaver Colony (Friday) – which started January 2026) • Cub Pack (Monday) • Cub Pack (Wednesday) • Scout Troop • Young Leaders

	The Trustee Board, sub committees, leaders and helpers work together to provide a high standard of maintenance and care of all young people, property, vehicles and equipment in their charge.
Statement confirming the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees confirm that the charity meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Policy on grant making*	The Group is fortunate enough to have been successful in fundraising over decades of hard work from Group volunteers and supporters, past and present. Many jumble sales, annual fireworks displays, bingo nights, quizzes, dances, numerous other events and hiring our facilities; have all enabled the Group to provide a modern, fit for-purpose meeting space, equipment, vehicles and opportunities for thousands of young people. Through this hard work and careful financial management, the Group has built up a healthy reserve, and more money than we need as part of our day-to-day operations for a long time, meaning we are now in a position to provide direct support to other Scout Groups, Explorer Scout Units and entities within the Scout County of Suffolk. Upon the Group reaching its 100th birthday in 2025, the Group Trustees approved an annual Centenary Fund of £10,000 for this purpose, which will be ongoing for as long as the Trustees deem our reserves able to support this fund, to be agreed annually at the Group AGM. A charity can grant fund another charity as a way of meeting its charitable purposes, providing that it is in our charity's best interest. This means our Group, (if it can and it is the right thing to do) can step in to support a Group, District or County entity, if it is struggling financially. It is down to our Trustees of the Group to choose to offer this support. To find out more about the Centenary Fund and to apply, please visit: www.11thipswichscouts.co.uk/centenary-fund

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year identifying the difference and impact the charity's work has made, including on sustainability	GLV report for 2026 AGM As it stands, I think that we can look back on the last twelve months with a great deal of pride, not least as it was the year in which we celebrated our Centenary. When the 11th Ipswich (St Thomas) Cub Pack was registered way back in July 1925 by our first Cub mistress, Eva Hack, I suspect it would have been hard to imagine quite how far the Group would progress over the following decades. 2025 found the 11th as Wolsey Districts largest group and likely one of the biggest in the County and in such financial good health that the Board of Trustees have been able to share some our success with the other scouts of Suffolk with the opening of our Centenary fund. It was in July that we marked the Centenary with a grand open day here at our fantastic HQ on Chesterfield Drive. I should like to make special thanks to Dave Baldry for being the driving force for this event, which saw members of the Group past and present enjoy a walk down memory lane whilst also showcasing some of the activities our young members enjoy through the fruits of our collective labours. The County and District Lead Volunteers guested to officiate the burying of a time capsule, planting of a tree; the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by our oldest guest, plus the presentation of a plethora of awards for our leadership team, including a 50 years' service award to Dave. If time allows, please take the time to

	visit our history room upstairs, where Dave and some dedicated helpers have created a fascinating testimony to scouting in general and the 11th Ipswich in particular. With the legacy of past achievements fresh in our mind, it is great to be able to report that we have been able to add to our section roster with the successful launch of our brand-new Friday Beavers. After two years learning the ropes with the Wednesday Cubs, Clare Goldrick took the bull by the horns and committed to lead this new section, adding to our Thursday Beavers; Monday and Wednesday Cubs, and Thursday Scout sections, to deliver fun and adventure to over one hundred youngsters between the ages of 6-14years. Great as it is to report on such successes, it still needs to be recognised that in order to succeed, these activities require a great deal of passion and commitment from our leadership teams and we are always looking for adult help to join the fun, and give something to our wonderful young folks to help better their lives. Clare in particular, is still in need of adults to help her grow the new Beaver section and ensure it realises its full potential. This time last year I was reporting on the support that the Group had been able to offer in the relaunch of the Castle Hill Cobras Explorer Group, and it is great to see Jamie and his team grow the unit to offer continuity to our scouts when they reach fourteen. Very much a partnership that has benefited all, a significant number of the Explorers are giving back to the Group as Young Leaders, mentoring the youngsters and sharing the skills that they have learned along the way. Highlights for the year, in addition to the Centenary events, included a fantastic Scout Summer camp which saw twenty four scouts and explorers travel to Silver Cross near Swansea in Wales, for seven days of full bore scouting; a magical (if a little noisy) Cub/Beaver sleepover at Seaworld in Great Yarmouth, Cub and Scout camps a plenty at Hallowtree and beyond and a well-attended Beaver and Cub celebration at Jimmy's farm that saw over 50 of our children join their peers from Wolsey, Orwell and Deben districts; as seen on TV. November saw another successful fireworks event in Christchurch Park. I would like to pay recognition to the trio of Ollie Arthur, Chris Baldry and Shane O'Halloran who ensure the continued success of this now historic occasion. It has been the success of this event in particular that has allowed the Group to offer the previously mentioned Centenary Fund that will see the 11th Ipswich offer a fund of £10,000 per year which groups within Suffolk can access to help them afford projects that will help them deliver the best possible scouting experience to the county's youngsters. It is with great pride that I can report on this fitting testament to the hard work and dedication that our members have shown over the years. Something that we should all be truly proud of. Before I close this report, I would also like to pay tribute to our dedicated board of trustees who labour in the background to ensure that our teams can deliver their programmes safely, efficiently and with ambition. 2026 has seen new floors throughout the HQ building, an overhaul of the waste system and the successful management of several tenants who enjoy our phenomenal facilities but contribute significantly to our finances. We are constantly in search of new trustees for this important service which offers an opportunity to those who cannot commit to regular evenings but can bring singular skills to the Board that help us continue in our goal to better our scouts. The year has seen our outgoing treasurer, David Degiorgio, hand over the reins to incoming treasurer elect, Mona Bucur. David's retirement from the role bears particular comment as David had been a constant in the running of the group for the last three decades and I hope you can all join me in offering our best wishes, as well as our heartfelt thanks for his longstanding support.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • *Achievements against objectives*	As above

• *Fundraising activities* • *Contribution made by volunteers*	

Financial review

Review of the financial position	The Group is in a strong financial position. The current level of reserves held at 31.3.26 was £394,260 (last year: £376,350).
Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves	The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to 3 months running costs. The charity held reserves above the level required for operating expenses.
Policy on Investments and investment performance	The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the charity 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 Trustee Board considers the cash flow requirements.
A description of the principal risks	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: • 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 may be necessary. • 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 Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities are commenced. • 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 Trustee Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an on-going 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 may be necessary.

	The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The charity'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 (POR) of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures for the induction and training of trustees	All Trustees complete The Scout Association trustee and mandatory learning within the first six months of joining the Trustee Board, they also complete other Scout Association mandatory learning periodically as required.
Additional governance arrangements	The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". 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 the Chair, Treasurer and 8 Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustees, and 1 co-opted Trustees) and meets 6 times a year (including the AGM). The Trustee Board is supported by a Board Administrator. The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintain appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly. The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for: • Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development; • Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations; • Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting; • Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; • Ensuring that property is appropriately managed; • Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment; • Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; • Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees; • Appointing Advisors as required; • Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board;

	• Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding; • Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy; • Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate; • Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM; • Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation; • Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.

Plans for future periods

Plans for future Periods	Our Scout Section and members of Wolsey District Cobra Explorer Unit have a week-long summer camp to Broadstone Warren, Kent in July 2026. All Sections continue to offer a full and varied programme, including at least 2 camps/year for Cubs and Scouts sections.

Reference and administration details

Principal Address	11TH Ipswich Scout Group, Scout HQ, Chesterfield Drive, Ipswich IP1 6DW

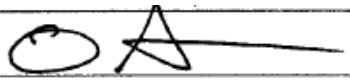
	Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Vacant	Chair	Robert Welsh Acting Chair for 2025/26
2	Robert Welsh	Lead Volunteer	
3	Mona Bucur	Treasurer	
	David Degiorgio	*Treasurer*	*Standing down at AGM 2026*
4	Oliver Arthur		Acting Chair for AGM 2026
5	Dave Baldry		
6	Paul Goffin		Started 4/6/2025
7	Shane O'Halloran		Started 4/6/2025
8	Karen Macfadyen	Board Administrator	
9	Vacant		
10	Vacant		
	Andrew Sparkes		*Resigned 20/10/2025*

Name and address of advisors

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Independent Examiner / Auditor	Deborah Hurst ACMA	6 East Gores Road Coggeshall Essex CO5 1RZ
Detail others		

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

Signature		
Full name	OLIVER ARTHUR	
Position held	ACTING CHAIR	
Date	9 JUNE 2026	

Independent Examiners Report for Accounts ending 31 March 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name: 11th Ipswich Scout Group
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2026 — **Charity no (if any)** 305658
Set out on pages	10 & 11 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	D Hurst — **Date:** 29 May 2026
Name:	Debs Hurst
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants)
Address:	6 East Gores Road Coggeshall Essex CO5 1RZ

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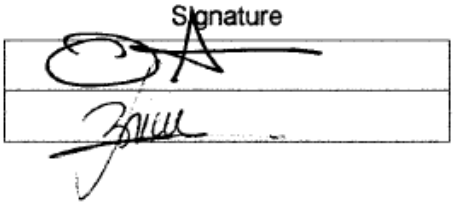
Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	Nothing to disclose

Receipts and Payments for Accounts ending 31 March 2026

	2026	2025	2024
OPENING BALANCE	**£376,350**	**£341,545**	**£302,361**
RECEIPTS			
FIREWORKS	£103,943	£119,192	£115,615
RENTS	£16,481	£17,398	£15,890
GIFT AID	£4,685	£0	£2,485
INTEREST	£15,750	£15,334	£6,344
QUIZ NIGHTS	£0	£438	£68
200 CLUB	£591	£650	£675
MISCELLANEOUS	£627	£1,076	£250
MEMBERSHIP FEES	£6,255	£5,395	£5,237
DONATIONS	£262	£1,228	£200
THURSDAY BEAVER FUNDS	£630	£1,021	£0
MONDAY CUBS	£210	£110	£0
THURSDAY SCOUTS	£0	£350	£0
FRIDAY BEAVERS	£60	£0	£0
WEDNESDAY CUBS	£300	£0	£0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**£149,794**	**£162,192**	**£146,764**
PAYMENTS			
FIREWORKS	£73,112	£78,647	£68,484
GENERAL RATES	£743	£652	£626
WATER	£843	£359	£697
ELECTRIC	£2,249	£2,129	£2,383
GAS	£2,559	£3,806	£429
BROADBAND & WEB HOSTING	£935	£416	£834
POSTAGE & STATIONERY	£82	£108	£125
TRANSPORT	£6,470	£4,504	£6,812
MEMBERSHIP FEES	£7,583	£5,684	£5,671
GROUP CLOTHING	£862	£0	£0
CLEANING/WAGES	£4,011	£3,360	£2,730
INSURANCE (EX VEHICLES)	£1,310	£1,292	£1,272
BUILDING REPAIRS/RENEWALS	£18,332	£13,190	£11,129
EQUIPMENT	£2,316	£1,967	£3,744
EQUIPMENT CONSUMABLES	£895	£954	£216
MISCELLANEOUS	£1,000	£4,037	£1,545
THURSDAY SCOUT TROOP	£2,618	£4,369	£803
YOUNG LEADERS	£0	£31	£0
THURSDAY BEAVERS	£1,114	£710	£55
WEDNESDAY CUBS	£507	£41	£25
MONDAY CUBS	£198	£1,131	£0
FRIDAY BEAVERS	£559	£0	£0
GROUP EVENTS	£3,584	£0	£0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**£131,883**	**£127,387**	**£107,580**

	2026	2025	2024
SURPLUS	**£17,911**	**£34,805**	**£39,184**
CLOSING BALANCE - BANKED	**£394,261**	**£376,350**	**£341,545**
CASH HELD BY SECTIONS			
THURSDAY BEAVERS	£419	£109	£453
MONDAY CUBS	£997	£982	£615
WEDNESDAY CUBS	£730	£1,145	£1,117
FRIDAY BEAVERS	£192	£0	£0
THURSDAY SCOUTS - GENERAL	£110	£218	£572
THURSDAY SCOUTS - CAMP A/C	£1,288	£1,295	£3,055
TOTAL	**£3,737**	**£3,749**	**£5,812**
MONETARY ASSETS*			
CO-OPERATIVE BANK	£6,297	£1,787	£8,882
CAMBRIDGE & COUNTIES BANK	£46,022	£96,467	£115,127
UNITED TRUST BANK	£121,941	£118,095	£97,535
NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY	£0	£0	£120,001
THE CHARITY BANK	£0	£60,000	£0
CLOSE BROTHERS	£100,000	£100,000	£0
SHAWBROOK BANK	£120,000	£0	£0
TOTAL (UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)	**£394,260**	**£376,350**	**£341,545**
NON MONETARY ASSETS*			
BUILDINGS*	£631,071	£613,784	£594,176
EQUIPMENT*	£135,276	£127,745	£110,478
VEHICLES*	£92,613	£92,613	£92,613
TOTAL	**£858,960**	**£834,142**	**£797,267**
* SHOWN AS INSURED VALUES			

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 9 June 2026 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	O. ARTHUR	Chair
	S BUCK	Treasurer