Scouts

2nd Stoneleigh (St John's)

Trustees Annual Report

01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026

Charity Information

Reference and Administration Details

- Charity Name: 2nd Stoneleigh (St. John's) Scout Group
- Charity Number: 305720
- Bankers: National Westminster – Current Account; Co-Operative – Current Account
- Charity Contact: Mrs Steph Howard
- Charity Address: 3 Park Avenue West, Stoneleigh, KT17 2NT
- Trustees 01/04/2025 – 31/03/2026 Steph Howard
  Paul Huitson
  Sandra Toohey
  Sang Thoong
  Julia Merritt
  Jackie Durbridge

Structure, Governance and Management

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 to The Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Governance and Constitution:

The Charity is a Trust established under the rules of the Scout Association that are common to all Scouts and is an educational charity.

The Trustees of the Charity, as listed earlier in this AGM Report, are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association.

The Group Trustee Board meet formally every term and is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity Trustees, to make sure the Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance and assurance.

Members of the Group Trustee Board must act collectively as charity trustees of the Scout Group, and in the best interests of the charity's members. Governance roles must be distinct to help manage conflicts of interest. This means that the roles of Group's Chair and Treasurer must be kept separate and be done by two different people.

The Group Trustee Board must act in the charity's best interests, acting with reasonable care and skill and take steps to be confident that:

a) The charity is:
- well managed
- carrying out its purposes for the public benefit
- complying with the charity's governing document and the law
- managing the charity's resources responsibly

b) the charity is operating compliant with POR and the local charity regulator, including effective management of each of the Key Policies listed in Chapter 2 of POR;

c) young people are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels; and

d) the Group has sufficient resources (funds, people, property and equipment) available to meet the planned work of the Group including delivery of the high quality programme and resource requirements of the training programme as set out in Rule 4.2.2 of POR.

The Constitution of the Group is as per that set out in POR Section 5.4 which can be found here: https://www.scouts.org.uk/por/5-local-governance-and-finance-of-groups-districts-counties/#5.4.

Administrative Matters

The Groups financial year is from 1st April to 31st March.

It is agreed that a maximum of 9 members can be appointed to the Trustee Board.

It is agreed that the quorum for future meetings will be four Trustee's for Trust Board Meetings and Six Group Scout Council members (including 2 Trustees one of which must be either the Chair or GLV) for the AGM and other meetings.

Risk And Internal Control

The Charity has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable cover against material mismanagement or loss; these include requiring two signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Objectives And Activities

The objectives of the Charity are to work 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 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.

Subscriptions are charged for membership to cover the immediate running costs of the Charity and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Charity follows the principle that no one should be excluded from Scouting because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions or their contribution to the cost of events.

Two key principles that demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the Scout method young people develop towards their full potential and that there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from Scouting are incidental, other than those as a beneficiary.

If you would be interested in joining the Board of Trustees to help oversee and steer the Group, please speak to Paul Huitson via Chair@2ndStoneleighScouts.org or Steph Howard via GLV@2ndStoneleighScouts.org

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Chair's Review – Paul Huitson

As has been the case with previous reviews, I am pleased to report that the Group continues to flourish, with each section almost continually at full capacity. This is of course not done without the hard, and often time-consuming, work of the leadership team who plan and deliver exciting and enjoyable evenings and events.

I am pleased to report that the group is preparing to open a new Section, our first Squirrel Drey for 4-6 year olds – we will be opening in September 2026, next financial year, with Julia as our new Squirrel Team Leader. We are looking forward to continued growth of the group and the chaos the Squirrels may bring!

The team is supported by a regular supply of young leaders and volunteer helpers. However the Group is always on the lookout for additional helpers, whether it be regular or occasional. If you are a parent or have a relative/friend who might be interested in joining the leader team, please speak to any of the leaders.

The Trustee Board is now well established and meets regularly to review practices.

My special thanks to all the leaders who give up their time to create such great experiences for our young members and in particular to Steph for her continued leadership, drive and enthusiasm.



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Group Lead Volunteer's Review – Steph Howard



Another great year for 2nd Stoneleigh (St. John's) Scout Group full of adventure, challenge and growth for our young people. Our Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and Explorer Unit meet on a Tuesday evening and the Scout Troop meets on a Friday evening. All Sections have been busy during the year; we have taken part in a number of District events and attended both the Remembrance service where we paraded our flags and a service at St. John's Church to celebrate St. George's Day where we renewed our Promises in front of the local community and ran a coffee and cake fundraiser afterwards.



Our Beaver Scouts enjoyed camp at Boidier Hurst for two nights, taking part in various activities including mini pioneering, wide games and of course sleeping in a tent with their friends - a fantastic adventure itself! The Beavers had a busy year with various events including the District bowling competition, Bazzaz fun day with many other Beavers and Rainbows, and the Surrey Reach for the Stars camp at home.



Other activities during the year included a sleepover in half term with climbing/trampolining, completing our cycling badge with a group cycle through Nonsuch Park, a visit to Bourne Hall Museum to understand our local history, making salt dough tealight Diyas for Diwali, a night hike to look at the stars for the space badge and a visit from the police to learn about strangers as part of our safety badge.

The Colony has remained steady in size at around 24-28 Beavers, with a waiting list building. Our Young Leaders helping Beavers across the year were Jack L, Jack M, Ben, Rae and Eddie.



The Cub Pack has remained at around 28-30 this year. We held a three-night camp at Boidier Hurst in May where the Cubs enjoyed wide games, backwoods cooking, making shelters and generally being outdoors. The Cubs were lucky to be able to join 1st Cuddington for a Go Canoeing session on the River Thames. The Cubs also completed their photography badge documenting the local foxes and Stoneleigh Broadway in all it's glory!



The Cubs enjoyed a visit from the police, making fajitas, learning some home skills like ironing, cleaning, changing a lightbulb and folding napkins! The Cubs were also thrilled to spend a weekend at PGL getting involved in lots of adventurous activities and some 'sleeping bag slug' antics too!

Our Cub Pack has been ably assisted across the year by our Young Leaders Dylan, William, Max and Kaeden and by our DofE volunteer Megan.



The Scout Troop has had a great year, with events including the District Challenge Hike, a PL/APL weekend away, bouldering in Wimbledon, District Emergency Aid, Swimming Gala, flipping pancakes, a patrol competition involving tasks in first aid, knots, navigation and problem solving, model making at Warhammer, and baking mini Christmas cakes. One of our chef parents also ran a kitchen knife skills workshop with the Scouts brushing up their safe chopping technique.



Four of our oldest Scouts completed their Expedition Challenge by getting themselves by train and on foot to Boidier Hurst from the HQ and back again. The Scouts also enjoyed a hike around Banstead Woods – you're never too old for the Narnia trail! The Troop planned and ran a stall at Lights on Broadway, fundraising for the Group and for WaterAid, and met our local MP to understand local democracy and hold a 'Commons debate'.

Six of our Scouts joined the Surrey County Pioneer 25 camp, strengthening their knots and lashings skills and learning to build large pioneering structures including a carousel, swing boat and see-saw. We also learnt some new campfire songs from the other troops. The Troop continues to remain strong with around 30 to 35 Scouts attending each week and we were pleased to invest Amie as a new member of the Scout Leader team.



Our Explorer Unit took part in a number of events and activities over the year, including an overnight at Boidier Hurst at the start of April, the District Challenge Hike with two teams trying their best to get to as many checkpoints as possible in the time available, a 10-pin bowling trip for Christmas, a trip to a local bouldering centre, and two gardening evenings to help tidy up Bob and Viv's garden (our previous GSL and Treasurer). The Explorers also took on a two-day expedition leaving from Tadworth on the Friday evening and returning to out HQ on the Sunday evening, via Jordan Heights and Boidier Hurst campsites – although the walking was cut a little short due to torrential rain and a spectacular thunderstorm / amber weather warning for lightning directly overhead!



The Explorers also had a Taskmaster evening, gingerbread house making, big pioneering structures at 4th Ewell's HQ, earned their Stage 3 Emergency Aid badges, held the 'biscuit olympics', kayaked with 1st Cuddington, undertook a chip shop survey, and learnt about loneliness in the elderly culminating in a visit to Redwood Court for an evening of playing board games with the residents.



Summer Camp for the Scouts and Explorers was spent at Butchers Coppice in Bournemouth (Dorset). We enjoyed lots of adventurous activities on the campsite and off, including climbing, zip wire, tomahawk throwing, crate stacking, and Splashdown water park. We also spent a day on Brownsea Island exploring and learning about Scouting history followed by fish and chips after returning to Poole Quay. A highlight for many of the Scouts was making new friends and playing games with Scouts in other groups from across the country on the communal field in the evenings!

During the year our Beaver Scout Section gained 180 badges including 11 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards. Our Cub Scout Section gained 284 badges including seven Chief Scout's Silver Awards and our Scout Section gained 246 badges with two Chief Scout's Gold Awards. The Explorer Unit earned 34 badges.

Overall, across all sections within the Group, we provided 382 Nights Away for our young people over 19 different nights.

To end our Summer Term we held our first Group Campfire with every section and parents/carers attending for games, refreshments and a good old sing song around the fire. Also a great opportunity for a Group photo! Definitely the start of a new annual event for us!



We are always on the lookout for additional hands to boost our leader and support teams – even if you can only help once a month it would be appreciated! All sections and behind the scenes require extra help – please do read the descriptions of the help we need later in this Report.

At the end of this financial year we congratulate Paul, our Group Chair, on 15years in the role! Huge thanks to Paul for undertaking the role for this long, and for agreeing to continue for the next year (at least!).

I would like to thank our amazing leader team without whom we couldn't run our fantastic Group. Thanks also to our dedicated Board of Trustees, supportive parents and our amazing young people for their continuing involvement in Scouting at 2nd Stoneleigh.



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Awards

Very well done to our young people who have achieved the top Award in their Section this year:



Chief Scout's Bronze:

Kaian De Menezes-Pattenden

Max Hope

Harry Thornton

Archie Rodley

Oliver Burton

Darya Grisenthwaite

Isaac Miles

Theo Gibson

Lynne Thoong

Noah Bremner

Amy Prowse



Chief Scout's Silver:

Freddie Purcell

Christopher Thacker

CJ Gumble

Dhiren Patel

Luke Prowse

Henry MacNeice

Cam MacNeice



Chief Scout's Gold:

Ben Littler

Rae Thoong



Financial Review – Jackie Durbridge

The Group has sufficient financial resources available to meet the planned work of the Group. The Charity has in place systems of internal control that are designed to provide reasonable cover against material mismanagement or loss; these include requiring two independent signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance to ensure that all insurable risks are covered.

We held two fundraisers this year which raised just short of £900; a coffee morning at St. John's Church and we had a stall at Lights on Broadway. We were also a monthly nominated charity for our local Co-op store and received £1,764.76 in donations. Also, this year the GLV undertook a review of our Gift Aid processes and we received £8,507.07 in back dated payments.

The Group have been very active during the year carrying out a range of events with associated income and expenditure. The majority of events are able to cover their costs without requiring subsidy from Group funds, meaning subscriptions can be kept as low as possible for all.

During the year the Trustees used £257 under the hardship policy to enable several young people to partake in weekly meetings and events.

The Group is in a good financial position for us to cover the costs of the next financial year and we would like to thank our independent examiner, Ms Bernice Hickman for her work checking the accounts and providing the appropriate Independent Examiners Report.

The Trustees confirm:

- The Group has no debts.
- There is no formal reserves policy applicable to this financial year.
- The Group does not act as a custodian trustee for other parties.
- The 'Scout Association Trust Corporation' (charity reference 306102) holds the Scout and Guide Headquarters land titles on behalf of and for the benefit of the Group as custodian trustee.



2nd STONELEIGH SCOUT GROUP

CHARITY NUMBER 305720

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

Income

Admin	£12.99
Donation	£1,875.11
Events	£11,440.76
Fundraising	£1,106.41
Gift Aid	£8,507.07
Membership Fees (Subs collected)	£10,863.00
Uniform - New	£55.50
Uniform - Second Hand	£58.00
Sub Total	**£33,918.84**

Expense

Activity & Meeting Equipment	£1069.59
Admin	£214.79
Badges	£1,006.00
Bank Fees	£936.59
Camping Equipment	£741.38
Events	£11,760.90
Fundraising	£206.44
Insurance	£200.91
Membership Costs (to District, County & UK HQ)	£5,028.50
Uniform - New	£112.40
Sub Total	**£21,277.50**

Summary

Account balance brought forward from FY24/25	**£24,161.39**
Total income	£33,918.84
Total expenditure	£21,277.50
Net income	£12,641.34
Account balance carried forward to FY26/27	**£36,802.73**

Note – Gift Aid received in FY25/26 includes payment for retrospective claims for FY21/22, FY22/23, FY23/24 and FY24/25.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

Account Balances

Nat West - Current Account	£36,802.73
Total cash funds	**£36,802.73**

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	£499.50
Shop stock (Group T-shirts)	£921.12
Other stock	£-
Land and buildings	£-
Motor vehicles	£-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	£9,785.36
Other	£-
Sub total	**£11,205.98**

Liabilities

Accounts not yet paid	£-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	£-
Subscriptions not yet paid	£-
Loan - detail	£-
Other liabilities	£-
Sub total	**£-**

Total Net Assets	**£48,008.71**

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Our Year 2025-2026
















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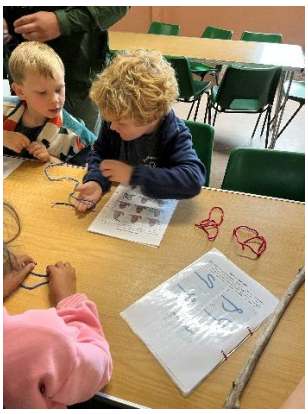







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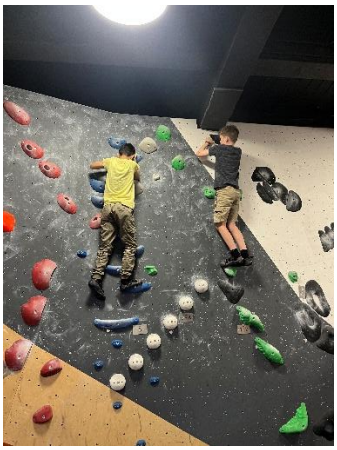
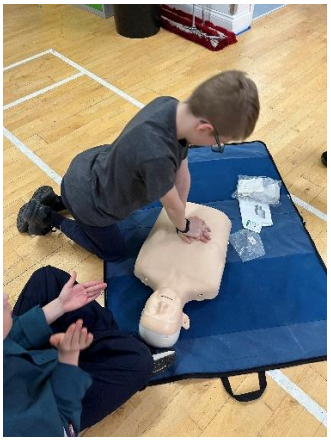










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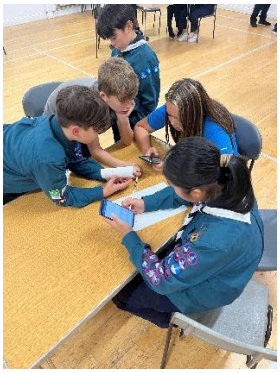












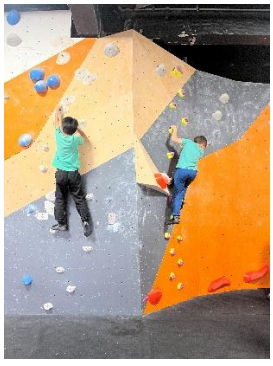











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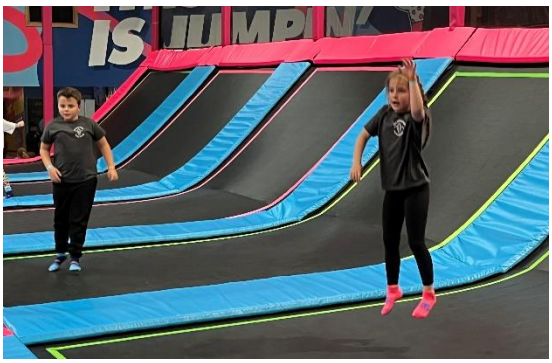












Roles Requiring Support – Can You Help?

We have a fantastic team of volunteers at 2nd Stoneleigh but we **desperately** need to expand our team to help spread the tasks around a few more people, from tasks with the young people to those behind the scenes. We welcome offers of help in many ways and can be flexible to your skills and time availability.

We have a number of roles from weekly nights to working more independently. If something below interests you, please get in touch for a conversation, with no obligation. For the roles working with young people, we offer a 4-week trial period to see if the role is right for you. We have plenty of training and support available for you. Contact Steph on GLV@2ndStoneleighScouts.org for more info.

What's the Role	More Detail
Skills Demonstrators	Do you have an amazing skill that you can pass on to our young people? Could you help by running an activity? Perhaps you love hiking and can help with navigation, or teach the basics of photography, or you love fishing perhaps. Anything goes if the young people can learn something, and we can make it specific to any of our sections to suit you.
Social Media Influencer	Could you help manage and update our social media presence? Help us to share all the good things we get up to and promote the Group.
Web Master	To support the Group with the upkeep of the website so it remains current.
HQ Gardeners/ Tidy-Uppers	A really flexible role as and when you can help. Keeping on top of the weeds, especially around our newly cleared firepit area, possibly some building maintenance related the back huts, keeping on top of the rubbish brought in by the foxes etc. Helping build the fire pit area.
Beavers Team Members/Leader	Join our brilliant Beavers Team to support our sectoin for 6-8 year olds. Help with meetings on a Tuesday 5-6:15pm with running games and activities. Get involved with planning activities and collating resources.
Cub Team Members	Join our cracking Cubs Team to support our section for 8-10 year olds. Help with meetings on a Tuesday 6:30-8pm with running games and activities. Get involved with planning activities and collating resources.
Scouts Team Members/Leader	Join our super Scouts Team to support our section for 10-14 year olds. Help with meetings on a Friday 7-9pm with running games and activities. Get involved with planning activities and collating resources.
Explorers Team Members/Leader	Join our excellent Explorers Team to support our section for 14-18 year olds. Help with meetings currently on a Tuesday 7:45-9:15pm with running activities and getting the Explorers out and about more. Get involved with planning activities and collating resources. Potentially date/time will change as the Unit continues to grow.
The thing we missed off …	If you have a great idea that we have missed, make it known! Anything that can help us to provide and expand on our activities for the young people in our Group or help to develop their skills for life.


Ellie
makes all the
difference.
So could you.
Help young people
in Stoneleigh step up
and dream big.
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Contact Details

Squirrels

4 - 6 years

Squirrels@2ndStoneleighScouts.org

Saturdays (term time) 0900-0945

BEAVERS

6 – 8 years

Beavers@2ndStoneleighScouts.org

Tuesdays (term time) 1700-1815

cubs

8 – 10½ years

Cubs@2ndStoneleighScouts.org

Tuesdays (term time) 1830-2000

SCOUTS

10½ - 14 years

Scouts@2ndStoneleighScouts.org

Fridays (term time) 1900-2100

explorers

14 – 18 years

Explorers@2ndStoneleighScouts.org

Tuesdays (term time) 1945-2115

Dell Lane Scout & Guide HQ, 2 Dell Lane, Stoneleigh, KT17 2NE

Group Scout Leader - Steph Howard

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Epsom & Ewell Scout Shop

22 The Broadway, Stoneleigh, KT17 2HU



- Scouting Uniforms & Accessories
- Girlguiding Uniforms & Accessories
- Camping Equipment
- Badges
- Books
- Craft Materials
- Trophies
- Gifts
- Order any items from ‘Scout Store’

A significant share of the profits are invested back into local Scouting.

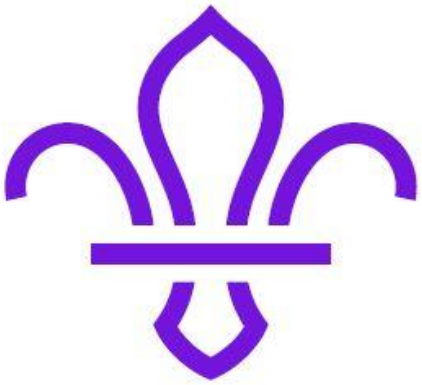
The shop is open at the following times:

Monday 1.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 2.00pm - 7.00pm
Thursday 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Saturday 9.30am – 1.00pm

Please note: The Scout Shop is only open during Surrey School Term times as it is run by unpaid volunteers.

Contact Joyce and the volunteer team:
020 8001 6856
epsomandewellscoutshop@aol.com.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	**2nd STONELEIGH (ST JOHN'S) SCOUT GROUP**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31st March 2026**	**Charity no (if any)**	**305720**
Set out on pages	1-2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:	BHickman	**Date:**	03/09/2026
Name:	Bernice Hickman		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	N/A		
Address:	53 Woodstone Avenue, Epsom, KT17 2JT		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	