

**Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31st March 2025**

12th Chichester Scout Group

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio (by Appointment)

Chris Barrett	Chair
Tony Tunnell	Group Lead Volunteer
Michael Donnelly	Treasurer

TRUSTEES: Elected

Alan Pope	Secretary
Michael Merritt	Cub Leader
Jo Hooker	
Sean Herbert	
Jenny Green	
Helen Wren	
Rory Barnetson	

BANKERS: HSBC plc and Virgin Money

Group Registration Number with the Scout Association 32248 Charity Registration Number 305873

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Group Overview – 2025 Annual Report

The 12th Chichester Scout Group continues to be one of the most active and successful Scout Groups in the Chichester area. This past year, we've seen our young people thrive thanks to the ongoing support of our dedicated leadership team, hardworking volunteers, committed Trustees, and the broader local community.

Under strong and forward-looking leadership, the Group has delivered another year of thoughtful and engaging programmes designed to help young people build confidence, resilience, and essential life skills. Our volunteers continue to play a central role in creating safe, inclusive, and inspiring experiences for all our members.

As Chichester continues to grow—particularly with the rise in new housing developments—we recognise both the opportunities and the challenges this presents. Alongside this, we remain focused on improving our headquarters to better serve our members now and into the future. These efforts require ongoing planning, resources, and determination, all of which we are committed to.

Throughout the year, we've stayed true to the core values of Scouting: growth, inclusivity, and community impact. This report reflects the progress we've made and outlines the goals we're working toward in the year ahead.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the Group over the past year. Your time, effort, and encouragement have been key to our continued success—and we look forward to building on that foundation in the coming year.

Group Lead Volunteer Report

The Scout Group has grown in the last year, mainly due to the inclusion of the new Squirrel Section. At the time of the census, we had 81 members being supported by 32 adults – not all of whom are leaders.

Helen and Jenny have continued their termly fundraising events, with a Whodunnit and a Bingo evening in 2024 and the second Quiz Night this year, each time earning approx. £400 for the group on each occasion.

At the beginning of the year, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Margaret Barrett, closely followed by her husband, Malcolm Barrett who has played a big part in the management of the group over the years. His enthusiasm and doughnuts at the Jumble Sale will be missed.

Following several “behind the scenes” meetings with the HQ Development Team and surveys, a very detailed Feasibility Report was produced with lots of colourful diagrams and plans to show how we could develop the site. At the beginning of this year, we held a HQ Development Workshop where Katie was able to talk us through the thoughts behind the report and to get feedback. The output from the workshop has been taken by Katie and will be presented back to us as amendments to the feasibility plan, at which point we should have a clearer direction on what we want to do next. It is hoped that we will have the output and more detailed plans ready for the Annual General Meeting in July.

2025 is the Groups 70th Anniversary in September so the group are opening a Badge Competition to all its members to create a badge that can be worn on the uniform for a defined period as an occasional badge. There was discussion about holding the AGM on a different day to make it more of a celebration, however, plans and thoughts on what this could include have yet to be discussed any further. GDPR does make this difficult in not being able to hold records of past members.

Stedham Campsite has been booked for a Family Camp in September and bookings are being taken. With a 3-year gap since the last Family Camp, we hope to welcome a lot of new members and their parents to the camp.

Squirrel Section

It was very exciting to open a new section in November 2024 after 6 months' work with the District and County Teams to set this up. Thanks to a District Volunteer Event in March 24, we already had 4 new leaders lined up to take on the role, including 2 parents of existing members. This has really helped us rather than having to further spread the current leadership team.

The Squirrel Section is for 4 – 6-year-olds and we started the first term with 10 members, meeting on a Saturday morning between 10:00 and 11:00. This number was increased to 12 for this year.

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All the leaders are very enthusiastic and even in the first half term, all the Squirrels had attained several Activity Badges and are working towards their Acorn Award.

Beaver Section

The Beaver group is running with 15 beavers, and at the end of this year we have finally started to welcome the first squirrels moving up. We have welcomed 3 new squirrels to the last few Beaver meetings, to give them the opportunity to acclimatise and get used to the leaders. Overall, the Squirrels seemed to have settled in quite well, signing up for as many ahead adventures as they can. The Beaver Leader team has included Zoe Tunnell and Kirsty Shewan as joint Team Leaders and George Rossiter, as Team Member, but we are desperate for at least another adult to join us. We have continued to have the consistency of the same dedicated young leaders, supporting the Beaver colony. There has also been significant parent interest and support for Beaver evenings that are based out and about, and in the community.

The Beavers have all enjoyed a varied and diverse programme, which has seen them partake in many excursions and walks out into the community as well as many creative and challenging meetings within the scout hut. The Beavers have continued to strive forwards with earning their badges and showing kindness and welcomeness to every Beaver who enters the meeting space. 10 Beavers have been able to achieve the Chief Scout Bronze award before moving up to Cubs. Some other badges which the Beavers have been working towards has included the cooking badge and making many scrumptious treats, showing off their competitive side in striving for their sports badge. The Beavers have also been out and about, helping the community in multiple litter picks, earning their exploring badge, as well as going on multiple hikes, where they have received various levels of their hikes away staged badges. Beavers have also done a variety of science experiments and junk modelling- making machines and egg protecting vessels, which has earned them their science badge and Experiment Badge.

The Beavers are continuously challenging themselves within meetings to achieve elements of their challenge badges, sometimes having structured targets to achieve, such as being a team leader, teaching other skills or information that they seem to be experts in. We had 9 Beavers attend this year's district beaver camp, to varying degrees, and all had a very fun and exhausting time! We also had 6 Beavers attend the Remembrance parade, after having sent up a large group of Beavers to Cubs, where we were briefly reunited.

Cub Section

There were 25 cubs in the pack at the end of March. Cubs have generally moved on to scouts. The leaders have been Michael Merritt Team Leader assisted by Team Members George Barrett, Suzanne Barrett, Rob Liesicke and Josh Vaughan. Anita Hockin stepped down during the year. Young leaders have been Digby and Thomas.

So what have we done? In the summer term on our normal meeting nights activities included learning about BP, recycling, a Youth shaped evening, indoor climbing at the Arena, visit to a farm, visit to Chichester Marina to learn about a trans-Atlantic challenge and orienteering, and district events - badge day, box kart time trials which we won, district City Gates Challenge which we tied for first place, district cub camp at Lyons Copse with an Olympics theme and sculptures on the beach,

In the autumn term we entered two teams in the Supreme Box kart championships at Goodwood racecourse with one team coming 3rd out of 38 teams competing after scrapping through to the knockout stages. Again, a sleepover was offered in November prior to Remembrance Day Parade with the cubs cooking their own dinner. We took part in the district orienteering competition at Slindon Wood in November and won and came 2nd and 3rd! We held our Christmas entertainments evening having made gifts of tree decorations made from decorated lolly sticks for parents and supporters. Our regular meetings included digital citizen staged activity badge, trading post, wide games, penny game and litter pick, celebrating Diwali, and an indoor pothole.

In the spring term we organised a chip shop run, had an evening hike from West Dean, visited Southdowns Planetarium with two other cub packs, made pancakes, learnt about how cubs have their root in the Jungle Book story, solved problems and covered disability awareness and home safety. We also attended the district badge day and fun rugby.

After the year end, we concluded our spring term with Ten Pin Bowling. This coming summer term we plan to attend the District Cub Camp (Circus theme) and take part in district activities – Box karts, city gates challenge, sandcastle building and a visit to the Ford Materials Recycling Facility during half term with two other packs as well as our regular weekly meetings.

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6 cubs achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award, 41 challenge badges were presented and many other activity badges (169) were achieved such as disability awareness, entertainer, money skills, international, home safety, space, collector, athletics, athletics plus and hobbies and staged activity badges (41) including nights away, emergency aid, digital citizen and hikes.

Scout Section

This year Scouts have enjoyed a programme of activities run by 4 Leaders: Michael Legge, Robert Pope, Mark Mills and Isaac Slade.

For our Summer Camp, we used the facilities of the cottage in Wales on the border of the Brecon Beacons. The "camp" was attended by 14 members. The Scouts had a great time, white water rafting at an activities centre in Cardiff, gorge walking, and a hike to one of several local waterfalls.

September brought a new start of the Scout Competition Year; the first being Junior Downsman. The Scouts entered 2 Novice Teams this year and took a solid 4th place in the Junior Competition

The Scout Section has 26 members but only 3 regular leaders. There is 1 new leader potentially starting with us on 4th June, but still really looking for regular support from a Female Volunteer for camps/ events due to our high ratio of girls to boys, to which we are quite proud of due to the diversity of the movement this promotes.

In the autumn term we attended a couple of District events. 4 teams took part in the orienteering competition that was run in Slindon Woods where 2 of our teams achieved 2nd in the Under 12s category & 3rd in the Under 14½. We also attended a shooting competition in which our team of 4 came 4th. At the end of term there was a District Christmas party held at Go Outdoors a local climbing, bowling & laser tag venue that 19 of our members attended

During the spring term the Scouts had a good programme which gave them plenty of opportunity to plan their own, activities & games for the following term. We visited a local farm with 6 members to see what it's like to work on a farm & planted our own hedge. We also attended St Georges day parade with 10 members. We also had our district camp which wraps up the yearly competition with lots of smaller competitions which add to the final score which included Cooking a Pizza in an open fire oven got 1st place, Sedan Chair Racing placed 6th & in the most coveted competition the Cyclo-Cross we got 2nd. All this added up to a busy camp for leaders involved but much loved by all.

Other events in our calendar that have already been booked include our annual outing at Dragon Boat Racing on the canal in July and for our summer camp we are attending West Sussex Jamboree Camp in Ardingly with 14 members.

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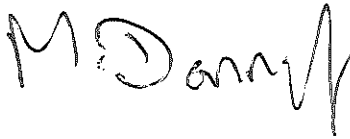
The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payments basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scouting Association.

Scouting, which is an unpaid voluntary movement needing the help of parents, exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society guided by the following values: Integrity, Respect, Care, Belief and Co-operation.

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.

Approved by the trustees on 19 May 2025 and signed on their behalf by



M Donnelly
Hon Treasurer

A Pope
Group Secretary



C Barrett
Chair

**12TH CHICHESTER SCOUT GROUP
 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025**

	2024/25 Restricted Funds	2024/25 Unrestricted Funds	2024/25 Total Funds	2023/24 Total Funds
RECEIPTS				
DONATIONS, LEGACIES AND SIMILAR INCOME				
Membership subscriptions		7,029.00	7,029.00	6,534.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		5,791.50	5,791.50	3,867.50
Net membership subscriptions retained		1,237.50	1,237.50	2,666.50
Donations and Legacy		5,659.62	5,659.62	15,651.24
Gift aid		1,536.16	1,536.16	1,398.54
Youth Programme and Activities		10,759.94	10,759.94	4,902.85
Sub Total		19,193.22	19,193.22	24,619.13
GRANTS				
Other grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Sub Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
FUNDRAISING (GROSS)				
Christmas Fair		721.04	721.04	761.49
Jumble Sales		5,098.43	5,098.43	5,063.53
BBQs		200.00	200.00	200.00
Other Fund Raising		2,774.18	2,774.18	2,624.00
AGM		50.00	50.00	50.00
Sub Total		8,843.65	8,843.65	8,699.02
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Bank Interest		765.14	765.14	557.25
Sub Total		765.14	765.14	557.25
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	0.00	28,802.01	28,802.01	34,375.40

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	2024/25 Restricted Funds	2024/25 Unrestricted Funds	2024/25 Total Funds	2023/24 Total Funds
PAYMENTS				
CHARITABLE PAYMENTS				
Youth Programme and Activities		14,205.50	14,205.50	5,780.76
Leaders Training and Uniform		194.00	194.00	96.00
General Water and Sewerage Rates		402.73	402.73	321.34
Electricity and Gas		2,355.66	2,355.66	3,038.47
Insurance		3,652.90	3,652.90	3,792.99
Repairs and Renewals	562.07	975.68	1,537.75	2,416.30
Equipment	0.00	2,084.70	2,084.70	2,690.56
Postage and Stationery		558.41	558.41	71.82
AGM expenses		171.18	171.18	180.63
Bank Charges		93.64	93.64	106.74
Go Cardless Fees		557.72	557.72	320.29
Sundry expenses		68.00	68.00	267.57
Development Expenses	3,820.00	0.00	3,820.00	0.00
Sub Total	4,382.07	25,320.12	29,702.19	19,083.47
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Christmas Fair		13.24	13.24	0.00
Jumble Sales		723.99	723.99	721.80
Other Fund Raising		444.57	444.57	674.00
Sub Total	0.00	1,181.80	1,181.80	1,395.80
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	4,382.07	26,501.92	30,883.99	20,479.27
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	-4,382.07	2,300.09	-2,081.98	13,896.13

**12TH CHICHESTER SCOUT GROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR**

	31.03.25 Restricted Funds	31.03.2025 Unrestricted Funds	31.03.2025 Total Funds	31.03.2024 Total Funds
CASH FUNDS				
Bank Current Account		49,001.14	49,001.14	52,107.71
Deposit Account	35,886.16	33,959.11	69,845.27	69,080.13
Cash Floats		1,021.15	1,021.15	761.70
Total Cash Funds	35,886.16	83,981.40	119,867.56	121,949.54
Restricted funds are £40268.23 Property Fund				
NON MONETARY ASSETS FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE				
Scouting Equipment, furniture etc		10,000.00		10,000.00
Scout Headquarters		450,000.00		450,000.00
LIABILITIES		0.00		0.00

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 12th Chichester Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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 Report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Date: 26/06/25