Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31st March 2026

12th Chichester Scout Group

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio (by Appointment)

Chris Barrett	Chair
Tony Tunnell	Group Lead Volunteer
Kekuan Lu	Treasurer (appointed 24 November 2025)
Mike Donnely	Treasurer (retired 16 July 2025)

TRUSTEES: Elected

Alan Pope	Secretary
Michael Merritt	Section Lead Volunteer Cubs
Jo Hooker	
Sean Herbert	
Jenny Green	
Helen Wren	
Rory Barnetson	
Tracey Peters	Elected 16 July 2025
Michael Nation	Elected 16 July 2025

BANKERS: HSBC plc and Virgin Money

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

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12th CHICHESTER SCOUT GROUP
Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2026
Charity Registration Number 305873

Group Overview – 2026 Annual Report

The Trustees are pleased to report that the 12th Chichester Scout Group has continued to deliver high quality Scouting opportunities to young people in our local community throughout the year. The Group remains one of the largest and most active Scout Groups in the Chichester area, providing a diverse programme of activities, that supports the personal development of its members.

The Group's success is made possible through the dedication and commitment of its volunteer Leadership Team, Trustees, parents, supporters, and the wider community. This has enabled the Group to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment in which young people can develop confidence, resilience, teamwork, leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility within the Scouting framework.

Over the last year, the Group has continued to deliver a balanced and engaging programme aligned with the aims and values of Scouting. Through a wide range of activities, events, camps, and community initiatives, young people have been encouraged to develop 'skills for life' while making a positive contribution to their local community.

The Group recognises the changing demographics of the Chichester area, including significant residential growth and housing development. This presents both opportunities and challenges for the Group as demand for Scouting increases. To ensure that the Group remains able to meet future needs, work has continued to assess and improve the Group's headquarters and facilities, supporting the long-term sustainability and growth of the charity.

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that the charity is well governed, financially sustainable, and able to continue delivering public benefit through Scouting. The Group has remained focused on its core principles of Scouting through inclusivity, community engagement, personal development, and adventure.

The Group would like to express their sincere gratitude to all volunteers, supporters, parents, funders, and members of the local community whose contributions have helped us deliver an excellent variety of Scouting activities to our young people throughout the year. This support is most welcome and is central to the ongoing success and future development of the 12th Chichester Scout Group.

Group Lead Volunteer Report

At the time of the census the Group had 82 members being supported by 19 leaders, plus a further 19 in Governance or Support roles. All sections have been very busy providing an exciting programme for their members. This is demonstrated by the number of badges issued by the sections, particularly the highest Chief Scouts award.

	CS	ACT/CHA	OTHER	TOTAL
Scouts	2	60	41	103
Cubs	9	286	129	424
Beavers	6	149	19	174
Squirrels	5	122	5	132
Total	**22**	**617**	**194**	**833**

The fundraising events have continued to be supported well by members, and we now have three regular fundraising events during the year – Bingo, Quiz and Whodunnit evenings.

Family Camp is September was well supported and despite having the odd shower, everyone had a great time and are looking forward to the next one in 2027. There were a lot of new members at the camp after the 3-year gap from the last one, so it was a good opportunity to show to parents what we as leaders achieve with the young people.

The final design for the 70th Anniversary Badge was created by Alex Stratton and now appears on the scarf of all members. It was somewhat fortunate that after the year end the group were also responsible for leading the St. George's Day Parade and service. We had a very good attendance from all our members and they did us proud. To complete the day, we all went for a round of Tenpin Bowling afterwards.

A new architect has been assigned to the building project and after several necessary surveys, final plans for location have been drawn up in preparation for a pre-planning application to be submitted.

The success of the group relies on the members and the dedication of the volunteer leaders who give up their time to provide the programme of events. We are the most popular group in Chichester but are always on the lookout for new volunteers to continue the excellent work.

Squirrel Section

The Squirrel section increased in size during the year to 14 members and we are hoping to take on more in the coming year to combat the ever-growing waiting list, however this does depend on leaders. Janina joined us a new leader during the year bringing the leadership team up to five.

The leaders have been very busy organising lots of exciting activities for the Squirrels and during the year they have achieved 122 Activity and Challenge Badges and in December we were very proud to present the first 5 Acorn Badges which is the highest badge they can get in the section.

Our adventures included a boat trip out into Chichester Harbour, paddling in Fishbourne Creek, an energetic sports day and a litter-picking session in our local community. They had fun at Somerley Pumpkin Patch and made reindeer food, Christmas cards, and tree decorations, ending the December term with a Christmas Party with all the other Squirrels in the District. This year the Squirrels have learnt about kindness, made a kite and had a go at some "indoor" winter Olympic sports.

The section is going from strength to strength, and it is so rewarding seeing the younger members of the group have so much fun.

Beaver Section

The Beaver group is currently running with 15 beavers, supported by 3 leaders, however we do still urgently need a new adult leader. We have continued to have the consistency of our 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 lots of badges and showing kindness and welcomeness to every Beaver who enters the meeting space. Congratulations to the 6 Beavers that earned their Chief Scouts Bronze Award.

14 beavers attended "Go Beavers" where we joined 800 beavers from across West Sussex for an activity day at Blackland Farm. The beavers enjoyed grass sledging, bouldering, arts & crafts, archery, potholing in a cavepod and much more.

Particular highlights included: making the Great Wall of China out of cardboard, battling the Mongol invaders and destroying the wall; building homeless shelters out of cardboard boxes & tarpaulins; following maps to find hidden Easter Eggs & then re-hiding eggs using the annotated maps; making Guys and burning them on a bonfire and our end of term Christmas party - so much fun to be had with a toilet roll snowball fight; and a Chichester District Beaver Badge afternoon where beavers earnt their International/Activities Plus badge.

In summary, what an exciting year we have had. We can't wait to see what happens in 2026.

Cub Section

There were 21 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, Suzanne Barrett, Rob Liesicke (part year) and Josh Vaughan. Young leaders Digby and Thomas finished with us in the autumn, and their places were taken by Reuben and Ethan. Parent help has also been requested when needed and gratefully received.

So, what have we done? In the summer term the normal meeting night activities included backwoods cooking, orienteering, tent pitching, water activities at Prinsted, and pioneering projects and district events - box kart time trials which we won, cub camp at Lyons Copse with a Circus theme with a bumper turnout and some extreme weather, City

Gates Challenge, and sand sculptures on the beach where they came 2nd. We also visited Ford Materials Recycling Facility with cubs from two other packs.

In the autumn term we entered two teams in the 18th and last Supreme Box kart championships at Goodwood racecourse with both teams reaching the last 16 knockout stage and going out in the quarter finals out of 38 teams competing from the four home nations. A sleepover was offered in November prior to Remembrance Day Parade, and the cubs cooked their own dinner. We took part in the district orienteering competition at Slindon Wood in November, and two of four teams entered came 3rd and 4th. They held their Christmas entertainments evening having made gifts of reindeer pegs for parents and supporters. An end of term treat was Bouncy boots.

Our regular meetings included problem solving, digital maker and emergency aid, visit to the fire station and shelter building at the local copse.

In the spring term we had an evening hike from Goodwood Triangle car park, made bird boxes, completed scientist and communicator badges, wide games on the field, a Chinese New Year evening and a very successful YouShaped evening run by the sixers. The cubs attended the district international badge day and sports afternoon. We also joined five other cub packs for a sleepover at the Winchester Science centre.

This coming summer term we plan to attend the District Cub Camp (Wild West theme) and take part in district activities – Box kart time trials, city gates challenge and sandcastle building as well as our regular weekly meetings.

9 cubs achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award, 66 challenge badges presented and 128 activity badges such as backwoods cooking, chef, communicator, DIY, entertainer, fire safety, international. pioneer, scientist and space and 92 staged activity badges including digital maker, emergency aid, hikes, nights away and time on the water.

Scout Section

This year the Scouts have enjoyed a programme of activities run by 3 Leaders: Michael Legge, Robert Pope and Mark Mills, however weekend and evening activities away from the Scout HQ are difficult unless additional support is available. In January, our prayers were answered and we have welcomed Amy and Penny to the leadership team as regular team members. Both have already made a big difference.

Since the end of summer term 25 we had a great turn out to the West Sussex International Jamboree held at the South of England show ground in Ardingly. The theme this year was myths and legends with our camp being situated in Sea Legends. A week's worth of activities included a high ropes course, kayaking, paddle boarding, Zorbing and much more.

In September, a team of 4 scouts won the Junior Downsmen Competition and following this success, entered the County Overland Competition where we came a respectable 9th place out of 23 Scout teams. 7 Scouts took part in the District Orienteering Competition at Slindon Wood, winning the u12 section, and at the end of the year, nearly the whole section joined up with 200 Scouts in the District for a Christmas Party at Out of Bounds, Angmering.

As part of our 70th Anniversary, a picture of the Scout Troop appeared on the front page of the Parklands Newsletter.

We hosted the district cooking competition at the end of January, a role Michael Legge has taken on to contribute towards the busy district competition calendar.

By March the weather had started to warm so a night hike was organised from Harting down back to the 12th HQ a total of 20km that took 6 hours of walking by moonlight.

Congratulations to the 2 Scouts that have achieved their Chief Scouts Gold award, and a special shout-out to Thomas Wren who has been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in 2027 to Poland.

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Accounts

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 15th June 2026 and signed on their behalf by

K Lu	A Pope	C Barrett
Treasurer	Group Secretary	Chair

12TH CHICHESTER SCOUT GROUP
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026

	2025/26 Restricted Funds	2025/26 Unrestricted Funds	2025/26 Total Funds	2024/25 Total Funds
RECEIPTS				
DONATIONS, LEGACIES AND SIMILAR INCOME				
Membership subscriptions		7,665.00	7,665.00	7,029.00
Less: Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)		6,068.00	6,068.00	5,791.50
Net membership subscriptions retained		1,597.00	1,597.00	1,237.50
Donations		2,154.20	2,154.20	1,895.62
Use of HQ and equipment		4,946.00	4,946.00	3,764.00
Gift aid		1,509.26	1,509.26	1,536.16
Youth Programme and Activities		4,341.50	4,341.50	10,759.94
Sub Total		14,547.96	14,547.96	19,193.22
GRANTS				
Other grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FUNDRAISING (GROSS)				
Christmas Fair		828.80	828.80	721.04
Jumble Sales		5,757.80	5,757.80	5,098.43
BBQs		0.00	0.00	200.00
Other Fund Raising		4,499.43	4,499.43	2,774.18
AGM		0.00	0.00	50.00
Sub Total		11,086.03	11,086.03	8,843.65
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Bank Interest		889.84	889.84	765.14
Sub Total		889.84	889.84	765.14
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	**0.00**	**26,523.83**	**26,523.83**	**28,802.01**

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	2025/26 Restricted Funds	2025/26 Unrestricted Funds	2025/26 Total Funds	2024/25 Total Funds
PAYMENTS				
CHARITABLE PAYMENTS				
Youth Programme and Activities		8,734.05	8,734.05	14,205.50
Leaders Training and Uniform		264.49	264.49	194.00
Contribution towards attendance at Jamboree		350.00	350.00	0.00
General Water and Sewerage Rates		587.52	587.52	402.73
Electricity and Gas		2,706.74	2,706.74	2,355.66
Insurance		3,507.18	3,507.18	3,652.90
Cleaning		519.93	519.93	786.86
Repairs and Renewals	40.91	838.36	879.27	750.89
Equipment		1,428.90	1,428.90	2,084.70
Postage and Stationery		510.98	510.98	558.41
AGM expenses		374.60	374.60	171.18
Bank Charges		68.82	68.82	93.64
Go Cardless Fees		369.90	369.90	557.72
Licences		391.43	391.43	0.00
Sundry expenses		7.15	7.15	68.00
Development Expenses	2,195.00	0.00	2,195.00	3,820.00
Sub Total	2,235.91	20,660.05	22,895.96	29,702.19
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Christmas Fair		5.00	5.00	13.24
Jumble Sales		698.17	698.17	723.99
Other Fund Raising		1,463.67	1,463.67	444.57
Sub Total	0.00	2,166.84	2,166.84	1,181.80
TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE	**2,235.91**	**22,826.89**	**25,062.80**	**30,883.99**
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	**-2,235.91**	**3,696.94**	**1,461.03**	**-2,081.98**
Bal b/fwd	35,886.16	83,981.40	119,867.56	121,949.54
Bal c/fwd	33,650.25	87,678.34	121,328.59	119,867.56

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

	31.03.2026 Restricted Funds	31.03.2026 Unrestricted Funds	31.03.2026 Total Funds	31.03.2025 Total Funds
CASH FUNDS				
Bank Current Account		49,331.36	49,331.36	49,001.14
Deposit Account	33,650.25	37,084.86	70,735.11	69,845.27
Cash Floats		1,262.12	1,262.12	1,021.15
Total Cash Funds	33,650.25	87,678.34	121,328.59	119,867.56
Restricted funds are £33,650.25 Property Fund (2025 - £35,886.16)				
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 2026 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: 25/06/2026