1st Groombridge Scout Group Accounts 31st March 2026

Charity Number 305911

Balance Sheet

	2025-26	2024-25
Total Receipts for the year	£ 25,175.28	£ 30,746.92
Total Payments for the year	£ 19,702.59	£ (35,954.90)
Storage Fund		£ 8,000.00
Net Receipts/ -Payment for the year	£ 5,472.69	£ 2,792.02
Cash & Bank Balance Brought Forward @ 1st April 25	£ 21,289.82	£ 18,497.80
Cash & Bank Balance Carried Forward @ 31st March 26	£ 26,762.51	£ 21,289.82

Balance Sheet as at 31 Mar 2026

Current Assets		
CAF Account Out	£ 907.03	£ 1,058.93
CAF Account IN	£ 25,855.48	£ 19,764.49
Cash in Hand	£ -	£ 466.00
Total Net Assets	£ 26,762.51	£ 21,289.42
Financed by:		
Accumulated Fund		
Balance brought forward @ 1st April 2025	£ 21,289.82	£ 18,497.80
Net Receipts/ -Payment for the year	£ 5,472.69	£ 2,792.02
Balance carried forward @ 31 March 2026	£ 26,762.51	£ 21,289.82

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 11th May 2026 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	Position
	J Dickens	Chairman
	P Boorman	Treasurer

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

20:00-20:45 Monday 11th May 2026

1. **Apologies:**

   1.b Attendees:

   - Chris Boorman (GSL)
   - James Dickens (Chair)
   - Peter Boorman (Group Admin)
   - Simon Wells (Trustee)
   - Alex Bridger-Wood (Secretary)
   - Rich Goman (Trustee), Justin Hankey (Cub Leader), Lisa Ringer, Jason Craft (Cub Leader) Hannes Ricklefs (Scout Leader), Chris Rowland Smith, Jo Waisel (Trustee), Darren Boorman (GSL), Alex O, Tom Stamboullion (Beaver Leader), Grant Kerwin-Nye (District Leader), Martin Mewitt, Lisa Ringer

2. **Minutes of previous AGM & matters arising**
   Minutes of the previous AGM are closed and there were no outstanding actions.

   Warm welcome to the AGM.

   Thanks to volunteers

   Our Scout group has continued to offer a first-class Scouting programme, we look forward to the next year. Just had a fantastic St Georges Day. The cycle volunteer weekend was brilliant and it was well received. The upcoming BBQ will be coming up and looks to be another great event.

   Purpose of the meeting is to explain what we do and to summarise: finances which are in a very healthy position, group governance and give an overview of our Scout Group sections.

   We have maintained young person and leader numbers with these moving up through the sections whilst embracing the changes of the new Scouting training system.

The intention is to continue subsidising camps and activities and therefore there is a need to continue to focus on fundraising activities.

3. **Treasurers report and accounts 2025/2026**
   Accounts finalised with c.£25k in the account at year end.

   Approved by the auditors. This is an improvement on last year.

   Capitation was delayed nationally, but we were able enjoy the discount.
   Mark Langton will be our approved independent examiner moving forward

   Fees to remain the same for the remainder of the academic year.

4. **GSL section reports** circulated – no questions raised
   Each leader gave quick topline on each section:

   Beavers (Tom) – doing really well and at capacity. Struggling with volunteers.

   Cubs (Jason/Justin) – dual leadership role until September, need new leaders to come through into leadership role. Volunteers needed

   Scouts – All going well, the help & support is very much appreciated from the adult and

   youth volunteers (DofE) – men and women alike.

   At capacity – 30 scouts. Kids are loving it

   Darren Boorman taking the GSL role as Chris leaves his 10yr GSL

   Darren gave a personal intro.

5. **Election of trustees for key positions**

- James Dickens – Chair (Current role)
- Peter Boorman – Treasurer & Group Administrator (Current role)
- Alex Bridger-Wood – Trustee & Secretary (Current role)
- Simon Wells – Trustee (Current role)
- Richard Goman – Trustee (Current role)
- Jo Waisel – Trustee - Group Administrator

We are starting the recruitment process for a new GSL to start a transition and take the post Spring 2026.

6. **Any other business**

• Leader and Volunteer Recruitment is still key for parent/grandparent/older sibling helpers and leaders.

Summer socials (BBQ) are key for this. Parent involvement is key to scouting success. Suggestion to add soft messaging to all comms to reinforce how important the help is for the children.

• Subs – need to be chased by section leaders to outstanding individuals

• OSM – leaders need to be educated to pass on to parent – session to help parents?

• Trustees need to review and sign declaration of changes – read and sign for our section

• Image sharing form – need to be included in the welcome pack

Request for equipment – new tents for the Beavers – requests to be put in to trustee for sign off.

Justin has spoken to neighbouring sections who have suggested leader training, climbing, axe throwing, archery, absailing etc – Adamswell has all these and Groombridge is within walking distance

1st Groombridge Scout Group

Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Groombridge Scout Group ("the Group") for the year ended 31st March 2026

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Group 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 Group 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Group 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.

Signed:

Name: Mark Langton

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (member number – 8903839)

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Date: 11th MAY 2026

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