2nd Oundle Scout Group

Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2026

Charity Number 308127

2nd Oundle Scout Group

Receipts & Payments Account Summary for the year ended 31st March 2026

	This Year 2025 / 26 £	Previous Year 2024 / 25 £
Total receipts for the year (see page 2)	21,996	19,384
Total payments for the year (see page 3)	17,904	18,520
Net receipts (payments) for the year	4,091	864
Cash,bank and similar funds brought forward	21,362	20,498
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	**25,453**	**21,362**

The above account and accompanying statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees

on **11th June 2026** and signed on their behalf by:

Malcolm Postlethwaite - 2nd Oundle Scout Group Board of Trustees Chair

2nd Oundle Scout Group

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RECEIPTS	This Year 2025 / 26 £	Previous Year 2024 / 25 £
JOAN STRONG CENTRE INCOME		
Hire Income	3,810	4,095
Section Hut Subs	1,500	1,180
	5,310	**5,275**
SCOUT GROUP MEMBERSHIP:		
Section Membership Subs	8,825	7,506
Gift Aid	1,415	1,066
Less Paid (for prior year 's census numbers)	(5,190)	0
Less Paid (to JSC Hut Subs from each Section)	(930)	(830)
	4,121	**7,742**
SCOUTING ACTIVITIES:		
Camps, Outings, Shows	**4,403**	**3,465**
SUNDRY RECEIPTS	**260**	**71**
DONATIONS & GRANTS RECEIVED	**6,100**	**1,500**
GROUP FUND RAISING	**1,801**	**1,331**
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Bank,Building Society Interest	**0**	**0**
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	**21,996**	**19,384**

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PAYMENTS	This Year 2025 / 26 £	Previous Year 2024 / 25 £
JOAN STRONG CENTRE		
Rent	1,800	1,800
Non Domestic Rates	448	0
Rates	450	293
Light & Heat	2,480	2,680
Telephone Line	386	365
Insurance	433	490
Repairs & Renewals	276	973
Cleaning	1,037	1,181
Sundry Expenses	95	0
	7,405	**7,783**
SCOUTING ACTIVITIES		
Camp, Activites, etc.	6,216	4,998
Badges & Books	905	1,090
Refreshments & Sundry Expenses	472	1,009
	7,593	**7,098**
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT		
- for the Scout Group	0	1,230
- for the Joan Strong Centre	0	2,009
	0	**3,239**
DONATIONS MADE BY THE GROUP	**0**	**400**
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	**0**	**0**
JSC LEASE RENEWAL COSTS	**2,906**	**0**
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	**17,904**	**18,520**

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ASSETS

	£
CASH	**25,453**

OTHER ASSETS

The Group has two main types of non cash assets:

1. Tents and other Camping Equipment

This includes larger sized mess tents, marquees, patrol tents, a toilet tent and smaller tents used in camping activities. In addition the group has a selection of ancillary camping equipment including trolleys, lanterns and cooking equipment.These items have been acquired over many years and are replaced as needed. Single items purchased that originally cost more than £500 are listed below.
In 2024/2025 the Mess Tent was purchased at a cost of £1,230.

	Date Purchased	Cost £
Trailor	99/00	2376
Marquee	01/02	3356
Jamboree Mess Tent	09/10	795
Green Patrol Tent	14/15	554
Mess Tent	24/25	1230

2. Scout Hall Furniture, Fittings and Equipment

The Scout Hall is widely used by many community organisations and is available for private bookings. The site includes a kitchen area and meeting space as well as the main hall. Over 20 years essential equipment required to operate and maintain the facility has been purchased and is replaced as needed. The main items of hall furniture include Go Pak benches, chairs, trolleys, along with a table tennis table. In 2024/2025 the Fire Alarm was replaced at a cost of £1,980.
New fittings and equipment purchased costing more than £150 are listed below.

Kitchen Units	20/21	2192
Beko Cooker	20/21	180
Ballet Bars	20/21	389
Fire Alarm System	24/25	1980

LIABILITIES

1. Scout Assocaitaion Membership Fees

Collected from each section before year end based on January census - so held in this year accounts.
Paid to District on during April (next Financial Year) when invoice is received.
(as requetsed by Distrct from 2024/25 Financial Year)

Squirrels	756
Beavers	1308
Cubs	1836
Scouts	1080
	£
	4,980

Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st March 2026

2nd Oundle Scout Group

Charity Number 308127

The Joan Strong Centre,
East Road, Oundle, PE4 4BZ

Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the charity for the period **1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026** were:

Mr. Malcolm Postlethwaite	Chair
Mrs. Kath Tonks	Treasurer
Mr Peter James	Secretary
Mrs. Helen Charlton	Member
Mrs Sheila Pick	Member

Structure, Governance & Management

The 2nd Oundle Scout Groups 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 is constituted according to the Policies and Rules of the Scout Association as described in its Policy, Organisation & Rules (POR Document). The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

The Group consist of a Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack & Scout Troop. The Group also hosts a branch of Explorer Scouts partnered with The Nene Valley District

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. 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.

This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high- quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Trustees are selected in accordance with our Constitution (POR Chapter 5) and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 3 Trustees (including 1 Ex Officio Trustee) and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete "Being a Scouts Trustee" learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board.

The Joan Strong Centre where the Group meet is voluntarily run by the Oundle Scout & Guide Joint Management Committee, and is used by the 2nd Oundle Scout Group, Oundle Girlguiding Group, and is hired out to various local community groups and the general public for parties and other activities.

The Joan Strong Centre is leased from Oundle Town Council. After 9 years, we continue to be in a lease renewal negotiation process with the Town Council that will ensure the continued use of the building for Scouting & Guiding for the next 25 years.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board identifies the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. These are reviewed and systems established to mitigate against them. The main areas of control that have been identified are:

Control of money & property. The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Damage to the building, property and equipment. 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 Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. Training materials supplied by the Scout Association ensure trustees and section leaders are aware of these particular risks and the necessary preventative measures.

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 Board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing 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.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 18. 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.

Objectives & Activities

Scouting aims to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. This is achieved by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise & Law, guided by adult leadership.

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

Achievements & Performance

The Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and Scout Troop have enjoyed a variety of indoor and outdoor activities each having a strong focus on learning to work together through games, teamwork, and helping in the local community. Some highlights from the last year are:

Personal skills development

- Knots, Hiking, Map Reading, Emergency & First Aid, Fire Safety, Road Safety, Cyclist, Basic Car Mechanics, Fire Lighting, Navigating, Astronomy, Backwoods Cooking, Knife Safety
- Climbing, Raft Building, Bowling, Sailing, Athletics, High Wires, Canoeing, Hillwalking
- Discussions & debate on the local environment, and the wider world
- Young Leader training and Duke of Edinburgh Award

Recognition

- The board are delighted to record that:
  - **Pam Weatherington** was recognized in the King's 2026 New Years Honours list as a Medallist of the **Order of the British Empire** for her exceptional "services to the young people of Oundle"; particularly her work at St Peter's Church, and also at 2nd Oundle Scout Group.
- During the year we congratulated **3 Beavers** for obtaining their **Chief Scout's Acorn**, **7 Beavers** for achieving their **Chief Scout's Bronze Award**, **7 Cubs** for completing their **Chief Scout's Silver Award.**

Group Activities

- Group hike to Barnwell Country Park and renewal of Promises for St. George's Day.
- The Group Summer Camp held at Shacklewell Scout camp site.
- A well supported Remembrance Day parade in Oundle.
- A successful Pub Style Quiz with a Cheese & Wine supper fundraising event.
- Helping as Elves at Santa's Grotto at the Oundle Town Christmas Market.

Public Benefit Statement

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.

Financial Review

The Group continues to move forward into the next year in a solid financial position.

Funding. Funds are received through subscription, fund raising, hiring out of the Joan Strong Centre and from grants. A Gift Aid scheme is also operated to help with the running expenses of the Group.

Expenditure. Funds are spent to:

- Provide appropriate activities for all sections of the groups to meet our stated objectives.
- Maintain The Joan Strong Centre as a safe environment.

Reserves Policy. The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustees seek to hold a level of reserves appropriate to the risk exposure of the group to certain events and expected major expenditure in the immediate future. The risks identified include disruption to scouting activities caused by the loss of or damage to premises and equipment, cyber-attack on IT resources and reputational damage in the unlikely event of an adverse circumstance. The Trustees are of the view that the current level of reserves is appropriate to cover these risk areas. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to circa £12k to cover the risks identified.

The Group held reserves of approximately £25k at year end. This is above the level to cover identified risks. However, this can be explained by the need to hold cash reserves to pay for Scout Association 2026 capitation (£5k) payable in the April following year end, to maintain & improve the Joan Strong Centre, to purchase new Equipment used by all sections as identified through premises & equipment risk assessments, and money put aside to pay for any legal advice with respect to the on-going Joan Strong Centre lease renewal or purchase negotiations with Oundle Town Council.

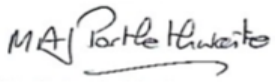
Investment Policy. The Group's Income and Expenditure is small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a risk adverse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using a mainstream bank.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Mr Malcolm Alan James Postlethwaite
Board of Trustees Chair
11th June 2026



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 2nd Oundle Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are set out on pages 2 to 5. This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under Section 145 of the Charities Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993(the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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23rd June 2026