4th ROMSEY (Bramshaw) SCOUT GROUP

Registered Charity: 308215

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2026

Reference and Administration Details

4th Romsey (Bramshaw) Scout Group is a registered charity (registration number 308215) and is situated at Howard Chandler Scout Hut, Lyndhurst Road, Landford, SP5 2DW.

The following acted as trustees during the year:

Louise Forgan	Chair
John Heagren	Group Lead Volunteer
Catherine Bryant	Treasurer
Mike Bryant	Trustee
Lizzie Paton	Trustee
Nigel Webster	Trustee
Chris Collins	Trustee
Gideon Aymes	Trustee
Gemma Middleton	Trustee

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association. These consist of a Royal Charter which in turn gives authority to the byelaws and to The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Association.

The Group is a trust established under rules that are common to all scout groups.

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

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.

The 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.

Risk and Internal Control

Our Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, we regularly review the risks and are come up with a plans to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property, and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property, and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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 Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fundraising. 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

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 6 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.

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.

Objectives and Activities
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. '

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.

Under the Charities Act 2011, 4th Romsey Scout Group is required to demonstrate that its aims are for the public benefit. The Group Trustee Board confirms that it has taken account of the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and that in its assessment the Group has met the public benefit criteria. Two principles demonstrate that Scouting's aims are for the public benefit: the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development:

- Principle 1a: Scouting enables young people to develop towards their full potential
- Principle 1b: the clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of Scouting
- Principle 1c: the safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits Scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks.
- Principle 2a: the aim of Scouting refers to young people and the beneficiaries, aged between 6 and 25.
- Principle 2b: full scouting membership is restricted to young people who are willing to make the Scout Promise.
- Principle 2c: 4th Romsey (Bramshaw) Scout Group does not exclude those in poverty from its benefits. While the Group charges a subscription to members, the benefits of Scouting are not restricted by the ability to pay. Locally there are arrangements to waive subscriptions and other costs for young people who cannot afford to pay.
- Principle 2d: any private benefits from Scouting are incidental.

Achievements and Performance

- We have run another successful Summer Fayre fundraising event, raising nearly £8000. Although a decrease from the previous year (probably due to lower turnout as the weather so so hot) this is an amazing amount of money.
- We have secured a wonderful number of grants, totalling £22207.
- The grants have funded a new roof, new windows, tents, a trailer, buoyancy aids and helmets.
- We have redecorated our the main hall.
- We have ensured continued compliance with the rules of the Scout Association and the Charity Commission.

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 Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold approximately £10,000. This requirement is factored into the financial review undertaken by the Group Trustee Board each year and the annual subscriptions are reassessed and set at an appropriate level to maintain a reserve in line with this policy.

Building and Maintenance Policy

As we own the premises where all sections meet - The Howard Chandler Scout Hut, we also need to ensure we have adequate funds to maintain and repair the hut. The Group Trustee Board have decided that £10,000 be set aside for building costs. These costs include, but are not limited to, ongoing maintenance; repairs; improvements; extensions; upgrading systems; making the hut more environmentally friendly.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and consequently does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using a mainstream bank, Nat West, in a Community Account and an instant access, interest payable Business Reserve

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Financial Review

We have had a very good year. The accounts have been drawn up on a cash accounting receipts and payments basis as in previous years. The accounts for the year to 31st March 2026 report an increase of £1290.

In accordance with the POR (Policy Organisation & Rules) of the Scout Association, the Census payments are offset against subscriptions. 2025/26 subscription income was £13759, roughly in line with subs last year.

In August we held a very successful Summer Fayre. Combined with the Splottery we had a record profit of nearly £8000. We are planning and organising another Summer Fayre on Nomansland Green on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August. We desperately need volunteers run a number of stalls, please do help if you possibly can. Thank you.

Gift Aid also increased from HMRC, raising over £2210, for the second year running, this is more than the previous year. We thank all parents and carers for signing up this year. It is so simple for us to administer, so please consider signing up if you don't already.

If any parents who would like to nominate 4th Romsey in their company's matched funding, please get in touch! Again, this year we raised an additional £750 after the fayre in matched funding. Thank you, Lesley Ellis. We also have Easy Fundraising with Amazon, which this year raised over £199. It's very simple to set up. Please get in touch for more details.

John Heagren has, almost single-handedly, secured a wonderful number of grants, totalling £22207. The grants have funded a new roof, new windows, tents, a trailer, buoyancy aids and helmets.

Capitation (Census) is our membership fee to the Scouts Association and includes a levy to the district, county and national HQ. It is by far the largest outgoing we have at £6653. This, I suppose, is a sign of how well the group is doing, with almost 100 young people on roll.

Another major cost this year have been repairs to the van, over £2453. The van is invaluable to all sections, so it is important we keep it in good condition.

Energy and insurance are as ever expensive, but obviously necessary. Thanks to Nigel Webster for making an inventory of all the equipment in the hut. Our insurance policy has been updated to reflect the massive amount of equipment.

Programme of activities

Our sections continue to enjoy and develop through the exciting and varied programme that is offered for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. 4th Romsey (Bramshaw) Scout Group also hosts an Explorer Scout Unit, which enables our young people to continue through Scouting until the age of 18. Our leaders continue to invest significant amounts of time and energy in providing a rewarding and enriching programme of activities for all members.

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	P Louise Forgan	Catherine Bryant
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	9th June 2026	

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4th Romsey (Bramshaw) Scout Group (Charity No. 308215)
Receipts and payments account

Year end date

For the year from	4/1/2025	To	3/31/2026

Receipts and payments

	2025/03 Unrestricted funds £	2026/03 Unrestricted funds £
Receipts		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
All sections income events, trips, camps etc	15,355	18,566
Subs	13,404	13,759
HMRC Gift Aid	1,755	2,210
Sub total	30,513	34,535
Grants		
see attached table		22,207
Sub total		22,207
Fundraising events (gross)		
Online shopping commissions	105	199
Summer Fayre and Splottery	12,643	9171
matched funding	750	750
Derek Langford Memorial	916	
Sub total	14,414	10,120
Scout hut income		
Explorers' rent		250
Sub total		250
Investment income		
Bank interest		363
Building Society interest		
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		
Other investment income		
Sub total		363
Total Gross Income	44,927	67,475
Asset and investment sales, etc.		
Total receipts	44,927	67,475

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Receipts and payments

	2025/03 Unrestricted funds £	2026/03 Unrestricted funds £
Payments		
Capitation	6,192	6,653
Hut and volunteer insurance	1,020	1,979
Building and maintenance costs	589	2,435
Van costs	1,444	1,073
Energy	1,457	713
Pennon Water	121	135
Individual sections meeting costs, events, trips, camps	18,167	19,946
Presents	163	56
Ace Liftaway waste	230	323
Fire safety certificates	256	137
Shed roof	3192	
Windows	2,589	7,453
Hut Roof		12,300
EICR		350
Water safety equipment		2,326
Tents		1,808
Trailer		5,150
Summer 2026 camp ferry		1,194
Sub total	35,421	64,030
Fundraising expenses		
Summer Fayre and Splottery	3,172	2,154
Other fundraising costs		
Sub total	3,172	2,154
Total Gross Expenditure	38,593	66,185
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		
Total payments	38,593	66,185
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,335	1,290
Cash funds last year end	21,636	27,970
Cash funds this year end	27,971	*29,260*
	ok	ok

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2025 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2026 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	1,238	1,014.78
Bank deposit account	26,732	28,245.06
Building society account	-	
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	
Cash/Floats	-	
Total cash funds	27,970	29,260
(agree balances with receipts and payments account)	ok	ok
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	-	
Shop stock	-	
Other stock	-	
Land and buildings	205,371	228,360
Motor vehicles		
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	18,700	73,212
Other		
Sub total	224,071	301,572
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	
Loan - detail	-	
Other liabilities	-	
Sub total	-	
Total net assets	252,041	330,832

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 24th June 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name
	Chair
	Treasurer

Template for the scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of [4th Romsey Scouts]

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on page 1 to 3.

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Name: Jeffery A King
Address: Porth Castell, Cefn Coch, Llanrhaeadr YM, Oswestry, SY10 0BJ
Date: 16/05/2026

Signed: