1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

for the year ending

31st March 2026

Charity Number = 308236
Charity Reference Number = XN62767

1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 March *2026*

Section A Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objectives of the group is as a unit of the Scout Association. **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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Group main function is to support the sections in achieving the aims of the Scout Association. The Provision of Scouting within the Group is totally dependent on the contribution made by volunteers.
Public Benefit	The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit on deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Membership subscriptions are charged to cover the immediate running costs of the Group and these do not unduly restrict membership. The Group follows the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscriptions Two key principles demonstrate scouting's aims are for the public benefit are that through the scout method young people develop towards their full potential and there is a clear link between the benefits for young people and the purpose of scouting. The safety of young people is taken very seriously and the benefits scouting activities provide far outweigh the risks. Any private benefits from scouting are incidental, other than to those as beneficiary.

Section B Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The Group has delivered a fun, varied and challenging programme over the course of the year for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts. Each section holds regular weekly meetings taking care to react to any instances of covid 19 within each age group. The Group held a very successful Group camp near Bath and both the Cubs and Scouts held very successful camps. The Group Trustee meetings have continued to be held regularly both in person and online. We are continuing to develop a strategy for the future regarding the Scout HQ. We are looking at several options including the redevelopment of the site.

Section C Financial review

Policy on Reserves	The Group 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's trustee Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, approximately £10k The Group held free reserves of approximately **£160k** against this at year-end
Further financial review details	The Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments. The Group has therefore adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

Section D Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Group 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 The Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
How the charity is constituted	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
Additional governance issues	The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Committee, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees" of the Scout Group that 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 applicable
	The committee consist of 11 Independent members who meet at least 6 times a year **Ex – officio** Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Joint Group Scout Leaders **Nominated** ***3 (Section leaders)*** **Elected Members 3** ***NB nominated members cannot be a greater number than elected members***
	This Group trustee Committee exists to support the Group Leaders in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.
	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

Section E Reference and administration details

Charity Name	1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group
Charity Number	XN62767
Charity's principal address	35 Leigh Park Road, Bradford on Avon

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	**Office**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**
	Ex Officio		
1	Jarrod Hill	Chairperson	
2	Nicholas McGrogan	Secretary	
3	Graham Cheshire	Treasurer	
4	Christopher Pugh	JGSL	
5	Alistair Purches	JGSL	
6			
	Nominated		
	Pauline Hurley	Leader (Beavers)	
	Frazer Buxton	Leader (Cubs)	
	Tim Doran	Leader (Scouts)	
	Elected		
	Tim Yeomans	Premises	
	Vacant	Parent Rep	
	Vacant	Community Rep	

Name and address of advisor

Type of advisor	**Name**	**Address**
Independent Scrutineer	Mr Paul Nicholson	11, Northleigh, BOA, Wilts. BA15 2RG

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	***Graham Cheshire***

Full name	**Graham Cheshire**

Position held	**Group Treasurer**

Date	***23rd October 2026***

Scrutineer's report to the trustees

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Bradford on Avon Scout Council

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

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group'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 of the 1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group.

Scrutineer's Statement

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

Name: Paul K. Nicholson

Address: 11, Northleigh

Bradford on Avon

Wiltshire BA15 2RG

Date: 1/6/2026

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1st Bradford on Avon Scout Group

Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026
Receipts and payments			
Receipts	**2025/26 Unrestricted funds £**		**2024/25 Unrestricted funds £**
Donations, legacies and similar income			
Membership subscriptions	14872.96		14390.33
Less:Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	-5347.50		-5778.00
Net membership subscriptions retained	9525.46		8612.33
Donations	14190.00		5852.66
Legacies	0.00		0.00
Gift Aid	3253.84		2687.38
Camps	15507.59		14791.95
Sub total	42476.89		31944.32
Grants			
Maintenance grant	0.00		0.00
Other grants	87916.74		3000.00
Sub total	87916.74		3000.00
Fundraising (gross)			
Uniform including badges	203.44		156.10
Other fundraising activities	1043.25		0.00
Sub total	1246.69		156.10
Investment income			
Bank interest	185.69		383.96
Building Society interest	1328.56		1293.71
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00		0.00
Property Rent income	0.00		0.00
Other investment income	0.00		0.00
Sub total	1514.25		1677.67
Total Gross Income	133154.57		36778.09
Asset and investment sales, etc.	0.00		0.00
Total receipts	133154.57		36778.09

For the year from		01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

Payments	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds £
Charitable Payments		
Youth programme and activities (Subs to sections)	2190.00	2200.00
Group Development	16141.42	30955.00
Rent	140.36	134.40
Water and Sewerage	782.60	653.80
Electricity and Gas	1431.86	1084.30
Insurance	2354.42	2509.59
Repairs and Renewals	197.80	906.52
Materials and equipment	1887.14	3286.52
Camp costs: Scouts Activities, Group Camp 2022 & 2023, Scout Camp 2022, Cub Camp 2023	10325.59	15564.48
Uniforms	271.80	0.00
Internet	452.47	390.36
Premises - Cleaning	1167.59	1223.11
Community	257.51	30.00
Section Expenses (Group Responsibility)	813.70	2406.24
Sub total	38414.26	61344.32
Fundraising expenses		
Other fundraising costs	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Total Gross Expenditure	38414.26	61344.32
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	0.00	0.00
Total payments	38414.26	61344.32
Net of receipts/(payments)	94740.31	-24566.23
Cash funds last year end	65653.33	90219.56
Cash funds this year end	160393.64	65653.33

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2026 Unrestricted funds £	31st March 2025 Unrestricted funds £
Cash funds		
Bank current account	29354.68	12800.36
Bank Savings Account (Development)	95240.49	18383.06
Building society account	35798.47	34469.91
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	0.00	0.00
Cash/Floats	0.00	0.00
Total cash funds	160393.64	65653.33
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	0.00	0.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	0.00	0.00
Insurance claim	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Investment assets		
Investment property - detail	0.00	0.00
Quoted investments	0.00	0.00
Other investments - detail	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Badge stock	0.00	0.00
Shop stock	0.00	0.00
Land and buildings	0.00	0.00
Motor vehicles	0.00	0.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00
Liabilities		
Bursary Fund	47621.53	4000.00
Scout Site Development	44200.21	
Scout Activities	546.97	93.40
Beavers & Explorers	1187.51	898.01
Group Kit reserves	4941.80	2891.16
Other liabilities (Camps)	2430.42	682.45
Sub total	100928.44	8565.02

Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 26th May 2026 (the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Print Name	
	Jarrod Hill	Chairman
	Graham Cheshire	Treasurer