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14th Tonbridge Sea Scouts

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year ended 31 December 2025

Charity Number 308284

Address:

Weir View Hut

River Walk

TN9 1EP

Trustees:

Donna Western Chair

Katrina CalvertTrustee

Governing Document

Royal Charter dated 4th January 1912 as amended by supplemental charter dated 28th March 1949, as amended on 18th February 1959, as amended on 5th May 1967, as amended on 19 July 1991.

Objectives and Activities

To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Achievements and Performance

Our Group continues to maintain strong membership and leaders, we now have over 145 young people across Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Sea Explorers. We are supported by over forty committed leaders and other regular helpers who make it possible to run nearly every day of the week during the boating season. We have regular meetings on Monday, Thursday and Friday nights, along with Sunday sailing for Scouts and Explorers at Bough Beech. The Beavers take part in wide range of fun and games at the Weir View Hut on a Monday evening, they have increased their badge work this year including communications, nature, art and collectors badges. They also get to enjoy going out on the water during the boating season, this includes a water-fight and ice-cream trips to the Country park. The Cub Pack enjoyed boating activities including kayaking, motor-boating, Stand up paddling boarding and pulling during the summer months, an Autumn Fancy dress party, and a Christmas party at the end of term. They made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, created light boats for Diwali, and also completed their First Aid badge. We have also issued a record number of badges for Home help, Hobbies, Collectors, Swimmers and Art badges. Cub Camp was held in Sevenoaks and included, backwards cooking, Air Rifle shooting, Archery, Crete Stacking,

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Assault courses and a Nike to the local Nature reserve. The Sea Scout Troop have been engaged in the usual wide range of activities during the year, including a weekly knot skills, an Ice-skating evening for both Scouts and Explorers, and wide games. As well as the Nautical Skills badge-work, they have been enjoying kayaking, rafting, stand up paddling boarding and pulling on the river. The Explorers completed spring term badge work including First Aid and Science, as well as the typical Nautical Skills badge work. They then engaged in a all weather summer season of boating, including Rafting, Kayaking, SUPs, and water skills - ensuring they have fun and learn the correct way to handle all craft. We also successfully managed to train an Explorer in Power boat skills, leading to our first under 18 PB2 permit. Summer Camp for Sea Scouts and Explorers was held in Bedford for the second time. Our Scouts and Explorers enjoyed a program of kayaking, SUPs, rafting, hiking, camp fires, cooking and games. We took 62 young people and 25 helpers. This year, we will be back to Lymington to add the power boating and sailing Bedford can not offer as it's inland. I am pleased to report that the Group's financial position remains healthy. Our cash position was £69,130 at 31 December 2025 compared to £69,380 at 31 December 2024. We would like to thank the generosity of a number of donors, and we continue to generate other income through fund raising activities such as the Water Fundays that we organise for Cubs, Scouts and Guides in the District; and also from Gift Aid received on the subs and other donations. Gift Aid remains an important source of income for the Group. The 14th Tonbridge manage the Weir View Hut for the District as well as using it for our own activities. Once again this year, on behalf of the Group Executive, I would like to thank all of the Leaders, helpers, parents and other volunteers who give so much of their free time, and so much energy to make the 14th Tonbridge Sea Scout Group such a wonderful experience for all our Young People. Our priorities for 2027 are to continue to reinforce the leadership team with new volunteers so that we can continue to deliver the large number of activities that we currently do for the 145 or so Young People in our Group, and to purchase new parts and upgrade the ageing Sailing fleet, which will require at least £3000, as well as £1500 of replacement camping equipment and canvas.

Public benefit statement

The Charity meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Signed for the Trustees

Signed by:

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Name Donna Western

Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 14th Tonbridge Sea Scouts

Charity Number 308284

I report on the accounts of the above charity ("The Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed by:
Anthony Grubb
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Anthony Grubb
Chartered Certified Accountant
9 Quarry Rise, Tonbridge, TN9 2QP

Date: 10/24/2026

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2025

Charity Number 308284

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Subscriptions	23,004	20,634
Activities	27,266	23,747
Other income	5,410	14,973
	55,680	59,354
Payments		
Activity expenses	(28,980)	(22,924)
Administration expenses	(809)	(1,970)
Premises costs	(5,711)	(1,407)
Fees	(9,605)	(8,447)
Insurance	(4,109)	(4,031)
Training	(315)	(125)
Equipment costs	(2,843)	(980)
Bank fees	(1,831)	(1,835)
Other Expenses	(1,727)	(897)
	(55,930)	(42,616)
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(250)	16,738

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period

	2025	2024
	£	£
Group bank account	9,547	24,740
Deposit account	59,583	48,619
Creditors	£0	(3,979)
	69,130	69,380
Funds brought forward	69,380	52,642
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(250)	16,738
	69,130	69,380

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed by:

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