1ST CLEVEDON SCOUT GROUP

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2025

Scouts

1st Clevedon

Charity No 308315

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE GROUP CHAIRMAN

2025 was a year of stability, taking stock and planning for the future. Leader numbers stabilised, members numbers stabilised, no major infrastructure works due to recent large expenditures. In 2026 we need to focus on bringing in more volunteers to assist the leaders and Trustee committee.



James Wootton

Group Chairman

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name	1st Clevedon Scout Group	
Charity Number	308315	
Contact Address	C/O James Wootton 1st Clevedon Scout Group Great Western Road Clevedon BS21 6HG	
Current Trustees	James Wootton	Chairman
(ex officio)	Matthew Watkins	Treasurer
	Olivia Handley	Group Scout leader
	Mike Provis	Executive member
	Mike Viney	Scout Leader
	Hayley White	Cub Leader/Secretary
Elected	Nikki Hetherington	Hall Hire Secretary
Other trustees who served during the year	N/A	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC 16 The Triangle Clevedon BS21 6NG Banking Signatories: Chair & Treasurer	
Independent Examiner	Chris Davies Certified Accountant J&AW Sully Accountants	

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Group operates in terms of the Constitution of the Scout Association, which was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1912, and the Policy, Organisation & Rules ("POR") of the Scout Association.

Appointment of Trustees

The Group Executive Committee are the charity's trustees. The Group Scout Leader, Group Chair, Group Secretary and Group Treasurer are, ex-officio, members of the Executive Committee.

The Section Leaders have the right of membership of the Executive Committee but are not required to be members.

Other members have been elected.

Organisational Structure

The Group Scout Council is the electoral body, which supports Scouting in the Scout Group. It is the body to which the Group Executive Committee is accountable. Membership of the Group Scout Council comprises:

• parents of Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts in the Group;

• section Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants;

• skills Instructors, Administrators and Advisers; Patrol Leaders;

• members of the Group Active Support Unit; any other supporters including former Scouts and their parents who may be admitted by the Group Scout Leader, the Group Executive Committee or the Group Scout Council;

• the District Commissioner and the District Chair.

The Group Scout Council must hold an Annual General Meeting within six months of the financial year-end to:

• receive and consider the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Group Executive Committee;

• approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair and nominated members of the Group Executive Committee;

• elect a Group Secretary, Group Treasurer and certain members of the Group Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Group's affairs and normally meets on a monthly basis.

Risk Assessment It is a Scout Association requirement that Health & Safety matters are considered at each Executive Committee meeting and that all Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Executive Committee

Members and any other adult helpers must be members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups ("PVG") Scheme or hold an Enhanced Disclosure obtained via the Scout Association from Disclosure Scotland within the last five years.

All leaders have gone through a one day first aid training course and many are progressing through their Scout training to obtain their Wood Badge.

All subscriptions and other payments i.e., for camp, are being encouraged to be made through OSM to reduce cash within the Charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the Scout Association is 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.

The method of achieving the aims of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership. The Scout Group is responsible for supporting Scouting within Limekilns and the surrounding area.

In furtherance of these objectives, the Group continues to run weekly sessions for all Sections during School term time and to organise events, outings and camps throughout the year to encourage the development of our young people.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Executive Committee

Looking back, in 2025 no major infrastructure work was completed as we look to build reserves up again following large spend in previous years. We did receive higher membership subscriptions due to correcting admin on OSM allowing back subs to be paid out. Various camps were completed and we continued our support of the Swiss Valley football event which brings in a new source of revenue for us.

Looking forward 2026 will bring more challenges on volunteers work load so we need to recruit more volunteers. We need to add more exec volunteers to assist or we may continue to lose some private hire income in 2026. On the infrastructure side there are plans to revamp the lighting, toilets and stores in 2026.

Member numbers

	2025	2024
Squirrels	14	**14**
Beaver Scouts	45	**37**
Cub Scouts	46	**40**
Scouts	17	**19**
Explorer Scouts	0	**0**
Total Young People	**108**	**110**
Young Leaders	6	**6**
Total	**114**	**116**
Adult leaders	18	**12**
Overall % Change	**-2%**	

Learning and development in Group activities

The purpose of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full potential - physical, intellectual, social and spiritual – as individuals, responsible citizens and members of local, national and international communities.

Overview of activities of the units

1st Clevedon Scouts has grown, according to census numbers as much as 20%, which is exciting and in no small part due to vibrant programmes being offered in Squirrels and Beavers (as the usual entry point of a young person) which is creating some 'lifelong' members. We have played host to a number of returning young people as part of their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering, and happily a number have chosen to remain with us long after their mandatory three or six months. We have this year also seen our first in a long while, pair of leaders who have been with us since Beavers and slipped straight into adult roles on turning 18.
The Squirrel Drey goes from strength to strength with parent helpers becoming part of the team 'the norm' with wonderful programme contributions from a wide array of professions, interests and passions. The Beavers have been very busy, with trips and visits to everything from the police training centre, paddle boarding the lake to handling snakes and lizards, with Brunel Beavers enjoying a monthly forest school at Tyntesfield using their Education Group Pass. The Cubs have enjoyed their Summer camp, their Spring camp and now are plotting when to add in their Winter camp. The Scouts have done similarly, and all our Cubs and Scouts have enjoyed their tropical forest Summer camp to Devon last Summer, with low mist, cloudbursts and a steamy marquee making us feel like we were somewhere much farther from home than Collard Bridge. As ever, the Group Camp in September was a chance for the whole group to gather, spend time together and build on this

group tradition.
Our HQ has seen an organisational overhaul with the appointment of our new QM, Mike Viney. We are facing a new challenge and its effects are hard to predict, with the introduction of parking charges on 'our' carpark by the council. The impact on our sections is fairly minimal, but for our hall hire users, it could prove problematic. There are moves locally to legally challenge the council so we are watching and waiting.
The trustees are working away behind the scenes, planning overhaul to the toilet facilities, upstairs space and a redecoration to the hall

Engaging with parents/carers

The Group continues to engage parents and carers and now benefits from support at most of the Beaver and Cub evenings.

Work still needs to be undertaken to encourage parents / carers to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Hall Hire

In generally a good year for hall hire.

Little City has chosen to hire our hall on a more regular basis throughout the year, and Adventure Babies add on extra sessions when demand allows. Age UK returned to hire the hall on a Tuesday morning in April but left again in October, no reason given. However, Little Movers signed up to use our hall at the end of the year, our hall being recommended to them by Adventure Babies. All other existing groups have carried on as normal.

Guide Dogs for the Blind introduced a new computer system at the beginning of 2025. Unfortunately, this was not a straight forward swap of the previous system. This resulted in a delay in being able to raise our invoices against their system for payment. Thankfully this has been resolved and is now working well.

We now have a volunteer to help with caretaker duties for the hall. This person helps out once a month with a general clean and tidy of the downstairs areas and notifies us of any cleaning products that need replacing.

We stopped private hire for parties as this is difficult to accommodate due to low volunteer numbers on the Executive Committee. We are hopeful that this can be reinstated in 2026

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

Our principal sources of income continue to be membership subscriptions and hall hire rents, whereas expenditure primarily relates to Group activities and the running costs of the Scout Hut. In 2025 the Group received no grants (related to COVID-19 or otherwise).

General fund receipts were £33,554.30 and payments £23,870.14 thus resulting in a surplus of £9,684.16

Donated Facilities & Services

Scouting is very dependent on the Leaders, parents and other volunteers without whom the Scout programme could not be delivered. The trustees would like to place on record their thanks to all who have helped to make the Group a success in the past year.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that around six months expenditure (circa £12,000.00) is an appropriate level of reserves in order to cover the timing differences between receipts and payments and to allow for any unexpected items of expenditure. Reserves at the year-end were £41,461.12. While this is above the target range, we need to maintain a balance above £12k and capitation is due in March each year which will significantly reduce the balance on the accounts (expected be around £7k). The Group also wants to put money aside for future large infrastructure improvements. Our reserves policy may need to increase in 2026 in future years due to inflation.

FUTURE PLANS

Building the infrastructure we need for the future

For 2026 the focus will be on prioritising a list of future works, costing them up and building plans to ensure there are funds available, this is to include funds allocated to updating equipment where needed (i.e. back and front doors, tents and improvements in outside space) and revamping indoor spaces i.e. toilets and stores areas

Membership Fees

These are reviewed annually and the decision was made to not make any increases in 2025. With the increase in prices due to inflation and loss of private hire income it is likely that we will need to increase prices in 2026.

APPROVALS

This report was approved by the trustees at the executive meeting on 3rd June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



James Wootton

Group Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1st CLEVEDON SCOUT GROUP

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Clevedon Scout Group for the Year Ended 31st December 2025.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of 1st Clevedon Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on the attached pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of those accounts presented with the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit. Accordingly, 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 below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(i) 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 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records or do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C.I. Davies FCCA
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7th October 2026

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2025**	Total (Prior) 2024
Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions		£ 18,667.02		£ 18,667.02	£ 6,699.38
Bank Interest		£ 197.70		£ 197.70	£ 259.90
Property Rental		£ 10,757.50		£ 10,757.50	£ 12,402.50
Donations		£ -		£ -	£ 500.00
Camps		£ 1,165.04		£ 1,165.04	£ 3,711.36
Fund Raising		£ 2,286.06		£ 2,286.06	£ -
HMRC Charities		£ -		£ -	£ -
Sundries		£ -		£ -	£ -
Premises Running Costs		£ -		£ -	£ 41.70
Premises Improvements		£ -		£ -	£ -
Premises Repairs		£ -		£ -	£ -
Trips		£ -		£ -	£ -
Weekly Events		£ -		£ -	£ -
Trustee expenses		£ -		£ -	£ -
Badge purchases		£ -		£ -	£ -
Uniform purchases		£ -		£ -	£ -
Training		£ -		£ -	£ -
Admin Costs		£ -		£ -	£ -
Other		£ 0.98		£ 0.98	£ 5,000.00
Total Receipts		**£ 33,074.30**	**£ -**	**£ 33,074.30**	**£ 28,614.84**
Payments					
Membership Subscriptions		£ -		£ -	£ -
Bank Interest		£ -		£ -	£ -
Property Rental		£ 515.00		£ 515.00	£ 50.00
Donations		£ -		£ -	£ -
Camps		£ 337.45		£ 337.45	£ 3,631.95
Fund Raising		£ 1,582.41		£ 1,582.41	£ -
HMRC Charities		£ -		£ -	£ -
Sundries		£ 42.27		£ 42.27	£ 106.67
Premises Running Costs		£ 8,564.26		£ 8,564.26	£ 5,489.44
Premises Improvements		£ 475.30		£ 475.30	£ -
Premises Repairs		£ 341.68		£ 341.68	£ -
Trips		£ -		£ -	£ -
Weekly Events		£ 3,006.46		£ 3,006.46	£ 505.89
Trustee expenses		£ -		£ -	£ -
Unit expenses		£ 349.64		£ 349.64	£ 473.33
Badge purchases		£ 1,338.05		£ 1,338.05	£ 696.56
Uniform purchases		£ 50.00		£ 50.00	£ 28.50
Training		£ 60.00		£ 60.00	£ 60.00
Admin Costs		£ 6,642.50		£ 6,642.50	£ 5,287.00
Other		£ 85.12		£ 85.12	£ 5,000.00
Total Payments		**£ 23,390.14**	**£ -**	**£ 23,390.14**	**£ 21,329.34**

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total 2025**	Total (Prior) 2024
Funds Reconciliation					
Balances brought forward		£ 31,776.96		£ 31,776.96	£ 24,491.46
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		£ 9,684.16		£ 9,684.16	£ -
Balances carried forward		**£ 41,461.12**	**£ -**	**£ 41,461.12**	**£ 24,491.46**
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank current accounts		£ 41,461.12		£ 41,461.12	£ 24,491.46
Prepaid cards				£ -	£ -
Cash in hand				£ -	£ -
		£ 41,461.12	**£ -**	**£ 41,461.12**	**£ 24,491.46**
Other Assets					
Scout Hall (RCA ex VAT)		£ 723,000.00		£ 723,000.00	£ 723,000.00
Camping and Other Equipment (RCA ex '		£ 45,600.00		£ 45,600.00	£ 45,600.00
Debtors				£ -	£ -
		£ 768,600.00	**£ -**	**£ 768,600.00**	**£ 768,600.00**
Liabilities					
Creditors (Payable < 12 months)		£ -		£ -	£ -
Long term (due >12 months)		£ 250.00		£ 250.00	£ 250.00
		£ 250.00	**£ -**	**£ 250.00**	**£ 250.00**

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

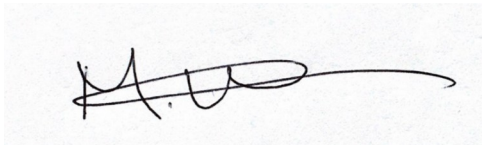
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
Receipts					
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	£31,776.96	£33,074.30	£23,390.14	£0.00	£41,461.12
Restricted Funds	£0.00				£0.00
Total Funds	**£ 31,776.96**	**£ 33,074.30**	**£ 23,390.14**	**£ -**	**£ 41,461.12**

The notes on pages 16-19 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by trustees on 3rd June 2026 and signed on their behalf by:





James Wootton **Matthew Watkins**

Group Chairman Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

The following notes relate to group general policies/legal/statutory requirements

1. **Basis of preparation**
    a. These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with:
        i. The Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005
        ii. The Charities Accounts Regulations 2006 (as amended)
    b. There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts
2. **Fund Accounting**
    a. Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
    b. Restricted funds are those that may only be used by specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
    c. The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 5.
3. **Taxation**
    a. The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.
    b. The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.
4. **Transactions with trustees and related parties**
    a. No remuneration was paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the year
    b. No expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year
5. **Purpose of funds**
    a. General Fund: Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
    b. Restricted Fund: Restricted funds are those that can be expended under the purpose they were given to the group for.

The following notes relate to the group income

6. **Membership subscriptions**
    a. Member's subscriptions are set at £50 per term (second child £40 per term).
    b. Subscriptions received £18,667.02. Subscriptions were higher as we released trapped funds from OSM. This will be a one off and will return to normal levels in 2026
7. **Bank Interest**
    a. Interest receipts were £197.70. Interest accrues on the funds we hold in the bank account that we receive our hall hire receipts. We had lower amount due to lower rates and a smaller balance.

8. **Property Rents**
    a. Hall hire income was £10,757.50. This was lower than 2024 but not as low as expected due to loss of private hire. This may fall in 2026 due to lack of volunteers to help run the hall hire.
9. **Donations**
    a. The group received donations of £0.00.

10. **Camps & Trips**
    a. The group received £1,165.04 in monies for camps. This was lower than last year due to less camps
11. **Fund Raising**
    a. We raised £2,286.06 from the Swiss Valley football tournament.
12. **HMRC Charities**
    a. The group received no income from any charities
13. **Sundries**
    a. The group received £0.00 in sundries.

14. **Weekly events**

    a. The group received £0.00. All weekly events are funded from membership subscriptions

15. **Other**

    a. The Group moved £0.98 from SumUp.

The following notes relate to the group expenditure

16. **Membership Subscriptions**
    a. The group paid £0.00
17. **Property rental**
    a. The group paid £515 which was mainly a refund to Lions for an overbilling (£480), remaining £35 was a key deposit refund
18. **Camps**
    a. The group paid £337.45 for Beaver and Squirrel camps (some costs e.g. food, are in weekly events)
19. **Fund Raising**
    a. The group paid £1,582.41 for the Swiss Valley football tournament costs
20. **Sundries**
    a. The group paid £42.27 Costs relate to cleaning products
21. **Premises Running Costs/improvements/repairs**
    a. Premises Running Costs, the group paid £8,564.26. The troop incurs various annual costs to keep the hall and grounds open/useable, meet legal requirements and improvements such as;
        i. Insurance £2,114.63 May rise due to adding trailer.
        ii. Utilities £4,248.38
            1. Electric £3,482 (credit in 2024)

2. Water £481.50
3. Internet £284.88

iii. Cleaning £761.25

iv. Infrastructure repairs £Nil. Main expenses were:

1. N/A

v. Gardening £1,440.00

vi. Expenses £Nil

b. Premises Improvements £475.30. Outside banners and smoke alarms

c. Premises Repairs 341.68. Toilets and lights

22. Weekly Events

a. The group paid £3,006.46 and covers various activities across the year

23. Trustee expenses

a. The group made no payments to trustees for expenses (2023: Nil)

24. Unit expenses

a. The group paid £349.64 (major amount is OSM costs). This category will be combined with weekly events in 2025

25. Badge purchases

a. The group made badge purchases totalling £1,338.05. Higher than 2024 due to a new Squirrels unit and lots of activities during the year.

26. Uniform purchases

a. The group made payments for uniform purchases of £50

27. Training

a. The group made payments of £60.00. This was for first aid courses.

28. Admin and other expenses

a. The group paid £6.642.50. These expenditures were £6,514.50 for group capitation to Scout Group and £128 for bid costs

29. Other

a. The Group moved £85.12 which was a trailer tyre repair

The following notes relate to the group fixed assets

30. Scout Hall

a. Scout Hall and land – The Scout Group owns the Scout Hall and land at Clevedon. No reliable cost or market value information is available. The building is currently insured for £723,000.00 on a full reinstatement basis. We had the assets revalued in 2023 as part of the move to a new Insurer (Wootton Insurance from Unity Insurance)

31. Camping and Other Equipment

a. The Scout Group owns a large quantity of camping and other equipment which has been acquired over a number of years. No reliable cost or market value information is available. The equipment is currently insured for £45,600. This may increase in 2026 due to the trailer being added.

32. Debtors
    a. At the year-end 1st Clevedon Scouts have outstanding debtors as outlined below
        i. Nil
            1. Period: Nil
            2. Invoice number: Nil
            3. Amount: Nil
33. Long term liabilities (expected to be settled in greater than 12 months)

    a. We current hold key deposits for 10 hall hirers

    b. The key deposits are £25 per hall hirer and are held until they leave and then returned upon successful return of the hall keys. This puts our liability at £250 (10 X £25)