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2nd Penrith Scout Group
Annual General Meeting
Annual Report & Accounts 2025/26

Scouts
2nd Penrith

Foreword

This may be the first time you have attended our Annual General Meeting, and you may be wondering how the group works and is coordinated:

There are three bodies that operate within the Group. The Group council is effectively all adults associated with the group, who normally meet once a year at the AGM. The Trustees are the Body that administers and funds the Group's activities. The Group Scouters Meeting is the body that organises and administers the Scouting activities for the youngsters in the Group.

You are part of the Group Scout Council!

If you are reading this, then you may well be a member of the Group Scout Council. It is the electoral body, which supports Scouting in 2nd Penrith Scout Group. It is the body to which the Trustees are accountable.

Membership of the Group Scout Council is open to and includes: All adult volunteer helpers in the group, patrol leaders, all parents of Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts and any other supporters, including former Scouts and their parents.

Being on the Group Scout Council is an important role. Your job is to meet once per year, at the Annual General Meeting, elect and approve members of the council who will join the Trustees (who handle the day-to-day running of the group), and to receive and approve the annual report of the group.

The Trustees

The Group Chairman and the Group Trustees who are all volunteers, support the Group Scout Leader and ensure the effective administration of the Scout Group. The Group Scout Leader nominates the Group Chairman and the relationship is one of partnership and mutual support.

The Trustees aim to make sure that the Scout Group has the facilities and resources needed to deliver excellent Scouting in the Group.

The Group Scouters Meeting

The volunteer leaders in the Group work with their team of adults (who perform a variety of roles) to deliver an exciting and attractive programme of activities for young people in the Group. Their work is co-ordinated through the Group Scouters' meeting (chaired by the Group Scout Leader), which includes the Section Leaders and Assistants.

2nd PENRITH SCOUT GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 7:30pm

Penrith Scout Hut

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and welcome**

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Governance topics**
   a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25/9/26
   b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)
   c. Note the Group's financial year 6Th April to 5th April.
   d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council
   e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board (10-12)
   f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) (5)

4. **Review of the previous year**
   a. The Group Lead Volunteer's review of Scouts in the 2025/26 year.
   b. Receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board, including the annual Statement of the Accounts

5. **Making appointments**
   a. Appoint the Group Chair.
   b. Appoint the Group Treasurer.
   c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board.
   d. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor.

6. **Presentation of Awards and closing remarks**

MINUTES OF 2nd Penrith Scouts AGM – September 2025

Notes for Chair / Lead Volunteer - Appointments to roles on Trustee Board

3. **Governance topics**

a. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th September 2024

b. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR)

Proposed : Tim Taylor / Seconded : Alex Heape

c. Note the Group's financial year 6Th April to 5th April.

d. Approve appointed and community members of the Group Scout Council

e. Agree the number of members that may be appointed to the Trustee Board : (10-12)

Proposed : Charlie Thornton / Seconded : Tim Taylor

f. Agree the quorum for future meetings of the Group Scout Council (excluding this AGM) : (5)

Proposed : David Rawle / Seconded : Rachel Pimblett

4. **Making appointments**

a. Appoint the Group Chair.

Vacant

b. Appoint the Group Treasurer.

Paul Heape

c. Appoint members of the Group Trustee Board.

Charlie Thornton, Alex Heape, Mary Lawler, Mathew Pimblett, John Wilkinson

d. Appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor: Claire Braithwaite

Annual Reports 2025/26

Chair's Report 2025-26

The position of Group Chair has effectively remained vacant during the 2025-26 year as there were no applications or nominations for the role following Tim Taylor's resignation at the last AGM. The existing Joint Group Lead Volunteers with support from other Trustees have managed the role of Chair through the year and quarterly Trustee meetings have continued to take place with routine governance issues picked up and dealt with as previously.

Going forward, a replacement Chair has been identified which will be combined with the appointment of a new Joint Lead Volunteer for the 2026-27 year.

Group Lead Volunteer's Report 2025-26

2025–26 has been a positive and successful year for 2nd Penrith Scout Group, with achievements across all seven sections, continued stability in our young people's numbers and a growing team of Leader and Young Leaders.

A highlight was our Centenary Family Fun Day in June 2025, despite the questionable weather the event was a huge success, and many are still wearing our Centenary badges which is great to see.

We have welcomed a new leadership team at Wednesday Cubs, while many of our longstanding leaders have been nominated for awards recognising their good conduct and service. We also successfully recruited new Beaver leaders, preventing the closure of our Monday Beaver Colony and ensuring that young people could continue to enjoy the opportunities Scouting provides.

It has been fantastic to see a high number Acorn, Bronze, Silver and Gold top awards achieved across all seven sections, demonstrating the enthusiasm of our young people and the hard work of our leadership teams.

I would like to thank all our volunteers, young people, parents and supporters for their continued commitment. Their contribution ensures 2nd Penrith remains a strong, welcoming Group focused on providing skills for life. I look forward to building on these successes in the coming year.

Rachel.

Treasurer's Report: 6th April 2025 - 5th April 2026

We have had a buoyant year financially. We have achieved a sustainable financial position thanks to a previous increase in subscriptions, the opening of the Squirrel Drey and the uptake of Gift Aid by the majority of parents/carers.

As a result, we finished the year with a net income of approximately £3,800. Group funds were used to subsidise a successful and memorable Centenary celebration at Patterdale Hall. In addition, we have introduced a rolling programme of investment to replenish and update our camping gear and outdoor equipment on a regular basis. For the coming year we recognise the need to use our funds to invest in experiences for young people. We have therefore allocated £300 per section to be used to subsidise camps and/or outdoor activities over the coming year.

Paul Heape (Group Treasurer)

Summary Report

Trustees Annual Report for: 6th April 2025 – 5th April 2026

Constitution

The 2nd Penrith Scout Group is a registered charity (No 503217). The Scout 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. The Scout Group is a trust established under rules, which are common to all Scout Groups, and the 2nd Penrith Scout Group Constitution.

Objectives

The objectives of the Group are as a unit of The Scout Association. The aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities. The method of achieving the aim 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.

Activities

A summary of the main activities of the Group for the year is included in the accompanying Annual Report. We are very appreciative of the considerable amount of voluntary help that is given to all aspects of Scouting throughout the Group.

Reserves

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 consider that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £5000.

Risk

All sectional activities are carried out under the guidelines issued by The Scout Association. 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 insurable risks are covered.

Trustees

The Group is a trust established under its rules, which are common to all Groups. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation & Rules of The Scout Association.

Financial Accounts

The accounts have been drawn up on the receipts and payment basis, which is consistent with the previous year.

Annual Report

Trustees Annual Report for: 6th April 2025– 5th April 2026

TRUSTEES *Ex-Officio*

Appointment	**Name**
Group Chairman	Vacant
Group Secretary	Charles Thornton
Group Treasurer	Paul Heape
Group Lead Volunteer (joint)	David Rawle
Group Lead Volunteer (joint)	Rachel Pimblett

TRUSTEES *Co-opted*
Nominated

Matthew Pimblett

John Wilkinson

BANKERS	Barclays Bank Plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Claire Braithwaite
Group Registration number with The Scout Association	01506
Charity Registration number	503217
Charity Principal Address	The Scout Hut Folly Lane CA11 8BT
Contact Name and Address	David Rawle Hesket Hall, Low Hesket, Carlisle CA4 0EU Mobile: 07910 811199 Email: david.rawle@2ndpenrithscouts.org.uk

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 2nd Penrith Scout Group for the year ended 5th April 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 2nd Penrith Scout Group 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 [Insert Scout Group/District name] accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 2nd Penrith Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Claire Braithwaite

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
AAT Member in Practice

Address: 8 Beckside, Penrith CA11 8RW

Signed:

Date:

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Financial Statement: Year Ended 5th April 2026

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income		
Donation	20.06	948.50
Events	1,572.98	0.00
Events - Beavers	779.70	416.57
Events - Cubs	909.70	439.00
Events - Scouts	9,014.32	7,265.21
Fundraising	0.00	485.11
Gift Aid	4,134.50	2,769.05
Membership Fees	15,095.98	12,868.96
Rent	720.00	560.00
Expense		
Activity Equipment	307.34	223.10
Admin	371.67	429.86
Badges	1,858.83	2,423.15
Bank Fees	1,020.67	802.24
Camping Equipment	955.99	160.45
Events	2,313.57	0.00
Events - Beavers	604.30	287.81
Events - Cubs	759.97	648.99
Events - Scouts	7,536.13	7,507.87
Events - Squirrels	0.00	52.00
Insurance	1,024.94	978.78
Meetings	150.53	41.41
Meetings - Beavers	483.27	765.33
Meetings - Cubs	444.29	601.47
Meetings - Scouts	1,160.30	1,041.44
Meetings - Squirrels	193.47	101.12
Membership Costs	6,259.50	5,852.00
Training	135.00	0.00
Utilities	1,262.92	1,199.83
Venue Maintenance	1,523.69	3,324.92
Account balances		
Barclays Current Account	14,216.13	12,065.83
Equals Business	119.50	119.50
Expense Account	2,622.65	3,892.09
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	16,077.42	13,766.79
Total income	32,247.24	25,752.40
Total expenditure	28,366.38	26,441.77
Net income	3,880.86	-689.37

Account balance carried forward	16,958.28	16,077.42

Financial Statement: Year Ended 5th April 2026

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on and were signed on their behalf by:

Signed	*Nam*	
David Rawle	D.R.	*Chair*
Paul Heape	*PAUL H*	*Treasurer*

Annual Report: Declaration of Approval

The trustees declare that they have approved the Summary Report, Annual Report and Accounts above, for 6th April 2025 to 5th April 2026.

Signed on behalf of the trustees of 2nd Penrith Scout Group:

Signature		Signature	
Full name	DAVID RAWLE	Full name	RACHEL PIMBLETT
Position		Position	

Date			

Date			

Look wide,
beyond your immediate
surroundings and limits,
and you see things
in their right proportion.

Look above
the level of things around you
and see a higher aim and possibility
to your work.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell
Founder of Scouting

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