

Trustees' Annual Report of 5th Penwortham United Reformed Scout Group

Legal and Administrative Details

The 5th Penwortham United Reformed Scout Group was formed on 2nd October 1951 and is registered with the Scout Association under registration number 292373, and which Association exists by the Royal Charter of 1912 and subsequent Supplemental Royal Charters of 1949, 1959, 1967 and 1991. The Group is sponsored by the Penwortham United Reformed Church, Liverpool Road, Penwortham.

The Group is registered with the Charity Commissioners as a separate charity under number 503845.

The Chairperson of the Scout Group is Julie Hainsworth

The Trustees of the Scout Group are detailed below.

The administration of the Scout Group was dealt with by :

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| The Chairperson | Julie Hainsworth |
| Secretary | Vacant |
| Treasurer | Mark Howarth |
| Quartermaster | Oliver Gunning |
| Gift Aid Co-ordinator | Oliver Gunning |
| Fund Raising Chairperson | Sarah Gunning |
| Group Lead Volunteer | Sarah Gunning |
| Assistant Group Scout Leaders | Sammi Unsworth, Steve Banks |

Executive Members who have served this year are :

The above stated members plus Rachel Duke, Stacey Milnes, Tanya Dos Santos, Robert Goodall

The bankers for the Scout Group are :

Yorkshire Bank PLC
44 Fishergate Preston
PR1 8BH

The Trustees of the Scout Group have appointed as Independent Examiner, Mark Rotherham.

The power to appoint trustees is exercisable by the Group Scout Leader and by the Scout Group Council in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The investment powers of the Trustees are unrestricted.

Objectives and Policies

The AIM of the Scout Group as a member 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 this aim is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by Adult Leadership.

The PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY of the Group has been to follow the aim as stated above by using the Scout Association's progressive training scheme based on the Scout Promise and Law under the guidance of the Leaders in the Group.

The Group admits young people to all sections of the Group from 4 year to 14 years. The Group has a healthy number of children.

The aim of the Group Lead Volunteer with the help and support of all the Group's Leaders and Helpers and aided by the Scout Group Trustees, is to carry out the aims and policies outlined above and to provide Scouting and activities of the highest possible quality for the young people in the Scout Group in a totally safe environment.

Future Development, Activities and Achievements

The Group is currently looking for new leaders in all sections to support our current leaders, and we have a healthy number of young people in all sections. If you do wish to help in any way, please speak to the leaders. We are however very well placed to deliver the Scouting Programme and to provide quality Scouting to young people from ages 4 to 14, plus Young Leaders to the age of eighteen.

At our last Census, the Group's figures showed two hundred children plus 25 Young Leaders. We can be justly proud to belong to such a well-supported Scout group.

For the future, "Carry on the Same" - as the quality of Scouting is very high and why change a good thing. We are aiming to DBS clear more adults to help and to recruit more leaders and have them fully trained and we will continue to provide games, crafts, badges, adventurous activities, indoor and outdoor camps etc and whenever we see the opportunity will introduce new activities. We will continue to provide a very high-quality programme of exciting, fun, and adventurous activities for our young people.

5th Pen URC Accounts
Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

| <u>Income</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>£.</u> | <u>£.</u> | | <u>£.</u> | <u>£.</u> |
| Subscriptions | 34,030 | 41,864 | Section Expenses | 12,796 | 14,378 |
| Fundraising | 1,080 | 236 | Uniforms/Neckers/Badges | 2,033 | 2,524 |
| Camps Trips and Events Refunds | 15,929 | 20,135 | Leader Training | 384 | 150 |
| Poppy Appeal | 0 | 0 | Camps Trips/Events | 21,209 | 24,945 |
| Investitures | | 6 | Poppy Appeal | - | - |
| Bank Interest | 268 | 128 | Admin and Sundry Exps | 2,674 | 3,377 |
| Gift Aid Tax Refund | 7193 5,136 | 8,611 | Headquarters Levy | 12,459 | 13,392 |
| Others | 62 | 21 | Donations to Church Sponsor | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| | | 0 | Insurance | 1,372 | 1,054 |
| | | | Fundraising Exps | 217 | |
| | | | Repairs and Gas | 616 | 158 |
| loss | | | Depreciation Charge for Year | 2,327 | 2,909 |

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3,182 -

59,687 71,001

Donations

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Surplus for the Year

4,514

59,687

71,001

Accounts examined independently by

MARK ROTKERAM CIPFA

Mark Rotkeram 18/01/2026

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 5th Penwortham URC Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 5th Penwortham URC Scout Group for the year ended 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 5th Penwortham URC 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 5th Penwortham URC Scout Group 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 5th Penwortham URC Scout Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Mark Rotheram*

Name: *MARK ROTHERAM*

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ~~CIPFA~~ *CIPFA*

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Date: *18/01/2026*