Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Haverfordwest Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Haverfordwest Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Haverfordwest 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 1st Haverfordwest 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 1st Haverfordwest 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.

Signed: 

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Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: AAT

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Date: 05/07/2026

Overall Account Summaries 25-26

	Monthly Income	Monthy Expenditure
Apr-25	4974.72	2160.70
May-25	4928.50	250.00
Jun-25	14304.66	9422.25
Jul-25	3700.90	8344.04
Aug-25	2252.50	711.74
Sep-25	4389.70	5856.00
Oct-25	5312.00	3852.16
Nov-25	2455.35	1896.57
Dec-25	3228.35	86.69
Jan-26	2331.25	8053.55
Feb-26	3334.50	563.49
Mar-26	3671.50	4690.12
Total	**54883.93**	**45887.31**

By Nominal Account	**TOTAL**	**1H/W**	**CD**	**KIJ**	**TOTAL**
Bank Balance 01/04/26	12595.21	4119.96	1215.68	7259.57	**12595.21**
Total Income:	54883.93	31324.51 *	4256.59	19302.83	**54883.93**
Total	**67479.14**	**35444.47**	**5472.27**	**26562.40**	**67479.14**
Total Expenditure	45887.31	17109.29	2615.53	26162.49	**45887.31**
Total	**21591.83**	**18335.18**	**2856.74 ****	**399.91** ***	**21591.83**
Bank Balance 31/03/26	21591.83				

* Includes exceptional Gift Aid Payment of £7876.66

** Transfered to New CDESU Account

*** Suggest transfer nominal balance to 1HW thus closing KIJ figures

Scouts
1st Haverfordwest

Group AGM

Group Lead Volunteer Report 2026

Welcome to our Group's annual general meeting – I have to say this part of my role I find the most difficult, due to Dyslexia I often trip over my own words. So please excuse me if I get something the wrong way around.

It has again been a very busy year; the group continues to grow and thrive. For us adult volunteers we have had a new area lead volunteer – Vikki Phillips and a new District lead volunteer – Sue Clarkson. I would like to personally thank Sue for her support to the group and for the support she provides to me when I need to bounce ideas or issues around.

I would also like to welcome the Mayor and Sheriff of Haverfordwest for giving up their time to join us this evening. I hope you will get to know what a busy youth lead group we are.

On a Tuesday evenings 1st Haverfordwest, has around 90+ young people through our doors, so I hope to able to give you a flavor of what they get to do.

As the young people work through the sections the badge work increases in complexity and difficulty. So, the older they get the more challenging the badge work.

We are a fully inclusive organization and welcome any young person through our doors. We do our up most to accommodate whatever additional support they may require.

Squirrels

Squirrels learn through play and activities.

Our Squirrel dray has continued to thrive under Hannah's care mainly supported by Emma and I up until January, when Rosie has come on board as a new Squirrel and Beaver leader. Thank you, Rosie.

Around Educational commitments we also have 2 fab young leaders Ryan & Nia who kindly support the section.

As we now have 4 adults available, we have been able to increase our dray size to 12 young people. But another adult would be great to take the pressure of for illness or holidays.

This year we have 8 young people achieving their Acorn chief scout awards and the young people in the section have earned 208 badges in the last year.

Along with all the group activities some also spent the day at group camp, and joined in the area activities, which included the 5th anniversary of the scouts forming the Squirrel section and a Christmas party.

Beavers

Beavers also learn through play and activities; the sessions can get quite lively.

The Beavers section is as busy and popular as always, under Emma's lead. Her team Sue, Hanna and Grace have been joined by new leaders Rosie and Sal. A warm welcome to them both.

We try and hold the Beaver section numbers at 24 young people. As very few of our Beavers leave the group this is the highest number we can feed through to Cubs.

This year we have 9 young people who have achieved their Bronze Chief Scout award and Beavers have earned 518 badges in the last year.

Along with their group activities, they also had the opportunity to spend 2 nights at our group camp. They have also joined in area events including Beavers 40th anniversary of the scouts forming the Beaver section, the Christmas party and the area UNO competition.

Cubs

The Cubs section remains as busy as ever. At present I am taking the lead for this, our team Anita, Sally, Nichola and John were joined by Chris just after last year's AGM. Welcome to the team Chris.

Last week on his 18th birthday we also welcomed Ben into a leader's role with us, this made me feel a little old as I recall Ben joined us age 6 as Beaver and we are so proud to have him as part of the adult team. Welcome aboard Ben.

Supporting the cubs and providing excellent role models we have 3 young leaders. Ben who has just take an adult role, but alongside him for the last year has been Ethan and Connor and I thank these young people for their commitment and hard work in supporting the section.

At present our cub section is 30 young people, but this does vary depending on the transfers in from Beavers and when cubs are due to move on to Scouts.

We have 15 young people who have achieved their Silver Chief Scout award and Cubs have earned between them 592 badges in the last year.

We have tried to provide a diverse and active program for the cubs. Along with their group activities, they also had the opportunity to spend

3 nights at our group camp, they have also joined in area Chess and Draughts completion.

Still coming up this year is the Cubs 110-year birthday celebration and the Cubs 6'ers and 2nd'ers day.

In September 2025, one of our Cubs George had the honor of going to Gilwell park to receive The Chief Scout Unsung hero award from Dwayne Fields.

George was awarded this for fundraising, after losing his uncle and aunt to cancer, and seeing his mum fight her own battle. George chose to walk 50 miles in six weeks to raise £150 for a cancer charity.

George smashed his goal, walking 70 miles and raising an incredible £3,300.

Scouts

The Scout section have also been working very hard under the guidance of Tom with Henry, Rob, Grace and John working alongside him. They also have been joined by a new leader Nichola. Welcome to her.

At present they have 25 young people in the section, with many of them being at the younger age range.

We have 6 young people who have achieved their Gold Chief Scout award and Scouts have earned between them 337 badges in the last year.

We had more Scouts attended Jota/Joti in October 2025. We were very grateful to Rob who facilitated our Scout to go to the 14 Signal Regiment base at Brawdy to undertake this activity using more powerful equipment.

We would also like to thank the members of the Royal Electronic and Mechanical Engineer (REME) Regiments for also supporting our Scouts on that day to complete their Mechanics badge.

The program for Scouts has been diverse and active, and lead by youth choice, as so many young people stay, they must be getting something right.

Along with their group activities, they also had the opportunity to spend 3 nights at our group camp and undertake sessions of Sports crossbow and Air riffle shooting in our Dartmouth Steet facility. They also had an opportunity to join a husting prior to the local elections.

Later this year we hope that they will be joining the Harry Dixon shield challenge

Carreg Ddraig ESU

Carreg Ddraig is partnered to our group and are run directly through 14 to 24 District leadership team.

They have grown to 18 young people, with another 4 due to move up from our Scout section by the end of the year. So that 100+ young people through the doors on a Tuesday evening.

Their young people have also earned around 150 badges in the last year.

To support them from when they opened, they managed their monies through 1st Haverfordwest's bank account. The unit has now managed to open their own bank account, so we are in the process of concluding the separation of funds.

Kent international Jamboree 2025

Kent international Jamboree took place in August 2025, and was a 7-night camp. The event was attended by 49 young people, 4 junior jambo's and 19 adults from different groups in the area.

Between 1st Haverfordwest and Carreg Ddraig Explorer unit we have 22 young people attending. Along with 4 junior's and 13 adults. I am reliably informed they had an amazing time.

They spent a week with young people from many other countries – USA, South Korea, Canada, Denmark, France, Ghana, Israel, Kenya, Malta, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Germany and many more.

Without our leader's dedication this could never have happened. I would like to thank them for giving up so much of their time to support our young people. But a special thanks goes to

- Henry our lead on catering,
- Tom as quartermaster and heading up the advanced team with Emma
- Emma and Jess on 1st aid and responsibility for young people's medication.
- Sue for driving our coach.

Another Thank you to Evans coaches for their support with the transport

We actively took part in fund raising to support this activity and thanks goes to those leaders, parents and young people who have joined us at the Fishguard triathlon and long course in Tenby to do marshalling duties for the event. And those who supported the car treasure hunt.

Not forgetting the para-cord buddies being made and sold.

After the event we held an evening to thank all those that donated goods or monies for the event.

Group Camp 2026

In May 26 we held a group camp for all sections in the group and were also joined by Carreg Ddraig, this was held at Quarry Park Camp site in Wiston.

Our thanks to Matt and Caroline who facilitated us taking over the whole site for the 3 nights.

We had 54 young people camping and another 14 young people coming in on day visits.

According to the young people feedback their favorite parts were Tomahawk and Angel throwing, Exploring the woods, Den Building, Camp fires, sleeping in a tent, craft activities and “food” – and they really can eat…..

The explorers also got to sleep 2 nights in the wood in hammocks under Bivy sheets.

Despite the liquid sunshine we had a tiring but enjoyable camp.

The Hogspital

The Beavers and Cubs had a special evening visit from the “Hogspital” hedgehog rescue center. Ginny came with 2 hogs and talk to both groups all about this now significantly endangered animal. We thanked Ginny and the hogs with donations of meaty cat and dog food.

The Darwin Center

The Darwin center have also been into the group on several occasions, and joined us at group camp.

They have been doing bug hunting, sea creatures and space activities.

Our special thanks to Sam Williams from the Darwin center for working with us and making the activities so much fun.

Christmas collection for PATCH

For Christmas 2025 as a group, we did a collection of Toys, food and clothing to go to the charity PATCH. We had a very big car full of donations, so thank you to all the families that supported the collection.

Remembrance Parade & Service

Every year rain or shine as a group we attend the annual remembrance parade and service, 2025 was no different and our young people did us proud as always.

Gilwell Park camp

At the end of this month our brave leaders are off on another 4-night camp. This time to Gilwell park in Chingford, London. For an adventurous activities camp and a day trip in to London to see some sites.

This trip is being led by Tom and Emma. Young people from 1st Haverfordwest and Carreg Ddraig are attending with young people from 5 other Pembrokeshire groups

We have actively taken part in fund raising to support this activity and thanks goes to those leaders, parents and young people who have joined us at the Fishguard triathlon and long course in Tenby to do marshalling duties for the event. This money will go towards offsetting the leader's cost, as we should not expect them to pay to go when they are already given up their annual leave and time to attend.

Joining list

Currently, we have 43 young people on our joining list.
4 young people pre-Squirrel age – under the age of 4
16 young people of Squirrel age – 4 to 6 years
12 young people of Beaver age – 6 to 8
9 young people of cub age – 8 to 10½
2 young people of Scout age – 10½ to 14

Whilst we try our best to bring in as many young people as we can, we are at our maximum numbers for the space we meet in. Also, our retention from younger sections remains very high.

Leadership

Congratulations to Sue Niggemann for completing her Wood-Bead training. This is extended training undertaken by the leaders; they use the skills to help your young people get the best from Scouting

I have some special thank you to make this year…

Hugh-John is stepping down from his role in our group trustee board after being the treasurer for over 33½ years. As a group we would like to

thank you for your dedication and service to all the young people who have gone through the group in that time.

Noel our Chair person has also chosen to step down at this AGM, but will be stay with the trustee board continuing to bring his years of scouting knowledge and support to the group.

I would especially like to thank Geoff – my hubby for the support and patients he has with me when scouting takes over our home. On top of this he is also our quartermaster and cook on local camp.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Albany Church for the continued use of the hall and facilities.

All our leaders and trustee members are volunteers and provide their time and energy free of charge.

I would like to thank them for their commitment to scouting, your young people, and the support they have all provided to me in this role.

In February we were asked to look at what hours all our adults put into Scouting. So, I looked back over all the activities in 2025 and asked for some adult feedback. It covered not only the face-to-face hours with the young people, but adult training, camp planning, traveling, hike prep walks, sleep overs, fundraising, planning meeting, activity preparation time, shopping, trustee meeting, Risk assessments, admin time, accounts, emails, social media management and anything else we could think off….

I was truly shocked when for 2025 our hours worked out for all adults at approximately 2,200 hours per month. An amazingly busy year.

Just the KIJ camp alone for 9 adults totaled around 1,500 hours.

As always, we have room for more adults, (If I haven't just frightened you off…..) we have many roles available from working with youth to behind the scenes. So, if you are interested, please have a chat to one of us.

My final thanks are to you all for joining us this evening and being patient with me getting through my report.

Thank you,

Lynn Phillips

Young Person's Awards

2026	Adventurous	Youth Choose	Most Improved	Outstanding
Squirrels	Dylan Willmett	Marley Jeakins	X	X
Beavers	X	Nathaniel Portwood	Mabon Thomas	Anwen Griffiths
Cubs	X	Thomas Bennet	Oliver Wheeler	Joseia Busisa
Scouts	X	Beth Slowgrove	Connor Betteridge	Xander Elliston-Gray