

Chairman's Report 2024/25

WF8 continues its strong performance in terms of the attendance of young people who have chosen to be part of Scouting.

This is a reflection on our excellent leaders, volunteers and helpers without whom WF8 could not operate, and I would like to thank them for the time, effort and dedication they commit. We must acknowledge the huge amount of work, not only in attending the weekly meetings but also the time given to planning activities, maintaining their training and certification and generally running around to make everything happen. Matt, our Group Lead Volunteer, will cover in more detail the development of volunteers across all sections who are continuing to develop as and provide leadership in support of our young people.

We continue to invest in the hut and grounds with regular basic maintenance and statutory inspections. This comes at a cost, which is allocated from the subs our members pay. We continue to review the needs of the group and the buildings to ensure they are safe and secure. There are currently plans to install a new, more robust front entrance door.

Our finances remain healthy and despite the continuing cost of living increases we have again maintained subscriptions at the same level for the last 12 months. We think this offers excellent value for money but it is something we are reviewing as the costs associated with running the group are increasing. In terms of future building maintenance/emergency we hold a contingency fund of £12,000. We hold £3,000 as an operational contingency fund.

The group maintains a website through which most of our communications are posted and the group can also be followed on Twitter.

We now have a change of chair for our Board of Trustees, with Giles Atkinson taking over from Roger Alltree at this year's AGM. We would like to record our thanks to Roger for his work as Chair, in particular his work in caring for the premises. We should also continue to recognise the help and support provided by Vikki Baker (in the role of secretary) and Louise Alltree (in the role of Group Treasurer).

We would also like to welcome Katerina Waterland as a new trustee and note that Sarah O'Neil has stepped down. As ever, we are in need of more parent/carer volunteers to ensure representation from Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs. The small section of people who put in time and effort to keep things running would welcome additional help behind the scenes to keep WF8 Scout Group remain as successful as it is.

WF8 remains a strong group with good numbers of young people as members, with a dedicated leadership team. We are grateful to have these volunteers who continue to carry out their training in order to properly look after our sections and make progress on their own journey in Scouting.

There have been a number of changes to the way Scouts operates this year, and Matt will cover some of that in his report.

WF8 and its volunteers wish to thank the young people who Scout with us, as well as their parents and guardians, and we look forward to another exciting year of Scouting.

Giles Atkinson

Chair

Income & Expenditure Report

WF8 Scout Group

01-APR-2024 - 31-MAR-2025

	Current Yr	Current Yr	Prior Yr	Prior Yr
INCOME				
4000 Donations, subs and similar income		19,785.79		20,727.80
4001 One off joining fee	304.00		229.79	
4002 Subs paid into wrong account	329.00		180.00	
4005 Membership subscriptions	14,750.00		15,850.00	
4010 Donations	479.00		250.00	
4015 Fundraising	188.38		1,030.24	
4020 Gift Aid	2,936.35		3,187.77	
4025 Other similar income	190.06		0.00	
4026 Meeting contributions	609.00		0.00	
4100 Camps		5,407.00		6,320.29
4101 District Event Income	1,605.00		1,976.70	
4105 Camp income	3,719.00		3,964.04	
4115 Other	83.00		379.55	
4300 Fundraising income		1,164.90		1,918.50
4315 General Event Sales	0.00		404.00	
4325 Plod	1,164.90		1,514.50	
4400 Other Income		427.14		2,119.28
4405 Electricity refund	117.00		119.28	
4406 Grants	0.00		2,000.00	
4407 Panto	180.00		0.00	
4408 Insurance refund	130.14		0.00	
5000 Investment Income		261.62		185.70
5010 Building Society interest	261.62		185.70	
TOTAL INCOME		27,046.45		31,271.57
EXPENDITURE				
1500 FIXED ASSETS		-600.00		0.00
1535 Asset Loss on Disposal	-600.00		0.00	
7000 Fundraising expenses		-90.00		-1,586.95
7001 Food and Drink Expenses	0.00		-405.00	
7002 License Costs	-90.00		0.00	
7005 Plod	0.00		-1,094.00	
7008 Payments to 3rd Parties	0.00		-87.95	
7100 District Fees		-2,021.00		-2,032.50
7101 Rhydd fees	-1,020.00		-1,222.50	
7102 District Fees	-816.00		-790.00	
7103 District badges	0.00		-20.00	
7104 District camp refunds	-185.00		0.00	

	Current Yr	Current Yr	Prior Yr	Prior Yr
7200 General Payments		-22,102.02		-21,011.68
7203 Professional Fees	-215.39		-344.00	
7204 Stationary	0.00		-13.00	
7205 Repair and Maintenance	-1,424.71		-1,659.19	
7206 Insurance Costs	-1,474.89		-1,621.52	
7207 Bank Charges	-45.00		-60.00	
7208 Audit Fees	-130.00		-120.00	
7209 Electricity Costs	-1,653.00		-1,402.00	
7211 Water Rates	-554.65		-219.78	
7215 Cub Section Meeting Costs	-405.16		-59.24	
7216 Beaver Section Meeting Costs	-753.44		-1,051.87	
7217 Scout Section Meeting costs	-267.04		-370.22	
7219 District Event Payments	-1,821.00		0.00	
7223 Materials and equipment	-765.37		-1,209.04	
7226 Uniforms	-19.00		-43.20	
7227 AGM and trustee expenses	-856.82		-350.00	
7228 Other costs	-282.96		0.00	
7229 Capitation	-5,568.00		-5,508.00	
7231 Gifts	0.00		-152.05	
7232 Camps and Trips	-3,420.66		-5,128.78	
7233 Meeting expenses	0.00		-206.76	
7234 Subs refund	-12.00		-12.00	
7235 Scout shop - Group Expense	0.00		-225.35	
7236 Scout Shop and Badges - Cubs	-355.51		-55.74	
7237 Scout Shop and Badges - Scouts	-405.79		-51.75	
7238 Scout Shop and Badges - Beavers	-519.44		-399.94	
7239 Scout Shop and Badges - Squirrels	-224.87		-444.61	
7240 Squirrel Section Meeting Costs	-435.57		-303.64	
7241 Panto	-411.75		0.00	
7243 Bat Conservation costs	-30.00		0.00	
7244 camp refunds	-50.00		0.00	
7300 Group payment from Sections		-603.00		-106.00
7303 Beavers	-339.00		0.00	
7304 Subs paid into wrong account and	-264.00		-106.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-25,416.02		-24,737.13
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD		1,630.43		6,534.44

Profit & Loss Report

WF8 Scout Group

01-APR-2024 - 31-MAR-2025

	Current Yr	Current Yr	Prior Yr	Prior Yr
INCOME				
4000 Donations, subs and similar income		19,785.79		20,727.80
4001 One off joining fee	304.00		229.79	
4002 Subs paid into wrong account	329.00		180.00	
4005 Membership subscriptions	14,750.00		15,850.00	
4010 Donations	479.00		250.00	
4015 Fundraising	188.38		1,030.24	
4020 Gift Aid	2,936.35		3,187.77	
4025 Other similar income	190.06		0.00	
4026 Meeting contributions	609.00		0.00	
4100 Camps		5,407.00		6,320.29
4101 District Event Income	1,605.00		1,976.70	
4105 Camp income	3,719.00		3,964.04	
4115 Other	83.00		379.55	
4300 Fundraising income		1,164.90		1,918.50
4315 General Event Sales	0.00		404.00	
4325 Plod	1,164.90		1,514.50	
4400 Other Income		427.14		2,119.28
4405 Electricity refund	117.00		119.28	
4406 Grants	0.00		2,000.00	
4407 Panto	180.00		0.00	
4408 Insurance refund	130.14		0.00	
5000 Investment Income		261.62		185.70
5010 Building Society interest	261.62		185.70	
TOTAL INCOME		27,046.45		31,271.57
EXPENSES				
1500 FIXED ASSETS		-600.00		0.00
1535 Asset Loss on Disposal	-600.00		0.00	
7000 Fundraising expenses		-90.00		-1,586.95
7001 Food and Drink Expenses	0.00		-405.00	
7002 License Costs	-90.00		0.00	
7005 Plod	0.00		-1,094.00	
7008 Payments to 3rd Parties	0.00		-87.95	
7100 District Fees		-2,021.00		-2,032.50
7101 Rhydd fees	-1,020.00		-1,222.50	
7102 District Fees	-816.00		-790.00	
7103 District badges	0.00		-20.00	
7104 District camp refunds	-185.00		0.00	

	Current Yr	Current Yr	Prior Yr	Prior Yr
7200 General Payments		-22,102.02		-21,011.68
7203 Professional Fees	-215.39		-344.00	
7204 Stationary	0.00		-13.00	
7205 Repair and Maintenance	-1,424.71		-1,659.19	
7206 Insurance Costs	-1,474.89		-1,621.52	
7207 Bank Charges	-45.00		-60.00	
7208 Audit Fees	-130.00		-120.00	
7209 Electricity Costs	-1,653.00		-1,402.00	
7211 Water Rates	-554.65		-219.78	
7215 Cub Section Meeting Costs	-405.16		-59.24	
7216 Beaver Section Meeting Costs	-753.44		-1,051.87	
7217 Scout Section Meeting costs	-267.04		-370.22	
7219 District Event Payments	-1,821.00		0.00	
7223 Materials and equipment	-765.37		-1,209.04	
7226 Uniforms	-19.00		-43.20	
7227 AGM and trustee expenses	-856.82		-350.00	
7228 Other costs	-282.96		0.00	
7229 Capitation	-5,568.00		-5,508.00	
7231 Gifts	0.00		-152.05	
7232 Camps and Trips	-3,420.66		-5,128.78	
7233 Meeting expenses	0.00		-206.76	
7234 Subs refund	-12.00		-12.00	
7235 Scout shop - Group Expense	0.00		-225.35	
7236 Scout Shop and Badges - Cubs	-355.51		-55.74	
7237 Scout Shop and Badges - Scouts	-405.79		-51.75	
7238 Scout Shop and Badges - Beavers	-519.44		-399.94	
7239 Scout Shop and Badges - Squirrels	-224.87		-444.61	
7240 Squirrel Section Meeting Costs	-435.57		-303.64	
7241 Panto	-411.75		0.00	
7243 Bat Conservation costs	-30.00		0.00	
7244 camp refunds	-50.00		0.00	
7300 Group payment from Sections		-603.00		-106.00
7303 Beavers	-339.00		0.00	
7304 Subs paid into wrong account and	-264.00		-106.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		-25,416.02		-24,737.13
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD		1,630.43		6,534.44

Statement of Assets

WF8 Scout Group

Period ending 31 Mar 2025

Current Yr Current Yr Prior Yr Prior Yr

ASSETS

Savings and Investments		14,312.26		10,161.48
Deposit account	14,312.26		10,161.48	

FIXED ASSETS		276,145.00		138,600.00
Buildings	232,379.00		138,000.00	
Garage	11,760.00			
Trailers	9,480.00			
Equipment	22,526.00		600	

CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		12,436.36		14,356.71
Bank Account	5,002.29		8,562.89	
Beavers	766.86		1,201.41	
Cubs	504.46		441.73	
Membership	4880.32		2,882.33	
Scouts	1,036.18		981.64	
Squirrels	246.25		286.71	

OTHER ASSETS		0		0
DEBTORS	0		0	
TOTAL ASSETS		302,893.62		163,118.19

LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES		0		0
CREDITORS	0		0	
TOTAL NET ASSETS @ 31-MAR-25		302,893.62		163,118.19

REPRESENTED BY FUNDS				
Asset Fund	276,145.00		138,600.00	
General fund	26,748.62		24,518.19	

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE @ 31-MAR-2025		302,893.62		163,118.19

Surplus & Deficit Report

WF8 Scout Group

01-APR-2024 - 31-MAR-2025

	Current Yr Income	Current Yr Expense	Current Yr Profit/Loss	Prior Yr Income	Prior Yr Expense	Prior Yr Profit/Loss
MANAGED EVENTS SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)						
-No Managed Event Activity for Period-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INCOME						
4001 One off joining fee	304.00	0.00	304.00	229.79	0.00	229.79
4002 Subs paid into wrong account	329.00	0.00	329.00	180.00	0.00	180.00
4005 Membership subscriptions	14,750.00	0.00	14,750.00	15,850.00	0.00	15,850.00
4010 Donations	479.00	0.00	479.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
4015 Fundraising	188.38	0.00	188.38	1,030.24	0.00	1,030.24
4020 Gift Aid	2,936.35	0.00	2,936.35	3,187.77	0.00	3,187.77
4025 Other similar income	190.06	0.00	190.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
4026 Meeting contributions	609.00	0.00	609.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4101 District Event Income	1,605.00	0.00	1,605.00	1,976.70	0.00	1,976.70
4105 Camp income	3,719.00	0.00	3,719.00	3,964.04	0.00	3,964.04
4115 Other	83.00	0.00	83.00	379.55	0.00	379.55
4315 General Event Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	404.00	0.00	404.00
4325 Plod	1,164.90	0.00	1,164.90	1,514.50	0.00	1,514.50
4405 Electricity refund	117.00	0.00	117.00	119.28	0.00	119.28
4406 Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
4407 Panto	180.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4408 Insurance refund	130.14	0.00	130.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
5010 Building Society interest	261.62	0.00	261.62	185.70	0.00	185.70
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	27,046.45	0.00	27,046.45	31,271.57	0.00	31,271.57
GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES						
1535 Asset Loss on Disposal	0.00	-600.00	-600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7001 Food and Drink Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-405.00	-405.00
7002 License Costs	0.00	-90.00	-90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7005 Plod	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,094.00	-1,094.00
7008 Payments to 3rd Parties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-87.95	-87.95
7101 Rhydd fees	0.00	-1,020.00	-1,020.00	0.00	-1,222.50	-1,222.50
7102 District Fees	0.00	-816.00	-816.00	0.00	-790.00	-790.00
7103 District badges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-20.00	-20.00
7104 District camp refunds	0.00	-185.00	-185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7203 Professional Fees	0.00	-215.39	-215.39	0.00	-344.00	-344.00
7204 Stationary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-13.00	-13.00
7205 Repair and Maintenance	0.00	-1,424.71	-1,424.71	0.00	-1,659.19	-1,659.19

	Current Yr Income	Current Yr Expense	Current Yr Profit/Loss	Prior Yr Income	Prior Yr Expense	Prior Yr Profit/Loss
7206 Insurance Costs	0.00	-1,474.89	-1,474.89	0.00	-1,621.52	-1,621.52
7207 Bank Charges	0.00	-45.00	-45.00	0.00	-60.00	-60.00
7208 Audit Fees	0.00	-130.00	-130.00	0.00	-120.00	-120.00
7209 Electricity Costs	0.00	-1,653.00	-1,653.00	0.00	-1,402.00	-1,402.00
7211 Water Rates	0.00	-554.65	-554.65	0.00	-219.78	-219.78
7215 Cub Section Meeting Costs	0.00	-405.16	-405.16	0.00	-59.24	-59.24
7216 Beaver Section Meeting Costs	0.00	-753.44	-753.44	0.00	-1,051.87	-1,051.87
7217 Scout Section Meeting costs	0.00	-267.04	-267.04	0.00	-370.22	-370.22
7219 District Event Payments	0.00	-1,821.00	-1,821.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7223 Materials and equipment	0.00	-765.37	-765.37	0.00	-1,209.04	-1,209.04
7226 Uniforms	0.00	-19.00	-19.00	0.00	-43.20	-43.20
7227 AGM and trustee expenses	0.00	-856.82	-856.82	0.00	-350.00	-350.00
7228 Other costs	0.00	-282.96	-282.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
7229 Capitation	0.00	-5,568.00	-5,568.00	0.00	-5,508.00	-5,508.00
7231 Gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-152.05	-152.05
7232 Camps and Trips	0.00	-3,420.66	-3,420.66	0.00	-5,128.78	-5,128.78
7233 Meeting expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-206.76	-206.76
7234 Subs refund	0.00	-12.00	-12.00	0.00	-12.00	-12.00
7235 Scout shop - Group Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-225.35	-225.35
7236 Scout Shop and Badges - Cubs	0.00	-355.51	-355.51	0.00	-55.74	-55.74
7237 Scout Shop and Badges - Scouts	0.00	-405.79	-405.79	0.00	-51.75	-51.75
7238 Scout Shop and Badges - Beavers	0.00	-519.44	-519.44	0.00	-399.94	-399.94
7239 Scout Shop and Badges - Squirrels	0.00	-224.87	-224.87	0.00	-444.61	-444.61
7240 Squirrel Section Meeting Costs	0.00	-435.57	-435.57	0.00	-303.64	-303.64
7241 Panto	0.00	-411.75	-411.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
7243 Bat Conservation costs	0.00	-30.00	-30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7244 camp refunds	0.00	-50.00	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7303 Beavers	0.00	-339.00	-339.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7304 Subs paid into wrong account and	0.00	-264.00	-264.00	0.00	-106.00	-106.00
TOTAL GENERAL & ADMIN EXPENSES	0.00	-25,416.02	-25,416.02	0.00	-24,737.13	-24,737.13
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	27,046.45	-25,416.02	1,630.43	31,271.57	-24,737.13	6,534.44

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

WF8 (St John's) Scout Group

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

1. 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

G. Powell

Date:

30/06/2025

Name:

George Powell

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qualification(s) or body**

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