Broughton Astley Scout Group
Annual Report & Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report
1st Broughton Astley Scout Group

For the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026
Registered Charity No 510775

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Section A - Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Details

Charity Name	Broughton Astley Scout Group

Registered Charity Number	510775

Principal Address	Scout Hut Station Road Broughton Astley Leicestershire

Post Code	LE9 6PT

Charity Trustees

Name	Role	Started (if not a full year)
Alison McGarry	Chairperson	
Richard Stephenson	Treasurer	
Philip Burton	Ex-Officio	
Kevin Malkin		
Jessica Rayns		
Nicola Turpin		
Matt McGarry		
Gerry Mallaghan		
Alan Johnson		
Victoria Sturgess		
Tim Kirby		
Sarah Wakefield		

Other Advisors

Name	Role	Started (if not a full year)
Barclays Bank Plc		
Amanda Paul	Governance Professional	February 2026
Emma Lowe	Independent Examiner	

Section B - Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document

The charity's 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 (POR) of The Scout Association.

How the Charity is constituted

The charity is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. It is constituted as an educational charity.

Trustee Selection Methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional Governance Issues

The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the "Charity Trustees". As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer and 10 Trustees (including 1 Ex-Officio Trustees, and 9 co-opted Trustees) and meets a minimum of 5 times a year. The Trustee Board is supported by a Board Governance Professional.

The Trustee Board exists to support the Leadership Teams in meeting the responsibilities of their appointments and in supporting them to run high-quality and safe programs that give young people skills for life. The Trustee Board maintains appropriate governance policies and oversight. The Trustee Board is responsible for carrying out its purposes for the public benefit, complying with the charity's governing document and the law, and managing the charity's resources responsibly.

The Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring the charity is well managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good order and everyone follows legal requirements and Scout Association Policy, Organisation & Rules. This includes responsibility for:

- Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, as well as its development;
- Developing, maintaining and regularly a risk register, including putting in place appropriate mitigations;
- Ensuring that the finances are properly managed, and there are sufficient resources (and reserves) to deliver high quality Scouting;
- Ensuring a system of internal controls is in place that is designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss;
- Ensuring that property is appropriately managed;
- Maintaining appropriate insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Having an open and transparent selection process for the recruitment of Trustees;
- Appointing Advisors as required;
- Ensuring effective administration is in place to support the Trustee Board;
- Ensuring compliance with applicable governance and charity regulations, including in respect to safety and safeguarding;
- Ensuring incidents are appropriately reported in line with regulation and policy;
- Ensuring applicable policies and regulations are regularly reviewed and changes implemented as appropriate;
- Ensuring transparency of operations, including in the preparation of accounts and holding and AGM;
- Ensuring compliance with Data Protection legislation;
- Acting as a responsible employer for any employees, who are effectively managed.

Risk and Internal Control

The group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which it believes the group is exposed; these are reviewed twice a year, and systems have been established to mitigate them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- Safeguarding - lack of adherence to policy
- Loss of Adult Volunteers
- Fire
- Financial Risk
- Trustee Leadership and Governance
- Reputational Damage
- Minibus Risk

With the exception of Risk 6, all are considered to be a low risk and mitigations are robust to ensure that they continue in this manner.

- Risk 6 - Reputation - The group is highly successful, and with this comes additional risk in order to maintain this level of reputation. "The Board of Trustees reviewed this risk and decided that we needed to keep awareness of this especially around the same age sections getting different experiences. The group leadership team should ensure that children are getting a broadly similar experience for all.This risk has reduced to a Medium risk.

Section C - Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Public Benefit Statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D - Achievements and Performance

Summary of Main Achievements

The scout group has had another exceptional year with a lot of "firsts" over the last 12 months.

We have had more young people able to access scouting in the village as our numbers continued to grow beyond 190 young members making us the largest scout group in Leicestershire. THe was specific growth from our Scout sections as we see the final effects of the COVID period coming through. This is something we are extremely proud of and demonstrates the commitment our volunteers have to making scouting reachable for all.

Our Trustee Board continued to strengthen their knowledge and skills to ensure that the group is being managed in an effective way and that the decisions being made are in the interests of the young people and overall sustainability of the group.

We have welcomed more volunteers to the group, including a quartermaster which has supported in ensuring our kit is managed effectively and that leaders can access everything we have. This has also included a new asset management system for tracking our supplies.

We were also able to secure a substantial grant to purchase two minibuses for the group which have allowed the group to undertake more activities and camps, again broadening the opportunities for our young people. Amongst the activities we have had young people take part in the Kinder challenge and finishing a respectable 17th place, head out to West Midlands Safari Park, Winter Camps in Hollwell, trips to Twickenham to watch England Rugby and more. We have also been able to support our wider communities with the use of the minibuses allowing them to travel further and do more.

As a result of this drive, we have been nominated for the King's Voluntary Service Award 2026 and await our final outcome in November 2026. This is a true honor as the nomination comes from those outside our organisation which demonstrates the exceptional work we are doing for our young people.

Section E - Financial Review

Annual review

£148,427 Total Income	£145,103 Total Expenditure	£3,324 NET Surplus

Summary

The group operates three accounts through Barclays

- Working account
- Grants and Hardship
- Reserves

Cash held at year end

Working account	£29,430.46
Grants and Hardship	£ 6,350.98
Reserves	£20,251.99
Total	£56,033.93

The group recorded a strong financial performance for the year, recording a small surplus of £3,324 compared to a budgeted surplus of £2,700. The group obtained a substantial grant this year of approx £70,000 which helped to fund the two new minibuses. The group continues to remain financially resilient and able to support itself in the pursuit of supporting our young people and volunteers.

Income

Overall, the group obtained two significant grants this year, one for our minibuses to the value of approx £70,000 and another to the value of £5,000 which supported the ongoing development of the facilities. Our annual subs rose slightly inline with the continued growth of the group. A number of additional and exciting camps and activities also saw the increase in income over the year with the scout group doing more than ever before.

Expenditure

Expenditure was higher than originally budgeted due to the decision to make significant improvements to the facilities, which have included a new store to hold kit, new equipment and alterations to the scout hut to make it more user friendly following feedback around inclusion for our SEND young people. The group is also pleased to be able to demonstrate an element of expenditure to support our volunteers above and beyond that provided by Scouting UK. As a group we have spent over £22,000 on programme activities this year as we continue to increase our offer and experiences for the young people following their feedback/

Outlook

As we head into 2026/27, the group continues to have ambitious plans with our first international camp going ahead in July and to be able to offer an inclusive and rewarding experience for our young people. The Board of Trustees remain committed to ensuring that all young people get the opportunity to experience scouting regardless of funds and we continue to support more young people through our dedicated grants and hardship fund.

Accounting Policies

Policy on Reserves, why they are held, and the amount of reserves

The policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the charity should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Trustee Board considers that the charity should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £20,000.

The charity held reserves of approximately £56,033 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses.

However, this can be explained by a number of payments relating to the following year which will need to be paid totalling approx £20,000. There is also a total of £6,500 in our dedicated grant and hardship fund which can be accessed by all. The Board continues to work on plans to ensure that the excess funds are spent appropriately for the benefit of our young people.

Policy on Investments and investment performance

The Trustee Board decided that excess funds are held in a higher interest account.

Section F - Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Full Name

Alison McGarry - Chairperson

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Financial Statement

Income		Actual	Budget	
		£		
Subscriptions		23492.73	23000	102%
Investiture		0	300	0%
Donations		660	0	
Trading		1086.87	0	
Gift Aid		4659.59	3000	155%
Fundraising		3619.53	2500	145%
Government Grants		5000	0	
Other Grants		0	0	
Investment		412.26	0	
Charitable Activities	Squirrels	641.16	0	
	Beavers	2730.13	0	
	Cubs	3713.11	0	
	Scouts	4255.79	0	
	Group	18572.15	6000	499%
Subtotal	**29912.34**			
Minibus		73725.27	0	
Hardship		5857.92	0	

Accounts Balances		
	Main	29430.96
	Investment	20251.99
	Grants	6350.98
	Total	56033.93

Expenditure		Actual	Budget	
		£		
Capitiation		10089.5	10000	101%
Investiture			0	
Donations			0	
Trading		687.5	0	
Fundraising			0	
Government Grants			0	
Other Grants			0	
Investment			0	
Charitable Activities	Squirrels	664.68	0	
	Beavers	3142.93	0	
	Cubs	2885.32	0	
	Scouts	4551.19	0	
	Group	11042.2	10000	223%
Subtotal	**22286.32**			
Minibus		73728.2	0	
Equipment		5725.54	2000	286%
Utilities		942.78	1100	86%
Insurance		0	1000	0%
Maintenance		26959.78	500	5392%
Rental / Leases		537	800	67%
Sundries		1012.54	700	145%
Badges		2653.01	4000	66%
Training		175	1000	18%
Leaders Uniform		305.69	1000	31%

In Year				
		148426.51	34800	427%
		145102.86	32100	452%

Appendix B - Independent Examiners Report