ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026– MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 15th September 2026
Time: 19:00
Location: Addingham Scout Pavilion

Attendance

Trustees Present: Chris Liversidge (Group Chairman), Alex Crampton (Group Treasurer), Lisa Nutton (Group Lead Volunteer, Asst Scouts Leader), Maz Jennings (Cubs Leader), Julie Reid (Beavers Leader), Paul Jennings (District Lead Volunteer, Scouts Leader), Jean Griffin.

In Attendance (non-trustees):

Liz Evans (Explorer Leader), Lorna McTigue (Asst Cub Leader), Jenny Whiteway-Bell (Beavers Leader), Edward Brightman (Explorers Leader), Chantalle Rose (Leader), Aurelia Rose (Scout/Explorer Leader), Alfred Griffiths (Scout Leader), Eleanor Phillips (Group Secretary).
Parents: Natalie Hingley, Mark Gregory, Yuliya Dukanych, Amy Sayers, Rosie Brightman, Rob Binns, Catherine Binns, Emily Hallworth, Mark Mangano, Mary Penny, Jessica Keeble, Claudia Fischer, Rose Smye, Charlotte Hatch, Richard Partner, Zoë Smith, Deborah Pilkington, Nicola Phillips, Caroline Razazan, Thomas Tordoff.

Apologies:

Erin Keating, Sarah White, Natasha Harrison, Charlotte Hewitson, Bethany Harrison, Hannah Partner, Bonnie Kelly, Laura Lippert, Alice Lambert, Sam Blemings.

Chairman introduction and welcome

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chris explained he continues to perform his role because he wishes to give something back to the Scouting community on behalf of his family who previously benefitted from the

opportunities Scouts provides to young people. Chris thanked the Leaders, volunteers and people who ‘make it happen’. Chris summarised that Addingham Scout Group has had a great year and reminded the meeting that it will not be long until the centenary.

Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16/09/2025

The Group Trustee Board have reviewed the minutes of last year’s AGM at the meeting held on 16/09/2025. LN proposes that these minutes are taken as read and asked the Group Scout Council to agree that they’re a true record of that meeting.

Approved without objection.

Adoption of the Constitution

In line with the recommendation from The Scout Association, the Group Trustee Board proposes we adopt the model constitution for a Scout Group from Chapter 5c of Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of this was available for review and inspection prior to this meeting, and copies are also available at this meeting.

Approved without objection.

Group Lead Volunteer’s Review of the past 12 months

LN: A very successful and busy year with young member numbers steadily increasing across most sections.
Achieved many things throughout the year including Section camps and re-started the Group Camp which is hoped to become an annual event.
Taken part in County activity days.
Three young members from Wharfedale go to Peru led by our Scout Team Leader and District Lead Volunteer, Paul Jennings.
Helped the community by litter picking and balsam bashing.
Celebrated Remembrance Day, and St George’s Day the latter of which organised by ASG. Paraded from West Holmes Field to All Saints Church and re-enacted the story of St George complete with life-size dragon that ate people up then spit them out!
Paraded in Addingham Gala.

Fundraised at Addingham Gala by running a BBQ and by running the Frightmare and Pumpkin Trails at Golden Acre Park.
Participated in variety of activities including ice skating, water sports, climbing, swimming, hiking, and trampolining.
Lucky enough to have new adult volunteers join us:-
Explorers – Ed, Katie, Deirdre
Scouts – Alfie
Sadly, Martin Hunter has finally hung his scouting boots up for good.
Still desperately need more leaders in each section so if anyone out there is interested and wants to give it a go please do get in touch and we will welcome you with open arms.
Finally, to thank all the parents for letting your children join Addingham Scout Group and for all your valued support. In particular I want to give a special thanks to all our wonderful leaders for everything you do, for without your generosity of time, enthusiasm and creativity, ASG would not be the success it is today.

Financial report from Group Treasurer

AC: We started the year with £33,278.98 brought forward from the previous year.
Our total income for 2025–2026 was £69,783.03, compared to £52,777.74 in 2024–2025.
Our total expenditure was £90,151.49, compared to £40,749.57 the prior year.
This resulted in a net deficit of £20,368.46 for the year, leaving our end-of-year Barclays account balance carried forward at £12,910.52.
Key Highlights & Context:

1. Major Trips & One-off Expenses:
    - A significant portion of this year's movement relates to our Kandersteg trip, where expenses totalled £29,744.70 as payments finalised, following the income collected in the prior year.
    - We also supported important charitable causes, including a £5,120.00 Peru donation and £3,025.00 in charity donations.
    - Additionally, we invested £2,339.00 in new camping equipment to support our ongoing activities.
2. Fundraising & Revenue Highlights:
    - The Scaretrail continues to be a fantastic success, raising £14,125.99 in income (up from £12,605.25 last year) against £3,399.48 in expenses.

- Gift Aid provided a welcome boost of £5,854.71 this year.
- Membership fees (£9,402.75) and Hall Hire (£2,090.00) both remained steady sources of baseline revenue.

3. Banking Adjustment Note:
    - You will notice a temporary £26,004.45 Barclays banking error recorded in both income and expenditure under *Kandersteg Barclays Mistake*, which offset itself out almost entirely (£26,004.45 income vs. £26,109.66 expense).

Summary
While our year-end cash balance has reduced to £12,910.52, this reflects planned major outgoings and investments in equipment and international trips that were funded by funds built up in previous years. Our core operational income streams—particularly fundraising events, hall hire, and Gift Aid—remain healthy and strong.
Thank you to everyone who assisted with fundraising and financial administration throughout the year. AC welcomed any questions regarding the accounts.

LN asked the trustees to note our charity's financial year is 1st April to 31st March.
LN thanked AC for completing the Statement of accounts and for his hard work during the year.

Leaders reports

Beavers- JR

Last Autumn involved lots of food with both the Health & Fitness and Cook Badges, learning about a WW2 childhood with our visitor Mr Ken Pickles and then taking part in the village Remembrance Parade and Service. Lots of toilet rolls used to wrap up Mummies (Tutankhamun).
Learning about Christmas in the Ukraine (thanks to Savelli and Oksana). Christmas Prep which included some fantastic biscuits planned by Tilly. A great finale for her time with us as our Young Leader!

Help in the Spring term from Matthew who was doing his DoE.
Safety Badge. Mixed in with Bird Feeders, a Pancake Party, the Weather and the Jungle Book. Finishing with the Beavers 40th Birthday Party at the end of term.

A very busy Summer Term with Sion as our Young Leader!
Starting with a history of Scouting and taking part in the St. George's Day Parade and Service
A very full day at the County organised "Pirate Day".
Craft/Games/Climbing/Canoeing.
Track and Trail, & Knots session. An Intro to Democracy with Vote! Emergency Aid Badge
The obligatory postponed Hike - replaced by games.
A great visit to the Bowling Club (learning how to roll bowls rather than throw them).
The Cyclist Badge (with special thanks to Rob Peryer)
Water Games and Battle - taking advantage of the hot weather!
Fitting in our postponed Hike, from Ilkley back to Addingham (another badge).
Getting ready for, and taking part in Addingham Gala with the Cubs (very authentic aliens).
End of term party!

Starting this term with games and quiz.
Then the Group Camp: Beavers went for one night and slept in the bunkroom (Nights Away badge).
Masses of activities with mixed groups from other sections.
The Beavers taking part were absolutely brilliant - trying new activities and mixing well with everyone else! (Some surprising skills and talents appearing).

Many thanks to all who helped organise this and made it all go smoothly. Without people putting in time behind the scenes as well as the actual weekend it would be impossible to provide such a great camp.
Thanks to those parents who have helped this past year. Though we realise that not everyone can manage it please come along if possible (still some weeks left on the rota).
Huge thanks to the three Young Leaders who have helped this past year - Tilly, Matthew and our current helper Sion.
More adult help is always needed. Jenny and I would love to have enough people in the "Team" to enable a system where not everyone has to be there every week.

Cubs- MJ

We have 25 Cubs at present.

We have been concentrating on the Challenge badges to try to get the Cubs to achieve their Chief Scouts Silver Awards.

We have taken part in various District events throughout the year including the quiz in February, the swimming gala in March, St Georges Day Parade in April, the activity evening in June and the sports day in July.

We also took part in the Addingham Gala dressed as aliens as the theme was space.

Our summer camp was at Bowley, in Lancashire. We used the theme of space for the camp and made cream cracker rockets, paintballing by throwing paint-soaked balls on to the planets. We also visited Morecombe and went to a trampoline park as the weather was quite wet. We also took the Cubs onto the very windy beachfront. After spending way too much time in the gift shop we returned to the minibus via Morrisons where we all had ice cream sat in the car park. Special thanks to Lorna, Lisa, Abigail and Jamie for helping to make the camp so successful.

We also attended our Group camp last weekend and had a very enjoyable time, although quite challenging at times.

Finally, thanks to Lorna for all her help in organising and running meeting with me. Also, a special thanks to Martha who has been attending as part of her D of E work.

They are both very much appreciated and a valuable asset to our Group.

Scouts- PJ

Currently 22 scouts.

Summer camp at Bowley Including a trip to Knowsley safari park, investing one of Anthony Gormley's A Quiet Place statues, and a sandcastle competition on Morecambe beach.

Joint hike camp with Explorers to Curly Hill and back, and joint evening ice skating in Leeds.

Gala – should have won the award for the longest rocket ever, with thanks to Mrs Partner.

Sailing, kayaking at Reva and took part in the dragon boat competition.

Went to clip and climb.

Scare trails - raised £12k last year, happening again this year.

Congratulations to Toby being selected for the World Scout Jamboree in Poland next year.

Peru - Oliver Sienna and Martha and I were selected, and all but Oliver attended the trip, Oliver sadly had to pull out.

Thanks to Lisa, Alfie and Aurelia, plus Stuart helping with camp transportation as well as the parents who help each week.

Explorers – LE

Since our last AGM there have been lots of changes. Josh Jones and Ed Brightman have completed the first parts of their training and have been involved in running sessions since last autumn. Both bring bags of knowledge and experience, Josh as a seasoned scout and Ed as someone who has worked in Forestry, Conservation and Education among other fields. Ed has now been invested by Akela twice, once as a Cub and now as an Explorer leader.

We have two other leaders waiting in the wings, Deirdre Andre and Katie Kennedy, who both have lots on at the moment, but hope to be joining our team as soon as things settle down. Deirdre has already joined us on indoor sessions, walks and visits, Katie helped on the patrol boat at Reva last term as well as joining us for the camp this weekend. They are already very much team members and can't wait to get stuck in. We are also very grateful for Stuart Rose who has kindly agreed to take the Scouts and Explorers climbing in a couple of weeks' time, at the Cow and Calf.

Well-done to Sienna, Martha and Oliver for fundraising for Peru and for overcoming the challenges you faced there. Also, to Oliver, who faced the disappointment of not being able to go with maturity. Fingers crossed for future ventures Oliver! We are also proud of Sion who is doing a great job as a Beaver Young Leader and is now invaluable to that section. We would definitely encourage other Explorers to consider becoming Young Leaders. It is great fun and can be put towards DofE volunteering hours as well as helping you develop new skills and confidence (also looks great on a CV or University Application).

Over the last year we have had a varied programme with two sessions at the Harrogate Climbing Wall, a social at the Hollywood Bowl in Leeds, Two night walks to Ilkley and an overnight stay at Curly Hill with the scouts, Crown Bowling with the Addingham Bowling Club, Fire building using flints and steel, Pioneering with knots and poles, bell-boating, kayaking and sailing at Reva

and a cooking competition among other things. Our biggest challenge is to get our Explorer's to tell us what they want to do, so if you have any insider knowledge on this matter, do let us know. No promises, but we do seriously consider any suggestions they make.

We would also be really keen if you know someone who would like to come and talk to the Explorer's about their career or interests. We want to share more with them than the skills and knowledge of the leaders, and to give them wider opportunities where possible. If you are interested in getting involved in anyway you would be more than welcome. It is really lovely to be part of a group of adults working together to make things happen for these Young People.

I have put a poster for the Scout DofE programme on the Explorer's and Parents WhatsApp group. The Otley group are recruiting ready for Expedition training in November. Gavin would be happy to host an online meeting for parents to ask questions if that would help. I will put Gavin's email details on the group after tonight.

In Gavin's words " We don't have regular weekly meetings; we organise training days and walks then meetings around planning expeditions. We'll be trialling monthly drop-in meetings to help keep in touch with Explorers. Bronze is open from y9 onwards. I feel our expeditions are our strong point as we allow the Explorers to be more involved in where the expeditions go compared to the schools. We try to get out of our bit of Wharfedale and into the Dales and Yorkshire coast. We've been to the South Lake District and are currently planning Gold Expeditions to Snowdonia and Arran."

Making appointments

Proposed the following nominations of members of the Group Trustee Board:

- Chris Liversidge - Group Chair
- Alex Crampton - Group Treasurer
- Lisa Nutton - Group Lead Volunteer
- Julie Reid, Maz Jennings, Paul Jennings – Section Leaders
- Jean Griffin - Executive Committee member

All accepted.

Any other business

Kandersteg 2028 meeting soon, likely to be popular, will need more leaders.

Volunteers required for Scare Frightmare Trail on 24th October and the Pumpkin Trail on 31st October and 1st November.

A photo slideshow was shown to the floor of the year's activities in all sections.

Meeting closed at: 19:55.

Sign-off

Chair: _____
Date: _____

The Scouts Association Receipts and Payments Account
Addingham Group - Year Ended 31/3/2026

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income		
Donation	£1,475.00	£2,046.58
Events	£6,925.19	£6,026.98
Gift Aid	£5,854.71	£0.00
Hall Hire	£2,090.00	£1,590.00
Kandersteg Barclays Mistake	£26,004.45	£0.00
Kandersteg Income	£1,965.74	£21,184.74
Kandersteg Refunds	£1,228.95	£0.00
Membership Fees	£9,402.75	£9,188.87
Mistakes	£0.00	£87.37
Refunds	£710.25	£47.95
Scaretrail Income	£14,125.99	£12,605.25
Expense		
Activity Equipment	£1,394.65	£724.06
Admin	£161.99	£276.88
Badges	£782.73	£1,202.66
Camping Equipment	£2,339.00	£0.00
Charity Donation	£3,025.00	£5,000.00
Events	£8,115.99	£8,213.99
Insurance	£254.00	£254.00
Kandersteg Barclays Mistake	£26,109.66	£0.00
Kandersteg Expense	£29,744.70	£12,285.81
Kandersteg Parent Overpayments	£425.64	£632.00
Membership Costs	£4,568.94	£4,632.95
Mistakes	£52.05	£29.11
Peru Donation	£5,120.00	£0.00
Rent	£2,300.00	£2,200.00
Scaretrail Expense	£3,399.48	£3,237.23
Venue Maintenance	£2,357.66	£2,060.88
Account balances		
Barclays	£12,910.52	£33,278.98
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	£33,278.98	£21,250.81
Total income	£69,783.03	£52,777.74
Total expenditure	£90,151.49	£40,749.57
Net income	-£20,368.46	£12,028.17
Account balance carried forward	**£12,910.52**	**£33,278.98**

Signatories:

Prepared by: Alex Crampton - Group Treasurer

Signature & Date: 15/9/26

Approved by: Chris Liversidge - Group Chairman

Signature & Date: 15/9/26

Approved by: Lisa Nutton - Group Lead Volunteer

Signature & Date: L Nutton 15/9/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Addingham Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the group for the year ended 31.03.26 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on page 1.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work. Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's/District's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 Commissioners (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act)
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the group 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 you as 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 (other than that disclosed below *):

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply*

Name:	Nick McCarthy
Qualification:	None
Address:	7 Noble Court, Knaresborough, HG5 0WE
Date:	13 October 2026

Signed: N. McCarthy