Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group

Year-end accounts

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Group Savings Account	32,964	32,338
Group Petty cash	16	11
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Funds at 1 January 2025	45,583	1,480	47,063	46,654
Funds at 31 December 2025	50,235	1,012	51,247	47,063

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Funds Held		
Group Current Account	14,929	8,731
Group Savings Account	32,964	32,338
Group Petty cash	16	11
Group Funds	47,909	41,080
Sections Funds:		
Squirrels	1,366	2,167
Beavers	608	2,314
Cubs	432	505
Scouts	932	996
Section Funds	3,338	5,982
Total Funds	51,247	47,063
Funds – Split:		
Designated - Section	5,982	3,089
Designated - Minibus	25,000	25,000
Designated- Building	3,500	3,500
Restricted – Co-op Community Funds	46	1,009
Restricted – Andrea's Fund	966	966
Unrestricted	15,753	13,090
	51,247	47,063

Approved by the Executive Committee and signed on their behalf by:

Sharon Bakewell
Treasurer
29 June 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: Charity Name: Pen-y-ffordd Scout Group

On accounts for the year ended: 31 December 2025 | **Charity no (if any)**: 517642

Set out on pages: (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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.*

Signed: Alisha Lamb **Date:** 24/10/2026

Name: Alisha katherine Lamb

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): N/A.

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