CHARITY NUMBER: 520197

1st Great Sutton Scout Group

ACCOUNTS

For the period
1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Scouts
1st Great Sutton

Registered Charity No. 520197

1st Great Sutton Scout Group

GENERAL INFORMATION

For the year ended 31st March 2026

Charity Number:

520197

Members of the Trustee Board during the year

Trustee Name

Mr P Bowers - *Chair*
Mrs H France – *Treasurer*
Mrs T Davies - *Honorary Secretary*
Mr P N Wainwright – Deputy Chair
Mrs C Powell
Mr C J Marchant
Mr P Adamson
Mr C J Reddy
Ms C M Worthington
Mrs A J S Roscoe
Ms J L McGhee
Mrs C Reid

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Independent Examiner:

Mr D Kimpton
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1st Great Sutton Scout Group

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

For the year ended 31st March 2026

The Trustee Board present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Trustee Board

The members of the Trustee Board named on page 1 have served during the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Group's governing documents are those of The Scout Association.

The Group is a separate registered charity, registered with the Charity Commission.

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

The Group is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. 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 exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; and
- Appointing any sub-committees that may be required.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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 co-operate with others and make friends.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES BOARD

For the year ended 31st March 2026 (Continued)

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

- 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.

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.

The Group continues to provide facilities for over 100 children to undertake activities in their various, Squirrels, Beaver, Cub, Rainbow and Scout groups as well as other organisations.
The facilities are also being used by the St. Saviours Pre-School during the week giving good use of the new facilities.

The Young Leaders continue to be a success story and demonstrate their enthusiasm week in week out by assisting at section meetings, supporting district events, organising camps and generally being on call where they can.

The development of the new HQ has continued during the year and we moved in to the new building in December 2025.
We now have a facility to operate from which gives the Group greater flexibility in it's use and the potential for outside hiring and multiple uses at the same time with the addition of a second floor and kitchen facility.
We were very fortunate in the year that Kangaroo Storage funded a shed for storage purposes with the help of a small grant from Costco.
The Group have also been able to fit out one of the upstairs rooms as a boardroom and also rack out the new stores with the donation of racking and furniture from Mitchell Charlesworth who we are very grateful to.

The Group publishes News items through various mediums providing an insight as to what scouting is all about both locally and nationally. The Group hosts a Facebook page to provide information to a wide audience and has also developed the group web site to allow greater passage of information and flexibility.

Following the move into the new building the Group continues to meet with the GP surgery, the Village Hall, the Football Group and the Allotments users to ensure the best use and development of the overall site.

The Group has continued to follow Government guidelines and also those issued by the Scout Association to ensure the safety of all of our board, leaders and children within the group.

Reserves policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the Group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Trustee Board previously considered that the Group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £60K. The figures reflect a temporary increase in the reserves held with reserves of approximately £79.5k.
The Group will need to review the appropriate reserve policy as they become aware of the increased costs of running the group and the new building.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

For the year ended 31st March 2026 (Continued)

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies but using variable rate notice accounts to maximise interest return without risk.

Statement of Trustee Board Responsibilities

The Trustee Board members are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and resources expended for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustee Board members are required to:

(a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

(b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

(c) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustee Board members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Board Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

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P BOWERS ***(Chairman)***

16th September 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD OF

1st Great Sutton Scout Group

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026 set out on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

D KIMPTON
Independent Examiner

1 Berry Close
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16th September 2026

1st Great Sutton Scout Group

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31/03/26 £	Total Funds 31/03/25 £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income					
Membership subscriptions		15,380.50	-	15,380.50	14,331.50
Donation in memory - D France		100.00	-	100.00	500.00
General Donations		835.00	1,100.00	1,935.00	-
Specific Donations:					
-Essar Oil (UK)		-	-	-	770.00
-CWAC Councillors		-	-	-	3,450.00
-Kangaroo Storage		-	1,562.99	1,562.99	-
-Costco		-	137.00	137.00	-
-Prof Helen Aspinall		-	-	-	500.00
The Giving Machine		62.92	-	62.92	47.42
Camps/Trips		19,431.50	-	19,431.50	12,144.71
Gift Aid		3,863.48	-	3,863.48	5,096.11
Capitation		7,428.00	-	7,428.00	6,082.00
Fireworks		-	-	-	105.00
RAW income		-	-	-	96.00
Donated Goods:					
-Mitchell Charlesworth		-	-	-	5,500.00
Other income		394.74	-	394.74	381.52
		47,496.14	2,799.99	50,296.13	49,004.26
Fundraising					
Summer fayre/raffle		688.00	-	688.00	1,618.15
Bingo		689.00	-	689.00	580.00
Duck Race		596.00	-	596.00	529.00
Cheshire hike		615.00	-	615.00	355.00
Quiz night		-	-	-	222.00
Race night		-	-	-	460.70
Bag Pack		50.00	-	50.00	60.00
Yuletide		2,151.10	-	2,151.10	1,308.00
Other fundraising activities		1,077.48	-	1,077.48	827.24
		5,866.58	-	5,866.58	5,960.09
Investment income	**2**				
Bank interest		712.84	-	712.84	884.88
Property rent income		2,560.00	-	2,560.00	2,160.00
		3,272.84	-	3,272.84	3,044.88
Total gross income		56,635.56	2,799.99	59,435.55	58,009.23

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31/03/26 £	Total Funds 31/03/25 £
Total receipts		56,635.56	2,799.99	59,435.55	58,009.23
Payments					
Charitable payments					
Youth programme and activities		7,959.40	-	7,959.40	7,171.02
Gift Aid to the groups		-	-	-	2,102.82
Waste removal		95.58	-	95.58	-
Electricity and gas		656.08	-	656.08	-
Insurance		1,575.25	-	1,575.25	399.39
Defibrillator contribution		142.32	-	142.32	-
Materials and equipment		5,836.62	2,799.99	8,636.61	1,280.97
Fireworks		365.00	-	365.00	-
Camp costs & trips		13,470.34	500.00	13,970.34	10,880.37
Uniforms/badges/shirts/awards		4,047.74	-	4,047.74	3,382.70
Capitation		14,085.50	-	14,085.50	12,622.00
Subscriptions		194.49	-	194.49	241.59
Donation		60.00	-	60.00	200.00
Leaders planning meeting		117.15	-	117.15	-
T Shirts		1,206.00	-	1,206.00	1,148.00
H Q moving costs		607.32	-	607.32	-
Go Cardless		268.17	-	268.17	102.93
Other expenses		245.18	-	245.18	160.74
Ground rent		1.00	-	1.00	-
Telephone, postage & WiFi		936.89	-	936.89	378.70
		51,870.03	3,299.99	55,170.02	40,071.23
Fundraising expenses					
Race night		-	-	-	286.00
Duck Race		85.00	-	85.00	75.00
Bingo		244.00	-	244.00	255.00
Cheshire hike		890.65	-	890.65	448.87
Other fundraising costs		-	-	-	141.60
Summer fayre		308.00	-	308.00	423.00
Yuletide		695.00	-	695.00	433.00
Quiz night		-	-	-	122.00
		2,222.65	-	2,222.65	2,184.47
Total gross expenditure					42,255.70
Assets and investment purchases etc		-	-	-	5,500.00
Total payments		54,092.68	3,299.99	57,392.67	47,755.70

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 (Continued)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31/03/26 £	Total Funds 31/03/25 £
Net of receipts/(payments)		2,542.88	(500.00)	2,042.88	10,253.53
Fund balances brought forward at 1st April 2025		76,918.50	500.00	77,418.50	67,164.97
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2026		79,461.38	-	79,461.38	77,418.50

1st Great Sutton Scout Group

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

At 31st March 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Cash funds			
Cash at bank and in hand		81,002.72	77,418.50
Less:			
Accrued expenses		(1,541.34)	-
		79,461.38	77,418.50
Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted			
Unrestricted funds	4	79,461.38	76,918.50
Restricted funds	5	-	500.00
Total funds		79,461.38	77,418.50

Approved by the Trustee Board on 16th September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

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H FRANCE ***(Treasurer)***

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P BOWERS ***(Chair)***

1st Great Sutton Scout Group

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Trustee Board report, all of which are continuing.

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026 include the activities of the Trustee Board plus the various group's details being a Squirrels unit, two beaver groups, two cub groups and one scout group.

(b) Capitalisation

All expenditure on the acquisition of fixed assets has been written off in the Income and Expenditure Account due to their short life expectancy.

(c) Income

Donations are accounted for as received by the charity

Income from investments is accounted for on a received basis.

(d) Investments

Investments are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost.

(e) Funds

The Group funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The Group can use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donors wishes or as a condition of receiving the funds.

(f) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(g) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Board of Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustee Board have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2026

2.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2026 £	2025 £
	Interest receivable on cash deposits	712.84	884.88

3. REMUNERATION OF THE COMMITTEE

No remuneration was paid to members of the Board of Trustees in the year, nor were any Board of Trustees members expenses reimbursed.

4.	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2026 £	2025 £
	General fund		
	At 1st April 2025	76,918.50	67,074.97
	Net movement in funds	2,542.88	9,843.53
	At 31st March 2026	79,461.38	76,918.50

5.	RESTRICTED FUNDS	2026 £	2025 £
	At 1st April 2025	500.00	90.00
	Net movement in funds	(500.00)	410.00
	At 31st March 2026	-	500.00

The restricted fund brought forward represents amounts donated for establishing the new Squirrels unit and the amount held in the year relates to a donation toward next year's summer camp.

6. STAFF COSTS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Charity does not employ any staff, including any key management personnel.