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Scouts 1st Ripley

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

1st Ripley Scout Group, Ripley, Derbyshire

Trustee's Annual Report for the period:

From	1st January 2025	Period start date	To	31st December 2025	Period end date

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1. Administrative Details

Details of the group and its registrations and address:

Charity name	The 1st Ripley Group Boy Scouts
Other names the charity uses	1st Ripley Scouts 1st Ripley (Butterley)
Charity registration number	520671 (Charity Commission Entry)
The Scout Association registration number	10010606 (Scout Association Entry)
Charity's principal address	1st Ripley Scouts Hill Street Ripley Derbyshire DE5 3RT (1st Ripley Scout Group - Google Maps)
Charity's website	https://1stripleyscouts.org/

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2. Trustees

2.1 Trustees during the period

Names of the charity trustees who managed the group during the financial year:

No	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (if not for whole year)	Status at end of period
1	Julian Turner	Chairman		Active
2	Sally Ogden	Treasurer		Active
3	Michael Hawley	Group Lead Volunteer	1st January 2025 to 10th November 2025	Retired
4	Richard Beresford	Group Lead Volunteer	10th November 2025 to 31st December 2025	Active
5	David Hawley			Active
6	Ronald Ashton		1st January 2025 to 20th June 2025	Retired
7	Michael Thompson			Active
8	Martin Holden		20th June 2025 to 31st December 2025	Active
9	Zoey Beresford		28th July 2025 to 31st December 2025	Active
10	Angela Alwood		1st January 2025 to 20th June 2025	Retired

2.2 Additional Trustee Information

AGM	• The group held its AGM in the period on 20th June 2025.
Group Lead Volunteer	• The existing group lead volunteer, Michael Hawley, left to take up a post as county lead volunteer on 10th November 2025. • The appointment of the new group lead volunteer, Richard Beresford, was confirmed at a trustee board meeting on 10th November 2025.
External Appointment of Trustees	• There is no external person or body entitled to appoint a trustee.
Corporate Trustees	• There are no corporate trustees of the group.

3. Structure, Governance And Management

3.1 Trust and Trustees

Description of the charity's trusts:

Governing Document Type of governing document. E.g. trust deed, constitution. (SORP 1.25)	• **Model Constitution.** The Group adopts the model constitution in section 5.c. of *The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules*, with amendments approved at the group's annual general meeting. See: Chapter 5: c. Constitutions of Groups, Districts and Counties

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	(except Scotland) | Policy, Organisation and Rules | Scouts • **Pre-AGM.** For the period 1st January 2025 to 20th June 2025, the constitution was that approved at the AGM held on 13th June 2024. • **Post-AGM.** For the period 20th June 2025 to 31st December 2025, the constitution was that approved at the AGM held on 20th June 2025.
Legal Form How is the charity constituted? E.g. trust, association, company. (SORP 1.25)	• **Legal Form.** The charity is a trust, for educational purposes. • **Trust Document.** It is constituted under a document entitled "ASSIGNMENT DATED 9TH AUGUST 1950, UPON THE TRUSTS OF THE BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION TRUST DEED 1935".
Trustee Selection Trustee selection methods, including details of any constitutional provisions. E.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees. (SORP 1.25)	• **Appointment.** The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution. • **GLV.** The Group Lead Volunteer is automatically a trustee "ex officio" (by virtue of office) under the constitution. • **AGM.** Other trustees are principally appointed at the annual general meeting of the group. An invitation to apply to be a trustee, including for the roles of chairman and treasurer, is sent out ahead of the annual general meeting, to all members of the group. • **Co-opting.** Trustees may also appoint (co-opt) additional trustees in accordance with the constitution at any meeting of the trustee board; subject to the limits within the constitution.

3.2 Additional Governance Information

Trustee Training Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees. (SORP 1.51)	• **Growing Roots.** Members of the Trustee Board must complete the Growing roots learning within 6 months of joining the board, as provided by the Scout Association. See: Scouts - Growing Roots • **Trustee Training.** The growing roots training, includes trustee training where applicable. • **Support.** The Scout Association provides support for trustees. See: Scouts - Trustee Basics, in addition to the Charity Commission Guidance.
Structure and Network The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works. (SORP 1.51)	• **Organisational Structure.** This is detailed further in Section 3.3. below. • **Wider Network.** The group is part of The Scout Association for England and Wales, as further detailed in Section 3.4 below.
Related Parties Relationship with any related parties. (SORP 1.51)	• There are no official related parties, except for the wider network as detailed in section 3.4 below.
Charity Advisers	• The charity had no advisers during the period. • However, note that the charity is affiliated to The Scout Association.

3.3 Organisational Structure

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Group Scout Council	• **Meeting.** The governing body of the group is the group scout council, that meets once per year at an annual general meeting in June, to appoint trustees and approve the constitution. • **Members.** The group scout council is made up of the members of the group, including leaders, and parents and carers of young people in the group.

Trustee Board	• **Appointment.** The group is managed by a trustee board re-appointed annually by the group scout council.
	• **Responsibility.** The trustee board is responsible for the overall management of the group, according to responsibilities set by both The Scout Association and the Charity Commission.
	• **Officers.** The trustee board has three officers: Chairman, Treasurer and Group Lead Volunteer.
	• **Compliance.** 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.
	• **Membership.** The Trustee Board consists of: (a) the Chair, and the Treasurer; (b) the Group Lead Volunteer; (c) members of the Group Scout Council who stand for appointment.
	• **Registration.** Trustees are registered with both The Scout Association and the Charity Commission.
	• **Meetings.** The trustee board meets at 2-monthly intervals, 6 times a year.
	• **Responsibilities.** The Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in governing the Group, and is responsible for:
	  ○ running of the group;
	  ○ managing the finances of the group;
	  ○ ensuring the group carries out the purposes it was set up for and no other;
	  ○ ensuring the scouts policy, organisation and rules are followed;
	  ○ ensuring that legislation is observed;
	  ○ ensuring that charity laws and rules are applied;
	  ○ avoiding exposing charity assets, beneficiaries, and reputation to undue risk;
	  ○ the insurance of persons, property and equipment;
	  ○ appointing any sub teams that may be required;
	  ○ and appointing group administrators and advisors other than those who are elected.

Group Lead Volunteer	• The group's chief leader is called the group lead volunteer, who acts in effect as a chief executive officer, and is responsible for the operation of the group and its activities.

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Leaders	• The group's activities and objects are delivered by adults who are called "leaders". • They are registered in The Scout Association systems as members, and must undergo initial and recurring training as set by The Scout Association, and as monitored by the Group Lead Volunteer. • This includes basic training, called "growing roots", and safety and safeguarding training. • All leaders are DBS checked.
Sections	• **Types.** The group is split into sections, which are where the activities of the group principally take place; formally consisting of: Squirrels (4-6), Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10½), and Scouts (10½-14). • **Allocation.** Each section is responsible for a specific set of young people, recorded in the groups OSM system (see section 4 below). • **Team Leader.** For each Section, a Leader is designated as a Section Team Leader to run that section. • **Team Members.** Other Leaders are attached to the Section, as Section Team Members.
Current Sections	• **2025.** The group has the following sections currently at the end of 2025 - 1 Squirrels, 2 Beavers, 1 Cubs, and 1 Scouts section.
Young Leaders	• The group is supported by young leaders, who are between 14 and 17 years of age, and who volunteer to help with Sections. • They are drawn from young people who complete scouts (which ends at 14), and it provides an opportunity for further personal development. • There are awards that young leaders can work towards.

3.4 Wider Network

Affiliation	• The charity is a scouts group that is affiliated to The Scout Association.

Scout Association	• The Scout Association is the top level charity for scouting in England and Wales, and Scotland.
	• Delivery of scouting occurs through independent charity groups across the country, that affiliate with the Scout Association.
	• The Scout Association supports scouting through:
	  ○ Setting policies and rules: https://www.scouts.org.uk/por;
	  ○ Providing a membership system and training for adults involved in scouting.

County	• Each county has a charity organisation that oversees and commissions scouting in that county, and supports the districts. • The County for 1st Ripley is Derbyshire: Derbyshire Scouts | Home.

Districts	• Each county is split up into districts, which are charity organisations that oversee and commission scouting in sub-regions of a county. • Typically several scouting groups attach to a district. • The district supports those groups, and arranges events that may involve more than one group. • The district also operates explorers sections for scouts aged 14 to 17, often drawing young people from various groups in the district. • The district for 1st Ripley is "Ripley and Heanor": Derbyshire Scouts | Districts.
Groups	• Scouting is delivered by individual groups, of which 1st Ripley is one. • Each group is a separate charity. • 1st Ripley also hosts a Ripley and Heanor District explorers section.
Affiliation Fees	• The group pays a fee annually (called capitation) in February, which funds the District Charity, County Charity, and The Scout Association; covering their expenses, and any support, insurance, and services they provide. • The fee is based on a census of young people (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) taken in January. • UK Scouts membership fee | Scouts

4. Charity Property & Systems

Details of the group's property and systems used to operate the group:

Property	• **Hut.** The group owns the scout hut that it operates from, at the address noted above. • **Equipment.** The group has a range of camping and other equipment stored at its scout hut for its scouting activities. • **Ownership.** The group's property and assets are held under the group's trust instrument, and are not held by a sub-set of trustees.
Systems	• **OSM.** The group uses the Online Scout Manager cloud service to manage its activities, events and finances, and collects payments from parents & carers using the OSM direct debit payments feature. See https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/ • **Microsoft.** The group uses the Microsoft 365 and SharePoint cloud services for email and file management, group processes and procedures, and group records. • **WhatsApp.** The group uses WhatsApp extensively for group messaging, with various chat groups covering: trustees, signatories, all leaders, sections, and parents and carers. • **The Scout Association.** The group uses the Scout Association membership system to manage trustee and leader membership, disclosure and training requirements.

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5. Objects & Activities

5.1 Essential Information

Purposes
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.
(SORP 1.17)
	• **Purposes.** The purposes of the charity are to deliver scouting activities to local young people.
	• **Public Benefit.** The group considers that it meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.
	• **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.
	• **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.

Main Activities Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. (SORP 1.17 & 1.19)	• **Sections.** (1) The Group runs 4 section meeting weekly during school term times for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. (2) These sections provide a variety of activities for young people designed to achieve the range of badges set out by the Scout Association. • **Explorers.** We are also partnered with the District for the provision of Explorer Scouts at Ripley enabling the provision of Scouting from 4-18 in the town. • **Events.** We supplement these meetings, with additional events, such as camping, skills days, overnight sleepovers, and hikes. • **Adult Benefits.** Through these activities, the group also indirectly provides great opportunities for personal development for adults, in the training and experience offered by scouting.
Charity Commission	• The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity

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Guidance Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. (SORP 1.18)	Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and reviewing the Group's activities. The trustees believe that the Group's activities, through the provision of Scouting to young people, deliver public benefit in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Scout Association

5.4 Additional Objects & Activities Information

Grant Making Policy on grant making. (SORP 1.38)	• **Hardship Policy.** We developed and implemented a hardship policy in 2024, under which we may support parents and carers who are struggling financially to meet the costs of scouting. Support may include suspending membership fees for particular scouts.
Social Investment Policy on social investment including program related investment. (SORP 1.38)	• The Group does not hold any social investments.
Volunteers Contribution made by volunteers. (SORP 1.38)	• **Volunteer Dependent.** The group operates entirely through the amazing work of our volunteers. We do not have any paid or salaried positions. • **Roles.** All roles in the group are filled by volunteers, including the trustee board and the leaders who run sections and events. • **Types of Support.** Volunteers contribute their time to running and supporting activities and events of the charity, and the wider scouting network. • **Indirect Financial Support.** Volunteers do not always claim, expenses for costs incurred in relation to the meetings, training, activities and event, or for travel costs to meetings, training or events.
Support for Explorers	• **District and County Meetings.** The group occasionally allows its hut to be used for other meetings and events run at a district or county level, such as training events. • **Explorers.** Young people over 14 are able to join the district explorers group, operated independently under the district charity. To enable a new explorers group to get started, the group allowed them to use the group's hut and equipment for free. The trustees will be discussing with the explorers group a financial contribution starting in 2026.

5.2 Purposes of Scouting

Summary	• Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.
Values	• As Scouts we are guided by these values: ○ Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

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	○ 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.
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.

5.3 Who Benefits?

Young People (Under 18)	• Young people (under 18) benefit through: ○ Developing skills, experiences and a wider outlook through the range of activities and events organised by scouting and the badges covered. ○ Developing confidence through being away from parents, at meetings, events or on nights away, and being with their peer group in the course of scouting, and being part of the scouting community. ○ Developing confidence with adults, through positive interactions and working with adults who lead scouting. ○ Developing discipline through the ceremonies of scouting. ○ Developing community awareness through participation in community oriented events run by scouting. ○ Developing leadership skills through the opportunity to lead within their sections or become young leaders to support the adults in running sections.
Adult Leaders	• Adult leaders benefit through: ○ The opportunity to learn a range of important skills from, running sections, looking after young people, and running the group. ○ The opportunity to be with other adults as a team in running the group.
Parents & Carers	• Parents and carers benefit through: ○ The growth of their young persons. ○ The opportunity for developing skills and positive

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	experiences through supporting the scout group.

Community	• The community benefits through:
	  ○ The benefits it gives to the young people who will be future members of the community.
	  ○ The support scouting provides to community events, such as remembrance day.

6. Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole,

(SORP 1.20)

6.1 Group Growth & Activities

Growth Number of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	• **2025.** Over the period, the group has grown by 8 young people over the year reaching a total of 109 members. • **2024.** Over the period, the group grew by 14 young people over the year reaching a total of 101 members, up from 87 at the start of that year.
Waiting List	• Following the opening of a second Beaver Colony the waiting list has reduced from the previous year. All sections continue to actively monitor the groups waiting list and take a pro-active approach in contacting people to arrange trial sessions as soon as sections have spaces available.
Adult Volunteers	• **2025.** The number of adult volunteers has decreased by 3 over the year to 28. • **2024** The number of adult volunteers increased by 2 over the year to 31.
Top Awards Beavers bronze, Cubs Silver and Scouts Gold Awards	• **2025.** The group awarded 20 top awards across the sections, and continues to run a strong programme. • **2024.** The group awarded 27 top awards. • **National Target.** The national target is of 50% of young people achieving their top awards.

Activities & Events	• **Summary for 2025.** The sections took part in a variety of events including
	  ○ Various camps, sleepovers, visits, and hikes.
	  ○ Adventurous trips, such as to Treetops activity centre.
	  ○ The annual Ripley Remembrance Parade, which the group participates in each year.
	  ○ Attending a district hike.
	  ○ Attending a Scouting Musical, and the national Scout Car

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	Races 2025. ○ [A trip to Disneyland Paris] ○ A winter fund raising fair with a range of book and other sales, and fun gams. ○ Carol singing for a local old-peoples' home. ○ A sleepover at the Leicester Space Centre. ○ Supporting the Ripley Music Festival and Marehay Show with barbecues. ○ Attended the Annual Scout Car Championships held at Darley Moor Raceway. • **Event & Activity Records.** A full record of all group meetings, events and activities is maintained in the group's online scout manager system: https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/
Badges	• **2025.** Across the year we awarded 1,265 badges across all the sections. • **2024.** This compares to 1304 in 2024.
Plans for 2026/2027	• **Develop Volunteers.** We will continue to develop our volunteers to support them towards completing their wood badges to reward their hard work and ensue young people are receiving the best programme that we can offer. • **Planning For Future Growth**. We have started planning for an additional cubs section to meet the demand that will come from the second beaver colony. We support a maximum of 36 cubs in a meeting. • **Events.** We look to run events as a group and deliver more nights away based activities. To support this we will increase the number of people who hold nights away permits within the group.

6.2 Group Property & Development Projects

The following were projects completed by the group in 2025:

Safe Premises	• **Fire Risk Assessment.** The group completed and documented its fire risk assessment in the period, and emergency lighting testing.
Hall	• **Tent Driers.** We installed ropes and pullet systems to be used to hang tents on for drying following camp. • **Hall AV.** We installed a new audio-visual system in its main hall, with new speakers and a roof-mounted projector. • **LED Lighting.** Hall lighting upgraded to LED lighting.
Cleaning Storage Cupboard	• **Cleaning Materials Storage.** The group created of a secure storage cupboard in the entrance to the boys toilet, for use to store cleaning and hygiene materials, previously stored in a room next to the gas boiler.

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Audio-Visual	• **Hall AV.** The group installed a new audio-visual system in its main hall, with new speakers and a roof-mounted projector. • **Meeting Room AV.** The group installed a new wall mounted television/monitor in an upstairs meeting room to support trustee and leader meetings and for use in other meetings.
Office	• **Printer.** The group invested in a printer with efficient ink tanks to support leaders in printing materials for meetings, event and activities.
Garden	• **Removal of Tree Stumps.** The group completed the removal of hedges and tree stumps from its garden area, to provide more space.
Plans for 2026/2027	• Anticipated spend in 2026 and 2027 will be for the following. • **New Heater.** A new gas heating has boiler for improved efficiency. • **Re-Painting**. Re-painting of the hut main hall floor, and walls. • **Asbestos Management.** Establishing an asbestos management system and work to remove or better secure the limited areas where asbestos is known to be used (such gas boiler flue). • **Front Gate.** Replacement of the front gate and improvements to boundary fences. These are starting to show their age. • **Accessibility Ramp.** Investment in an accessibility ramp for the main hut entrance. This has stalled in 2025, and will be re-visited in 2026. • **Secure Entry System.** Consideration of and possible investment in an improved entry system for the hut for security purposes. • **Refurbishment of Upstairs Rooms.** We have two upstairs rooms, and one has become cluttered, and is not in full use. We will aim to refurbishing our upstairs rooms so that they can be better used to support scouting activities. • **Review of external areas.** Revamping the gas storage bunker and garden area at the rear of the building and carpark area.

6.3 Group Objectives

Objectives Achievements against objectives set. (SORP 1.41)	• **Second Beaver Colony.** In our 2024 report we noted that during 2025 we will open a new beaver colony to address to the large number of young people on our joining list to help us deliver more Skills for Life to more young people. A second beaver colony was established during that period, and now works successfully with the first beaver colony. • **Group Events.** In our 2024 report we noted that we'll look to run events together as a group and deliver more nights away based on feedback from young people and continue to ensure we have high numbers of top awards achieved by young people. [OUTCOME] • **Building Investment.** We made the investments in our building noted in the sections above, and our specific plans are also noted above. We'll continue to invest in our building to make sure that it is a great place to deliver scouting, and inviting to new young people

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	and volunteers. We will look to continually improve our safety management process to provide assurance that all of our people are safe.
Fundraising Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set. (SORP 1.41)	• **Barbecue Sales.** We have continued with attending two barbecues in 2025 and maintaining consistent sales with 2024. We will aim to continue this for 2026. • Fund Raising Events. Ripley music festival and Marehay show generated a total profit for the group of £1,389.35 which has allowed us to maintain subs at the same rate in 2026 as 2025.
Investment Investment performance against objectives. (SORP 1.41)	• No objectives, funds in interest earning account.
Expenditure How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.	• Our expenditure supports the key objectives in a number of ways: • **Building.** It pays for the maintenance, heating and running of our scout hut where the majority of our activities take place, and where our equipment for activities is stored. • **Consumables**. It pays for consumables used for our activities, such as stationery, snacks and drinks for young people and volunteers, gas and other activity materials, • **Equipment.** It pays for the cost of maintenance and replacement of reusable equipment, such as trailers, tents, cooking equipment, benches, and tables. • **Events.** It pays for or supplements the cost of camping and other events, such as booking fees. In most cases, we pay for these out of the subscriptions from parents and carers for their young people, such as to cover visits to local scout woodland facilities; but in some cases we may ask for additional payments, particularly for camps and special trips. • **Hardship.** We support parents keeping their children in scouting where they cannot meet the cost through hardship issues; such as by suspending subscription payments.

7. Financial Review

7.1 Core Financial Information

Financial Position Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period. (SORP 1.21)	• At the end of 2025 our financial position remains strong with the group ending the year with total cash funds of £57,678.32 in comparison to £58,135.90 at the end of 2024.
Reserves Policy Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held. (SORP 1.22)	• **Running Costs Reserve.** 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. In particular costs of water and gas for heating are rising significantly, and must be anticipated. The group trustee board considers that the group

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	should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £10,500. • **Building Maintenance and Improvement Costs Reserve.** As the group owns its own property, it is also the group's policy to hold sufficient reserves to cover major infrastructure repairs and improvements. • **Squirrels Nights Away.** Squirrels Nights Away - £500 (Restricted) - Grant received from HQ to support nights away experiences for Squirrel Scouts. • **Annual Review.** The Trustees will annually review the reserves policy, and continue to plan to hold reserves to protect the association and delivery of its charitable programmes by providing time to adjust to changing financial circumstances or emergency maintenance.
Reserves Amount of reserves held. (SORP 1.22)	• **Running Costs Reserve.** At the end of the period, the group held £17,178.32 in reserves under this heading, down from £17,635.90 in the previous period. £ 6,678.32 higher than our reserves policy. This is due to underspend against budget during 2026, specifically relating to not having the time available to progress with the accessibility improvements to the front of the building and the refurbishment of the Egglestone Room. • **Building Maintenance and Improvement Costs Reserve.** At the end of the period, the group held £40,000 in reserves under this heading, the same value as in the previous period, reflecting the groups strong financial position.
Zero Reserves Reasons for holding zero reserves. (SORP 1.22)	• **Not applicable.** The group holds reserves as noted above.
Uncertainties Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. (SORP 1.24)	• **None.** The group is in a strong position, with its own property, and an activity young persons and leadership base, with good reserves.
Third Party Funds Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.	• **None.** The charity held no funds a custodian trustees during the period.

7.2 Additional Financial Information

Sources of Funds The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising). (SORP 1.47)	• **Subscriptions.** Our principle source of funds is from parents through: (a) a monthly subscription payment for each young person who is a member of the group; (b) payments for specific costed events such as camps. These payments are made through direct debit subscriptions, using a service provided by Online Scout Manager and its partner Go Cardless. • **Gift Aid.** Gift aid is claimed on subscription income where

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	declarations are made through OSM, equating to circa £3,000 of income in the period. • **Barbecue Sales.** From 2023 we are also now raising funds through operating a barbecue at two local Ripley Events, which continued in 2024, and 2025. These are the Ripley Music Festival in July and the Marehay Show in September. We sell burgers and hot-dogs, and run this entirely staffed with volunteers. A payment needs to be made to the event organisers, and net sales were approximately £1,400 in 2025. • **Grants.** We occasionally apply for grants from local government for specific purposes, or are given grants by local charitable groups. We use these typically to fund equipment improvements for our hut. • **Gifts.** We occasionally receive gifts, such as in the wills of previous members of the group.
Investment Policy Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted. (SORP 1.46)	• **Savings Accounts.** All funds of the charity are held as cash in savings accounts. • **Risk Averse.** The Group has adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

8. Risk Management

A description of the principal risks facing the charity (SORP 1.46).

The following sets out information relating to risk management and the group:

Identification	• The trustee board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed. • These have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. • The main areas of concern that have been identified are as noted below.
Property Damage	• The group's building could be damaged by fire or other accident. • The group's building could be declared unsafe or unfit to use. • The group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other scout groups. • Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. • The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss. • The Group maintains a fire risk assessment under the Fire Safety Order.
Injury	• The group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy.

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	• Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities. • The group maintains a fire risk assessment under the Fire Safety Order, including fire safety measures, and fire escape measures.
Reduced Income	• The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions. • This is supplemented by some fundraising; but the group is not reliant on fundraising. • The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. • The trustee board could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
Reduction or Loss of Leaders	• The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. • They may not be available due to: change in circumstances; injury; personal issues; illness and mental wellbeing issues; and tiredness. • If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. • In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.
Reduction or Loss of Members	• The Group provides activities for all young people aged 4 to 14. • If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. • In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.
Internal Control	• The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. • These include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Appendix - Links

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) - GOV.UK

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Chairman

Signature	
Full Name (s)	Julian Turner
Position	Chairman, 1st Ripley ...
Date of Signature	10/17/2026

Group Lead Volunteer

Signature	
Full Name (s)	Richard Beresford
Position	Group Lead ...
Date of Signature	10/18/2026

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1st Ripley Scout Group (Charity no. 520671)
Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Receipts and payments

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar income				-	-
Donations	1365.00	-	-	1,365.00	100.55
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	3000.52	-	-	3,000.52	2,656.35
Other similar income	258.80	-	-	258.80	4.80
Subs	16032.69			16,032.69	14,594.41
Events	7274.38			7,274.38	9,166.26
Sub total	27,931.39	-	-	27,931.39	26,522.37
Grants				-	-
Maintenenace grant	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	300.00	-	-	300.00	400.00
Sub total	300	-	-	300.00	400.00
Fundraising events (gross)				-	-
RMF - BBQ Fundraiser 2025	2533.28	-	-	2,533.28	1,712.20
Marehay Show 2025	989.15	-	-	989.15	1,187.42
Raffle 2024		-	-	-	2,118.30
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,522.43	-	-	3,522.43	5,017.92
Scout hut income				-	
Hire of building	-	-	-	-	-
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Other Scout hut income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income					
Bank interest	930.15	-	-	930.15	775.44
Building Society interest	-	-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	930.15	-	-	930.15	775.44
Total Gross Income	32,683.97	-	-	32,683.97	32,715.73
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,683.97	-	-	32,683.97	32,715.73

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Receipts and payments

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	5,555.00	-	-	5,555.00	4,350.00
Events	9,424.69			9,424.69	10,205.21
Meetings	6,025.28			6,025.28	4,661.13
Adult support and training		-	-	-	-
Utilities	3,234.33	-	-	3,234.33	2,527.12
Insurance	1,791.55	-	-	1,791.55	1,807.97
Repairs and Renewals		-	-	-	-
Materials and equipment	999.86	-	-	999.86	1,828.83
Miscellaneous	289.92	-	-	289.92	256.85
Contribution to camp costs		-	-	-	-
Uniforms	763.08	-	-	763.08	17.99
AGM and trustee expenses		-	-	-	-
IT and software charges	761.53	-	-	761.53	1,185.65
Bank Fees		-	-	-	-
Venue Maintainence	2,163.23	-	-	2,163.23	1,572.25
Sub total	31,008.47	-	-	31,008	28,413.00
Fundraising expenses				-	-
RMF - BBQ Fundraiser 2025	1,421.27	-	-	1,421.27	1,116.55
Marehay Show 2025	711.81	-	-	711.81	781.47
Raffle 2024		-	-	-	293
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,133.08	-	-	2,133.08	2,190.59
Total Gross Expenditure	33,141.55	-	-	33,141.55	30,603.59
Asset and investment purchases, etc.		-	-	-	6,780
Total payments	33,141.55	-	-	33,141.55	37,383.59
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 457.58	-	-	- 458	- 4,667.86
Transfers between funds			-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	57,635.90	500.00	-	58,135.90	62,803.76
Cash funds this year end	57,178.32	500.00	-	57,678.32	58,135.90

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Receipts and Payments Account

	Year start date		Year end date
For the year from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2025				2024
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	23,745.52	500	-	24,245.52	25,462.92
Bank deposit account	31,245.18	-	-	31,245.18	30,315.03
Building society account		-	-	-	-
The Scout Association Short Term Investment Service		-	-	-	-
Cash/Floats	383.9	-	-	383.90	356.57
OSM Card Float	1803.72			1,803.72	2,001.38
Total cash funds	57,178.32	500	-	57,678.32	58,135.90
(agree balances with receipts and payments a/c)	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok
Other monetary assets					
Tax claim	-	-	-	-	-
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for charity's own use					
Badge stock	2,449.25	-	-	2,449.25	1,793.87
Trailers	8,780.00	-	-	8,780.00	8,780.00
Land and buildings	747,432.00	-	-	747,432.00	747,432.00
Neckers and group badges	346.00	-	-	346.00	326.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	54,950.00	-	-	54,950.00	54,950.00
		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Sub total	813,957.25	-	-	813,957	813,281.87
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	871,135.57	500	-	871,635.57	871,417.77

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 16th June 2025 (the date of the Trustee Board meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

	Signature	Print Name
10/17/2026	Julian Turner	Julian Turner (Chair)
10/18/2026	Richard Beresford	Richard Beresford (Group Lead Volunteer)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Ripley Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Ripley Scouts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Ripley Scouts, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charites Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Ripley Scouts accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 1st Ripley Scouts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: P. L. Falconer

Name: Paul Falconer

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 4 Chancery Close, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3UT

Date: 29th September 2026