1st Norbreck Scout & Guide Group
Trustee Report 2025-2026
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE 1st NORBRECK SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 3lst March 2026, which are attached.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBITITIES OF THE SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP AND EXAMINER

The Group Executive are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011Act and
- to state whether specific 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity 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 REPORT

ln connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 2011 Act; and
   - - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2O11 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.

Signed: ..... Date: 3-6-26.

R. L. JONES (IPEA)
RETIRED

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1st Norbreck Scout Group Report for the Year ended 31st March 2026

The Scout Group present their report for the year ended 31st March 2026. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with standard accounting practice and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed and applicable law.

Reference and Administrative details of the Charity, it's Trustees and Advisers:

1st Norbreck Scout Group registered charity number 521556 is an independent charity owned by 1st Norbreck Scout Group. Members of the Trustee Board who have served during the year and since the year end are listed below.

Damian Cartwright	Peter Rumley	Richard Scott	Valerie Bradford
Anne Rumley	Steven Platt	Howard Hockey	Lucy McNeill
Michael Watkinson			

Address:

1st Norbreck Scout & Guide Group, Carr Road, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 3AG

Composition of the Trustee Board:

The Chairman; The Treasurer; The Group Lead Volunteer and 6 appointed members.

Independent Examiner:

Roger Lloyd Jones

Structure, Governance and Management:

The Charity is governed by a trust deed and is operated by the Trustee Board incorporated as a body. Its property is held by the The Scout Association Trust Corporation on behalf of the Charity and 1st Norbreck Guide Company jointly and they are subject to covenants set out in The Scout and Guide Joint Trust Deed 0f 1st October 1975. The Trustee Board acts as the Council of the Charity as defined in the said conveyance. The Trustee Board meet at least four times a year.

Objectives and Activities:

To maintain and operate on a day to day basis, the 1st Norbreck Scout & Guide HQ within the objectives of the Scout and Guide Associations concerned with the development of young people.

Public Benefit:

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements, Performance & Financial Review

The Scout Group has net income for the year of £25097.08, (2025 net expenditure £29570.16), as shown in the statement of financial activities in the attached accounts.

Annual Review

The Group is lucky to have such dedicated leaders who give up their time voluntarily, not only on section meeting nights, but for all the 'additional' planning/events/camps/sleepovers/activities that take place in the evening and at weekends. Without their dedication our young people would not be able to experience such a diverse and wide programme. It is these opportunities that prepare our young people for life ahead. On joining a section or moving up to another, they have to learn to adapt and make new friends, work as a team and listen. In their section activities they grow and learn new skills finding out about themselves and, in Cubs and Scouts, have the opportunity if they wish to take on a leadership role as sixer or Patrol Leader. They may not realise it now but these are life skills they are learning and skills which a lot of Higher Education establishments and Employers are keen to embrace when the time comes for them to go out into the big wide world.

Our new Squirrel Drey experienced a little wobble following our last AGM when the Squirrel leader left for personal reasons. We were then so lucky to be approached by 2 new prospective leaders who expressed an interest in leading Squirrels. They have embraced the challenge and numbers are growing weekly. Membership and attendance are both healthy though as happens in Scouting, membership per section tends to be a rollercoaster as young people reach their age limit for one section and move on, there is not always a cohort in a younger section immediately ready to replace them. This is particularly visible in Cubs though in recent months numbers have once again begun to grow.

Along with the Guide leader, we try to keep the building tidy and operationally safe for all users. We have been lucky to have the help of a number of people with specific skills who give their time willingly. This past year the targets were the renovation of the large and small halls. Both are almost complete with just minor tasks needed in each to finish the job. Thanks to a grant from our ward Councillor, we were able to fit a new carpet in the small hall which really sets it off and is now a smart space for sections and community groups to use. B&Q did a community work day painting the majority of the large hall. As this report is being written, the Group has re-commissioned the climbing wall in the large hall. This will be such an asset not only to our Group but the whole of Blackpool Scouting & Guiding as well as the wider community.

The renewal of our lease is still ongoing (3 years and counting) with Blackpool Council. Our Business rates have already doubled and it is looking like our rent to the Council for the land will treble. This will certainly place a lot of pressure on the Groups finances. The lack of a lease is hindering the Groups ability to apply for grants which in turn has stalled the major project ideas members have. The Group has not had to increase rental fees this year but the Trustees did elect to increase subscriptions by 50p per month per child. There had been no increase in subscriptions for at least 8 years and the monthly amount still provides good value for money when compared to other local 'out of school' activity clubs.

The charity's policy on reserves is to try and maintain unrestricted liquid funds of £12,000 in order to cover the running costs of the Group HQ over a year.

The charity's policy on investments is to adopt a low-risk strategy based on maximising funds. The Charity currently has no investments.

The charity's policy on grants is to provide grants for training instruction for the activities we provide.

The Headquarters deeds are held by The Scout Association Trust Corporation, a charitable company limited by guarantee.

This report was approved, for and on behalf of the Trustee Board, and signed on its behalf by:-

Signed.....p.p. R. Scott..... Date 13th June 2026

Richard Scott - Chairman 1st Norbreck Scout Group Trustee Board

1ST NORBRECK SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT 1-4-2025 TO 31-3-2026

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	7,748.00	Beaver Activities	197.62
Scout cars	185.00	Cub Activities	120.64
Beaver Events	2.50	Scout Activities	263.53
Scouts Events	22.00	Quartermaster	96.50
Clothing sales	178.50	Group Badges/Activities	454.35
Cubs Gangshow	25.00	Scouts Petty cash	200.00
Transfer error	49.00	Capitation	3,190.00
		AGM	9.19
		Building levy	216.00
		Squirrels	316.42
		Group Equipment	873.21
		Container & Installation	1,389.14
		Other	348.35
Sub Total	8,210.00	Sub Total	7,674.95
Scout Section Income	5,861.10	Scout Section Expenditure	4,716.03
Total Income all sources	**14,071.10**	Total Expenditure all sources	**12,390.98**
B/F From 24/25 Group Bank Account	**20,686.40**	C/F to 26/27 Group Bank Account	**21,221.45**
B/F From 24/25 Scout Section Account	**1,190.32**	C/F to 26/27 Scout Section Account	**2,335.39**
	£ 35,947.82		£ 35,947.82

FOUND TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD **AUDITOR** **DATE** 3.6.26

R. W. JONES
IPFA (RETIRED)

1ST NORBRECK SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP BUILDINGS ACCOUNT 1-4-2025 TO 31-3-2026

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Hall Hire - Pilates	334.00	Electric	1,036.26
Hall Hire - Waggys Dog Training	4,820.00	Gas	1,054.32
Donations	14.71	Business Rates	491.02
Hall Hire - K9 Dog Training	1,092.00	Rent	403.48
Hall Hire - Craft n Chat	920.00	Insurance	1,881.29
Hall Hire - General Bookings	470.00	Water	555.36
Gang Show	850.00	Electrical Testing	319.20
BBC Ward Councillor Grant	1,000.00	Cleaning	850.14
Christmas Fayre	829.27	General Maintenance	1,518.25
Explorer rent	120.00	Fire Alarm & Equipment	227.64
PAT testing	0.00	Major Projects	7,350.10
Guiding Subs	360.00	First Aid (Defibrilator)	676.00
Scouting Subs	216.00	Internet	18.88
		Lease Negotiation	500.00
		Working days	248.24
		Transfer Error	49.00
Uncashed Cheque			
Total Income all sources	**11,025.98**	Total Expenditure	**17,179.18**
B/F From 24/25 Bank Account	**28,501.95**	C/F to 26/27 Bank Account	**22,348.75**
	£ 39527.93		£ 39527.93

FOUND TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD R.L JONES IPFA (RETIRED). **AUDITOR** **DATE:** 3.6.26