1st Oswaldtwistle (St Paul's) Scout Group

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:
1st Oswaldtwistle (St Paul's) Scout Group

Charity Registration Number:
521646

Principal Address:
St Paul's Scout Headquarters
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Trustees Serving During the Year

- Craig Fishwick (Group Lead Volunteer)
- Michael Shackleton (Chair)
- Matthew Walmsley (Treasurer)
- Denis Berry (Secretary)
- Alexander Critchley
- Pamela Yates

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Structure, Governance and Management

1st Oswaldtwistle (St Paul's) Scout Group is a registered charity operating as part of The Scout Association. The Group is governed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and its governing constitution.

The Trustee Board is responsible for the overall governance, administration and financial management of the Group. Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to oversee the charity's activities, ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, monitor financial performance and support the delivery of high-quality Scouting programmes.

Trustees are appointed and recruited in accordance with the governing document and relevant Scout Association requirements. New trustees are provided with information, guidance and support to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities effectively.

The Group relies on a dedicated team of adult volunteers who plan and deliver programmes across all sections and provide support for the administration and operation of the charity.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the Group is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potential as individuals, responsible citizens and members of their local, national and international communities.

The Group achieves these objectives through the provision of Scouting activities and experiences designed to promote personal development, leadership, teamwork, citizenship and outdoor learning.

Activities undertaken during the year included:

- Weekly Beaver Scout meetings
- Weekly Cub Scout meetings
- Weekly Scout meetings
- Outdoor and adventurous activities
- Camping and residential experiences
- Community service projects
- First aid and life skills training
- Participation in District and County events
- Fundraising activities to support Scouting opportunities

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and carrying out the charity's activities.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees report a challenging year in which the Group provided a varied and engaging programme for young people from Oswaldtwistle and the surrounding communities.

Membership

The Group's membership at the year end comprised:

Section	Members
Beaver Scouts	6
Cub Scouts	6
Scouts	7
Total Youth Membership	19

The Group was supported by approximately 4 adult volunteers throughout the year.

Programme Delivery

Young people participated in a wide range of activities including:

- Summer and winter camping experiences
- Hiking and outdoor challenge events
- Environmental conservation projects
- Community litter-picking initiatives
- Remembrance Day commemorations
- Skills and leadership development activities
- District competitions and events

Community Engagement

The Group maintained strong links with St Paul's Church and the local community. Members participated in community events, charitable activities and service projects, helping to promote citizenship and a commitment to supporting others.

Financial Review

Financial Results

During the year the Group received total income of **£25,897** (2025: £16,920).

Income was generated from:

- Membership subscriptions
- Fundraising events
- Donations
- Gift Aid claims
- Grants

Total expenditure for the year amounted to **£23,572** (2025: £23,572).

Expenditure included:

- Programme activities
- Camping and residential events
- Equipment purchases and replacement
- Insurance and Scout subscriptions
- Headquarters operating costs and inprovements
- Volunteer training and development

The Group generated a surplus of **£2,324** for the year.

Reserves Policy

The trustees seek to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to approximately six months' operating expenditure. This is considered sufficient to ensure continuity of activities, meet unforeseen expenditure and manage short-term reductions in income.

At 31 December 2025 unrestricted reserves stood at **£13,534**, which the trustees consider adequate for the current needs of the Group.

Assets

The Group owns a range of camping and activity equipment used to support programme delivery, along with the building from which it has operated since 1993. No material additions were purchased but repair and improvement costs incurred to maintain the quality of activities available to members.

Risk Management

The Trustee Board regularly reviews the principal risks facing the charity and implements measures to mitigate these risks where appropriate.

Key risks monitored include:

- Safeguarding of young people
- Health and safety compliance
- Volunteer recruitment and retention
- Financial sustainability
- Maintenance of premises and equipment

The trustees are satisfied that appropriate policies, procedures and controls are in place to manage these risks effectively.

Plans for Future Periods

The Group intends to continue providing an enjoyable, challenging and inclusive Scouting programme while focusing on the following priorities:

- Increasing youth membership across all age sections (a real challenge at present)
- Recruiting and supporting additional adult volunteers (another real challenge right now)
- Expanding opportunities for outdoor and adventurous activities
- Enhancing camping and activity equipment
- Maintaining and improving the Scout Headquarters
- Strengthening engagement with families and the wider community

The trustees remain committed to ensuring that young people have access to high-quality Scouting experiences that help them gain valuable skills for life.

Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable charity law and regulations.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustee Board on 5 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Michael Shackleton

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Chair of Trustees Date: 5 October 2026.

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Profit and Loss Comparison

January-December, 2025

	TOTAL	
	Jan 1 - Dec 31 2025	Jan 1 - Dec 31 2024 (PY)
Income		
Bank account transfer	0.00	
Camp Income	550.00	814.00
Donations and legacies	100.00	505.00
Fun Day Income	2,434.49	272.65
Gift Aid		468.72
Grants	8,725.00	1,000.00
Plant Sale Income	11,062.21	10,261.22
Rent Income	565.00	821.00
Room hire - first aid	255.00	
Services	0.00	600.00
Subscriptions income	2,205.00	2,177.00
Total for Income	**£25,896.70**	**£16,919.59**
Gross Profit	**£25,896.70**	**£16,919.59**
Expenses		
Accountancy software	216.00	
Activities	521.21	1,472.88
AGM	66.99	14.19
Badges	211.32	
Camp Costs	835.92	595.75
Capitation Cost	1,532.25	1,500.75
Carnival Costs		167.97
Christmas Expenses	374.50	
Fun Day Costs	952.51	927.75
Hut Repairs - Grant funded	7,725.00	
Insurance	2,238.71	1,085.53
LEF Grant Contribution		849.75
Light and heat	1,165.47	1,538.55
Office expenses, repairs & maintenance	216.00	
Plant Sale Cost	7,340.43	6,204.72
Printing, postage and stationery		60.00
Rent	176.00	176.00
Repairs and maintenance		186.99
Soap Box Costs		60.50
Subscriptions		-6.00
Supplies		48.00
Uniform/Woggles		14.00
Total for Expenses	**£23,572.31**	**£14,897.33**
Net Operating Income	**£2,324.39**	**£2,022.26**
Other Income		
Other finance income		100.00
Total for Other Income		**£100.00**
Net Other Income		**£100.00**
Net Income	**£2,324.39**	**£2,122.26**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Oswaldtwistle (St Paul's) Scout Group

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on the Profit and Loss Account supported by the Balance Sheet.

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').

We report in respect of our examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving us 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 do not accord with those records.

We 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: Mayes Business Partnership Limited

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Date: 5 October 2026.