

Scout Promise

*On My Honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the King,
To help other people
And to keep the Scout Law*

73rd Leicester (Groby) Scout Group

Annual Report 2024/25



Scouts

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GSL AGM Report 2024-2025

This year we have started a Squirrels section within the group for the first time with the help of Becky Chick. We are now one of only a handful of groups within the county to offer all sections within our own group from Squirrels right up to Network (4-25)

We are very fortunate to have a very active group within Groby. With this only being achieved with the support of our leaders. We only have a very small group of leaders and need to look at ways to increase the pool of support so we can continue this active programme.

Scouts and Explorers have seen their number slightly reduced this year but only the way in numbers we often get over several years. These older sections have also seen issues with general behaviour but this is also seen in their years at school. (Squirrels - 14, Beavers - 23, Cubs - 22, Scouts - 19, Explorers - 16 and Network - 12)

We held our usual 2 weekend group camps, Hogwarts in November and Back to Basics in March, being our first with all six sections attending. Squirrels as day visitors and Beavers overnight in a tent which was very exciting for some. This was held at Oaks camp site instead of JLW for a change. Something we are looking to continue every couple of years. This also saw us say Thanks to John Martin who stood down from helping at the group after what I believe to be just over 40 years of service to the group, as assistant cub leader, cub leader, cub helper and scout helper.

The older 3 sections over the summer held a 5 day camp at Pikes Pool. Cubs had teams taking part in the Rambling Fox county Hike and Science Museum trip.

Cubs also took part in the county black country museum visit and beavers attended the county Beaveree.

We continued our work fundraising for our Switzerland trip in summer 2025 for Explorers and Network. Some of these being running the scout gala for a second year, homemade curry takeaway, stalls at various village events and running the scarecrow festival.

We have started looking at the redesign of the toilet and leaders room end of the building. This is now 50 years old and does not meet the needs of the current group. We have come up with a new design for toilets and an additional activity room. Jason Chodynicky has joined the team and is helping us get quotes for this work. A role we had been missing and had been delaying these plans progressing. We anticipate the cost of this work coming in around the £100,000 so will need to focus on grants and fundraising in the coming year

As a group we have a very small team of volunteer leaders and exec members. Any help that people could offer is always very much appreciated. On section nights, camps, grant applications, building work quotes, exec committee or helping at the Gala on the 14th June

If you are able to help in any way however small please come and see us.

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Peter & Bethan Dodge
Scouters in charge

Financial Report - Year Ending 28th February 2025

We began the year with almost £46K and finished the year with almost £65K, though £22k of this balance is allocated for future planned camps and activities (16K from this year plus £6k brought forward from last year's figures). Once the figures are adjusted for future camps our financial position is very similar to last year.

The majority of our annual income is from regular subs, income from which is similar to previous years. We received no grant income this year, but donations from Family Bonfire Night and the Ebay sale of donated items were well received. Higher interest rates and increasing the balance in the Savings account brought in a little more interest than recent years.

Our second Scout Summer Gala raised over £850, down on last year but good considering the weather on the day. A concerted fundraising effort for the upcoming trip to Switzerland and other general fundraising events means the total income from Fundraising is similar to last year but significantly higher to previous years.

Camps & section activities broke-even, as budgeted. The accounts include advance payments of £16k for the 2025 trip to Switzerland and a further £1,000 for this year's spring camp.

The cost of running and maintaining the HQ is still our largest expense with utility costs being our largest regular cost. After several years of high HQ repair and refurbishment costs, we have had a year of routine maintenance costs.

The trustees finally concluded the negotiations with the Parish Council to renew the lease for the use of the land at the HQ, incurring a significant oneoff expenditure for legal fees. As part of the deal the annual rent is reduced from £50 to £1 a year and we have now paid the rent upto 2085.

The Group continues to be in a stable financial position, though the headline figures for the accounts are significantly distorted by the large income received for the Summer 2025 trip to Switzerland. We need to continue to carefully control the balance between income and expenditure.

Finally, thank you to our young members, parents, adult helpers, leaders and volunteers for your continued support.

Rebecca Chick
Treasurer

Receipts and Payments Account Summary for the year 1 March 2024 to 28 Feb 2025

Opening Balance 1st March 2024

Current Account	£ 38,504.67
Savings Account	£ 5,763.80
Petty Cash	£ 589.20
less unrepresented cheques from previous:	£ 44,857.67
	0
	44,857.67
Restricted Funds	729.56
Grand Total	45,587.23

This Year 24/25 This Year 24/25 This Year 24/25

General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Year 23/24	Previous Year 22/23	Year 20/21	Year 19/20
Total Receipts for the Year	79,550.61	0.00	54,590.16	38,936.45	38,207.52	35,575.63
Total Payments for the Year	-59,903.49	0.00	-45,807.92	-47,963.55	-19,208.72	-25,772.79
Net Receipts (Payments) for the Year	19,647.12	0.00	8,782.24	-9,027.10	18,998.80	9,802.84
Transfers between the Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash, Bank & Similar Funds brought Forward	19,647.12	0.00	8,782.24	-9,027.10	18,998.80	3,084.87
Cash, Bank and similar Funds carried forward	44,857.67	729.56	36,804.99	45,828.17	26,106.08	17,002.90
	64,504.79	729.56	45,587.23	36,801.07	45,104.88	26,829.30

Closing Balance 28th February 2025

Current Account	£ 31,255.89
Savings Account	£ 32,967.84
Petty Cash	£ 281.06
less unrepresented cheques from previous:	£ 64,504.79
	0
	64,504.79
restricted funds	729.56
Grand Total	65,234.35

The above account and accompanying statement(s) of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on 15 May 2025... And signed for on their behalf by Retrick.....

Accounts have been independently Verified by S. G. G. G. Date 29/10/25

Signed.....

Receipts for the Year 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025

	This Year 24/25		This Year 24/25		This Year 24/25		Previous Year 23/24		Previous Year 22/23		Year 20/21		Year 19/20	
	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Membership Subscriptions +	£ 17,524.95	£ -	£ 17,524.95				17,980.74	17,510.97	9,031.80	1,932.36	14,702.35			
Gift Aid	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00				5,406.26	0.00	0.00	12,891.92	0.00			
Less Paid (see expenditure for 20/21 onwards)			£ -				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4,636.80			
			£ 17,524.95	0.00	£ 17,524.95		23,387.00	17,510.97	9,031.80	14,824.28	10,065.55			
Investment Income Received														
Bank Interest Received	£ 170.02	£ -	£ 170.02				80.52	16.89	0.58	6.16	25.90			
Property Rents	£ 1,122.50	£ -	£ 1,122.50				612.50	542.50	125.00	270.00	390.00			
			£ 1,292.52	0.00	£ 1,292.52		693.02	559.39	125.58	276.16	415.90			
Donations and Grants														
Grant	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00				0.00	0.00	20,336.00	11,449.30	0.00			
City Districts Building Fund Grant	£ 0.00	£ -	£ 0.00				0.00	3,542.00	2,908.00	3,550.00	0.00			
Donations	£ 1,141.84	£ -	£ 1,141.84				3,343.54	100.00	810.00	855.94	0.00			
			£ 1,141.84	0.00	£ 1,141.84		3,343.54	3,642.00	24,054.00	15,855.24	0.00			
Fund Raising Gross														
Fundraising	£ 6,433.71	£ -	£ 6,433.71				6,177.91	462.85	260.74	578.02	1,223.21			
EuroJam Fundraising	£ 0.00	£ -	£ 0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	267.76	2,004.24			
			£ 6,433.71	0.00	£ 6,433.71		6,177.91	462.85	260.74	845.78	3,227.45			
Activities														
Section Activities	£ 2,864.50	£ -	£ 2,864.50				1,360.52	3,239.55	1,086.87	139.36	7,234.75			
Camps (Completed)	£ 5,172.09	£ -	£ 5,172.09				6,804.26	11,610.21	2,157.91	3,256.81	0.00			
Camps (Future)	£ 44,812.04	£ -	£ 44,812.04				10,318.02	1,220.23	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Charnwood International Camp 2019	£ 0.00	£ -	£ 0.00				0.00	0.00	532.62	372.00	4,176.42			
Duke of Edinburgh Scheme	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00				0.00	387.36	0.00	0.00	0.00			
			£ 52,848.63	0.00	£ 52,848.63		18,482.80	16,457.35	3,777.40	3,768.17	11,411.17			
Sundry Receipts														
Badge Receipts & training	£ 290.00	£ -	£ 290.00				0.00	0.00	7.00	6.00	11.00			
Misc Income	£ 18.96	£ -	£ 18.96				315.07	303.89	950.00	0.00	100.00			
Utilities refunds	£ -	£ -	£ 0.00				2,190.82	0.00	1.00	0.00	40.81			
			£ 308.96	0.00	£ 308.96		2,505.89	303.89	958.00	6.00	151.81			
Total Receipts for the Year			£ 79,550.61	0.00	£ 79,550.61		54,590.16	38,936.45	38,207.52	35,575.63	25,271.88			

Payments for the Year 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025

	This Year 24/25	This Year 24/25	This Year 24/25
General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	
£	£	£	£
4,820.80	-	4,820.80	
4,820.80	0.00	4,820.80	

	Previous Year 23/24	Previous Year 22/23	Year 20/21	Year 19/20
£	£	£	£	£
5,137.60	5,187.00	4,596.60	4,918.40	4,636.80
5,137.60	5,187.00	4,596.60	4,918.40	10,065.55

Membership Subscriptions

Capitation Paid	£	4,820.80	£	-	4,820.80
	£	4,820.80	0.00	4,820.80	

Premises

Rent	£	18.20	£	-	18.20
Utilities	£	4,533.64	£	-	4,533.64
Insurance	£	1,600.13	£	-	1,600.13
Repairs and Renewals	£	2,243.98	£	-	2,243.98
Cleaning / Telephone / Internet	£	1,153.61	£	-	1,153.61
HQ Safety Reports	£	301.40	£	-	301.40
Legal Fees for Lease	£	1,331.40			1,331.40
	£	11,182.36	0.00	11,182.36	

Activities

Section Activities	£	3,339.52	£	-	3,339.52
Charnwood International Camp 2019 R€	£	-	£	-	0.00
Camps (Completed)	£	5,443.48	£	-	5,443.48
Camps (Future)	£	27,894.55			27,894.55
Equipment	£	1,985.35	£	-	1,985.35
	£	38,662.90	0.00	38,662.90	

Sundry Payments

Badge, Necker & Uniform purchases, tr€	£	347.99	£	-	347.99
Cost of Fundraising	£	1,487.35	£	-	1,487.35
Eurojam	£	3,352.09	£	-	3,352.09
Duke of Edinburgh	£	-	£	-	0.00
	£	50.00	£	-	50.00
	£	5,237.43	0.00	5,237.43	

Total Payments for the Year

	£	59,903.49	0.00	59,903.49
	£	45,807.92	47,963.55	19,208.72
	£	22,972.79	22,972.79	22,187.01