Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Chilwell and Attenborough Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Chilwell and Attenborough Scout Group for the year ended 30th April 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Chilwell and Attenborough Scout Group 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 1st Chilwell and Attenborough Scout Group 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 Chilwell and Attenborough Scout Group 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:

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Joint Seaside Camp at Wells-next-the-Sea

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1st Chilwell and Attenborough

Annual Report

2025–2026

For the year 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026. Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 2026 · Registered Charity No. 522428

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

A year of growth, adventure and milestones.

180+
young people across the Group

9
sections, Squirrels to Explorers

48
adult volunteers giving their time

33
Young Leaders helping run sessions

100+
young people together at Group Camp

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Explorers off to the World Jamboree

- A **second Squirrel Drey** opened and a **second Scout Troop** firmly established.
- Over **100 young people** together across every section at Group Camp, Hesley Wood.
- Scouts **retained the Cooking Challenge trophy** against the University of Nottingham.
- An **Explorer Belt expedition** to the Baltic States.
- A **Trashion Show**, JOTA-JOTI and skating at the National Ice Centre.
- A sunny **summer Family Camp** for the whole Group.
- Two Explorers selected for the **World Scout Jamboree, Poland 2027**.
- Explorers came **1st and 5th of 45 teams** at the John Bradbury Trophy.
- Numerous **Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Chief Scout's Awards** celebrated.
- Cubs cooked a **full three-course dinner** at their Christmas camp.
- Squirrels launched a **Coke-and-Mentos rocket** for their Space badge.
- A **sound financial position**, with funds raised ahead for Poacher.






OUR GROUP

Scouting on Depot Corner, for nearly a century.

1st Chilwell and Attenborough Scout Group is a registered charity (number 522428) based at our hut on Depot Corner, serving young people across Chilwell, Attenborough, Beeston and the surrounding area. We are part of South West Notts Scouts.

This year our Cubs visited Chetwynd Barracks and learned its history — from a National Shell Filling Factory in the First World War to today's Royal Engineers. The Scout Group based at the factory in WWI carried on into the 1920s and became 1st C&A. Nearly a century on, we're still going strong.

Our nine sections & meeting times

Squirrels Ages 4–6	**Red Drey** · Friday 4:15–5:15pm	**Grey Drey** · Friday 5:30–6:30pm
Beavers Ages 6–8	**Witham Colony** · Wednesday 5:15–6:30pm	**Trent Colony** · Thursday 6:15–7:30pm
Cubs Ages 8–10½	**Meerkat Pack** · Monday 6:00–7:15pm	**Wolf Pack** · Wednesday 7:00–8:15pm
Scouts Ages 10½–14	**Tuesday Troop** · Tuesday 7:30–9:00pm	**Thursday Troop** · Thursday 7:45–9:15pm
Explorers Ages 14–18	**Archers ESU** · Monday 8:00–9:30pm	

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES' REPORT

A thriving Group, in good shape to build on.

Ruth Holmes · Chair of Trustees



Mucking in together

It is a real privilege to write my first report as Chair of Trustees, having been welcomed into the role in December. I'd like to begin by thanking Pamela Glover, my predecessor, whose steady leadership has left the Group in such good shape to build on.

What has struck me most is how much happens here, week after week, largely out of public view. Behind every pack night, hike and campfire is a team of volunteers giving their evenings and weekends freely — and behind them, a board of Trustees quietly keeping the charity on a sound footing: the finances in order, the building maintained, and our young people safe. To everyone who has played a part, thank you.

It has been a year of genuine growth. We opened a second Squirrel Drey, settled our second Scout Troop, and watched our Explorer Unit go from strength to strength. Growth like this isn't accidental — it is the direct result of volunteers stepping up to make room for more young people.

The Group is in a sound and well-managed financial position. As our Treasurer explains, this year's surplus largely reflects money raised in advance for the Poacher jamboree, rather than any change in our day-to-day finances — but we remain secure, and continue to invest in our building and equipment.

Looking ahead, our priorities are simple: to keep our programmes fun, safe and adventurous; to support and grow our team of volunteers; and to make sure demand for Scouting in our community can be met. The single biggest thing that would help is more adults willing to help — however much or little time they can spare.

My thanks to the whole leadership team, to our Trustees, and most of all to the families who trust us with their children. It's a pleasure to serve such a thriving Group.

Ruth Holmes
Chair of Trustees



Exploring history together

Nearly a century on, we're still going strong.

ON OUR FIRST WORLD WAR ROOTS

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

What a year.

Connor Lynch & James Traynor · Group Lead Volunteers

Rather than reach for superlatives, we'd rather just tell you what our young people actually got up to — because the honest answer is: an enormous amount.

SQUIRRELS

A real milestone: we grew to two Dreys running back-to-back on Friday evenings, which meant we could finally offer a place to every child on our waiting list. Along the way our Squirrels visited Beeston Mosque, enjoyed a Valentine's stop-up, joined Group Camp and had a brilliant day at the Ruddington trains fun day — with an animal encounter and a Sherwood Pines picnic still to come this summer. We presented five Chief Scout's Acorn Awards, our highest Squirrel award, and welcomed five new volunteers whose energy made the growth to two Dreys possible.





BEAVERS

Our Witham and Trent Colonies followed the same busy programme all year. In the autumn they earned their Space badge, sewed plate bags for camp and hiked through the dark to the Hemlock Stone. Spring brought bell ringing at Attenborough Church, a ride and safety talk from a tram driver, their Money Skills badge and First Aid stages 1 and 2, a District Day at the Ruddington trains, and a February sleepover run by our fantastic Young Leaders. Over the summer they earned their Gardening badge through weeding, planting and flower pressing, took a "chippy hike" from Attenborough Nature Reserve, and wrote letters to soldiers serving overseas. Between them, seven Witham and four Trent Beavers completed their Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

CUBS

An extraordinary amount packed in. Our Cubs went climbing at Clip 'n Climb, made fruity bird feeders and bonfire biscuits, learned about Diwali, scrubbed up on oral hygiene with a set of giant teeth, and visited Chetwynd Barracks to discover what life as a soldier is like — uncovering our Group's First World War roots along the way. They grew in confidence on overnight adventures too: a water activities camp at Trent Lock and a festive Christmas sleepover at the Hut, complete with a three-course dinner and a special guest at breakfast. They also earned their Skater Badge with real determination. We invested new Cubs, promoted Sixers and Seconders, and presented progress awards throughout.





SCOUTS

Now running as two Troops, the Scouts had a cracking year. They visited the Great British Car Journey (taking in a DeLorean and Baden-Powell's own "Jam Roll" Rolls-Royce), held a Cooking Challenge that once again beat the University of Nottingham's student Scouts to retain the trophy, staged a Trashion Show from recycled materials, made scones for their parents, took part in JOTA-JOTI and Oligopoly, skated with hundreds of Notts Scouts at the National Ice Centre, and camped with Groups from across the country down in Lowestoft — one of seven separate nights-away events that ran from Suffolk to Sheffield. Between them the two Troops earned over 130 badges, including a Chief Scout's Gold Award, welcoming plenty of new faces and waving several Scouts up to Explorers.

EXPLORERS — ARCHERS ESU

Frankly unstoppable, with nights away in ten months of the year. Among many highlights: a sleet-soaked but triumphant John Bradbury Trophy at Gradbach (the wettest in 43 years — they came 1st and 5th out of 45 teams), the NESST challenge hikes, an Explorer Belt expedition to the Baltic States, a New Year camp at –3°C with several sleeping out in bivvi bags, a fundraising kit sale and quiz night, and a leading role at Group Camp. Several were recognised at the SW Notts Awards, and — a real headline — two of our Archers were selected to represent Nottinghamshire at the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027.



We were proud to mark Chief Scout's Awards from Bronze to Platinum, and to celebrate so many of our young people moving up through the sections.

None of this happens without our volunteers and Young Leaders, whose energy and reliability are the engine of the Group. To every leader, helper, parent and Trustee who gave a lift, dried out kit or simply turned up: thank you. We genuinely couldn't do it without you.

Connor Lynch & James Traynor
Group Lead Volunteers

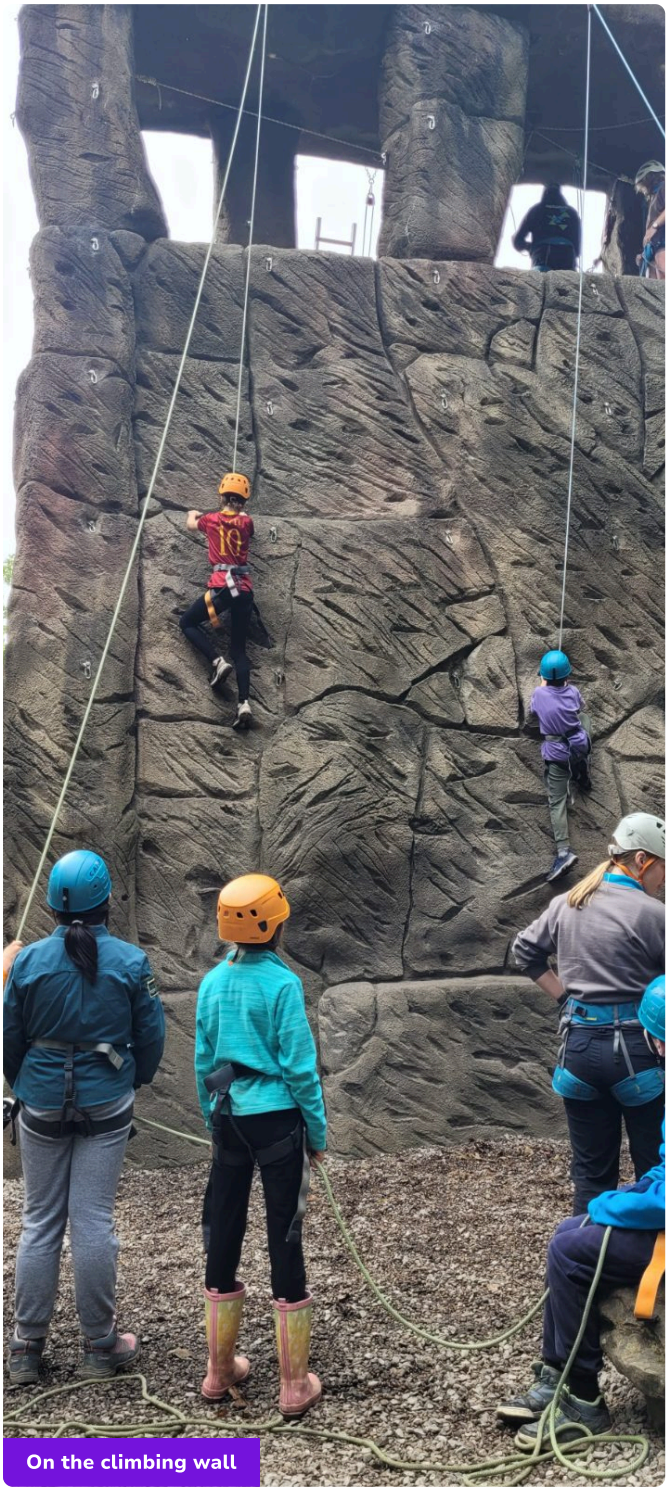


The Archers out on expedition

THE HIGH POINT OF THE YEAR

Group Camp at Hesley Wood.

In September, over 100 of our young people camped together across every section — abseiling, crate stacking, taking on the Cresta Run and cooking over open fires. A year defined by being outdoors and getting stuck in.



On the climbing wall











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Over 100 of our young people camped together across every section.

GROUP CAMP, HESLEY WOOD

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steady, well-managed — and looking ahead.

Richard Short · Treasurer

This has been a steady and well-managed year for the Group's finances, and we end it in a stronger cash position than we began. This year's surplus is not quite what it first appears — most of it is money raised ahead of the Poacher International Jamboree at Lincoln this summer, which we'll spend in the year ahead.

Most of our income comes from members' subscriptions, which rose as the Group grew, alongside events and camps, Gift Aid, hall lettings, and a number of grants and donations. The largest area of spending is, rightly, on activities and camps for our young people. Beyond that, our main outgoings are the membership costs we pay on to District and national Headquarters, the upkeep of our building, insurance, utilities and the van.

It helped that last year carried the large one-off cost of buying our van, so this year it cost far less to run and is already saving us money we would otherwise spend on hire; we also spent less on major building works while keeping up essential maintenance.

The reserves we carry forward should not be seen as spare cash. A significant portion is effectively earmarked for the Poacher International Jamboree and the activities ahead, and the remainder gives the Group security to plan sensibly. The Trustees keep the level of reserves under regular review.

Richard Short
Treasurer

IN PLAIN TERMS

Carried forward (start)	£31,536
Total income	£87,847
Total spending	£73,069
Surplus for the year	£14,777
Reserves at year end	**£46,313**

Much of the surplus is money already spoken for — held on behalf of young people attending the Poacher International Jamboree, and flowing straight back out as the event goes ahead.



Our youngest members out and about

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Receipts and payments, year ending 30 April 2026.

A summary of the year's money in and out, on a receipts and payments basis. Members' subscriptions are shown net of the capitation we pay on to District and national Headquarters.

BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD · 1 MAY 2025	NatWest	CAF Bank	Expense Account	Total brought forward
	£122.15	£22,993.56	£8,419.81	£31,535.52

RECEIPTS

Section activities	£43,576.12
Members' subscriptions £33,494.26 received, less £11,115.00 capitation	£22,379.26
Gift Aid	£8,405.09
Rents	£7,670.42
Donations incl. car park	£2,250.17
Grants	£1,692.00
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	£1,630.66
Fund raising	£179.22
Interest	£63.75
Total receipts	**£87,846.69**

PAYMENTS

Section activities	£47,874.76
Building maintenance	£6,129.21
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	£5,115.09
Utilities	£2,999.70
Van costs	£2,585.26
Badges	£2,540.70
New equipment	£2,054.68
Insurance	£1,635.86
Admin & training	£1,256.77
Account fees	£877.17
Total payments	**£73,069.20**

SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

£14,777.49

Largely funds raised ahead for the Poacher International Jamboree.

BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD · 30 APRIL 2026

NatWest	£0.00
CAF Bank	£42,861.39
Expense Account	£3,451.62
Total reserves carried forward	**£46,313.01**

The Group's independent examiner's report on these accounts is available on request. Registered Charity No. 522428.

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Money raised for Scouting being spent on Scouting.

RICHARD SHORT, TREASURER



LOOKING AHEAD

The year ahead is a big one.

Aug 2026	**Poacher International Jamboree** at Lincoln
Sep 2026	**Group Camp** — every section together again
Apr 2027	An **Isle of Wight** adventure for our Explorers
Aug 2027	**Kandersteg** — the international Scout Centre in the Swiss Alps
Aug 2027	**World Scout Jamboree, Poland** — supporting our two selected Explorers
Always	Growing our newest sections so more local children can join us



We need tea makers, activity planners, tidy-uppers and helpers.

Our greatest need remains the same: more adult volunteers. Whether you can give one evening a month or one weekend a year, on the programme side or behind the scenes, there's a role for you — and full training and support are provided.

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GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

Our purpose, values and method.

1st Chilwell and Attenborough Scout Group is part of The Scout Association, and our objects are those set out in the Association's governing document. The purpose, values and method below are common to all Scouts.

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

Integrity
We're honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect
We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care
We support others and take care of the world we live in.

Belief
We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation
We make a positive difference and make friends.

The Scout method

Scouting happens when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on these values and:

- enjoy what they're doing and have fun
- learn by doing
- take responsibility and make choices
- make and live by their Promise
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- share in spiritual reflection
- take on new and challenging activities

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Group meets the public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship and community development.

GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

How the Group is run.

Governing document

Our governing documents are those of The Scout Association — a Royal Charter, which gives authority to the Association's Bye Laws and its Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR).

How we're constituted

The Group is a trust established under the rules common to all Scouts, and is constituted as an educational charity.

Trustee selection

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

Induction & training

All Trustees complete the Scout Association's trustee and mandatory learning within their first six months, and refresh other mandatory learning periodically as required.

The Trustee Board

The charity is managed by the Trustee Board, whose members are the charity's Trustees. The Board comprises the Chair, the Treasurer, two ex-officio Group Lead Volunteers and up to seven further Trustees, and meets five times a year. It exists to support our leadership teams in running high-quality, safe programmes that give young people skills for life, and to keep appropriate governance and oversight in place.

The Board is responsible for carrying out the charity's purposes for the public benefit, complying with its governing document and the law, and managing its resources responsibly. This includes:

- Promoting a positive image of Scouting in the community, and its development
- Maintaining and regularly reviewing a risk register, with appropriate mitigations in place
- Ensuring finances are properly managed, with sufficient resources and reserves to deliver Scouting
- Maintaining a system of internal controls against material mismanagement or loss
- Ensuring property is appropriately managed and maintained
- Maintaining appropriate insurance of people, property and equipment
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support
- Running an open, transparent process for recruiting Trustees
- Ensuring compliance with governance, charity, safety and safeguarding regulations
- Ensuring incidents are reported in line with regulation and policy
- Ensuring compliance with data protection legislation
- Ensuring transparency, including preparing accounts and holding an AGM

GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

Reserves, investments and risk.

Reserves policy

The policy is to hold sufficient reserves to continue our charitable activities should income and fundraising fall short. The Board considers the Group should hold the equivalent of around six months' running costs, circa £30,000. At year end the Group held reserves of £46,313 — above this level, largely because a significant portion is designated for the Poacher International Jamboree and the planned activities ahead. The Board keeps the level of reserves under regular review.

Investment policy

The Group's reserves are modest, so it does not invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. It has adopted a low-risk approach, holding all funds in cash with mainstream banks. The Board regularly monitors balances and interest rates to ensure the Group obtains good value from its banking arrangements.

Principal risks

RISK	HOW WE MANAGE IT
Recruiting & keeping volunteers	Ongoing recruitment, induction and training, and succession planning across every section.
Safeguarding young people	Vetting and mandatory safeguarding training for all volunteers, and strict adherence to The Scout Association's safeguarding policy.
Safety on activities	Risk assessments, suitably qualified leaders, and the InTouch system for trips and nights away.
Financial sustainability	Reserves policy, annual budgeting, members' subscriptions and fundraising.
Building & equipment	Planned maintenance and appropriate insurance of property and equipment.



Celebrating a year of real achievement

GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

Our Trustees and reference details.

The charity Trustees

Ruth Holmes
Chair of Trustees

Connor Lynch
Group Lead Volunteer

Michael Thompson
Trustee · to 18 June 2026

Andrew Wignell
Trustee

Claire Jepson
Trustee · to 9 March 2026

Richard Short
Treasurer

James Traynor
Group Lead Volunteer

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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees by:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Ruth Holmes
FULL NAME

Chair of Trustees
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