

Scouts

1st HALESOWEN SCOUT GROUP

Annual Accounts & Report
2025 -2026

Registered Charity No. 524625

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 4 2 5 to end date 3 1 0 3 2 6

Section A **Reference and administration details**

Charity name: 1st Halesowen Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 5 2 4 6 2 5

HQ registration number: 0 7 8 9 5

Charity's principal address:

1st Halesowen Scout Centre
Elizabeth Road
Halesowen
Postcode B 6 3 4 B G

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Mark Timmins	Chair	
2	John Carter	Treasurer	
3	Sarah Reynolds	Group Lead Volunteer	
4	Paul Taylor		
5	Cheryl Guy	Subscriptions Secretary	
6	Ian Dale		
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Custodian Trustees	Name	Address
	Melanie Case	
	John Sankey	
	Lesley Sinclair	
	Roger White	

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
How the charity is constituted	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.
Policies and procedures adopted for:	The Group is managed by the Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. 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. The Trustee Board has established committees focused on the Group HQ, finance and fundraising the members of which include Trustee Board Members, Group Leaders and Supporters. Members of the Trustee Board complete *'Essential Information for Executive Committee'* training within the first 5 months of joining the committee. This Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointment and is responsible for: The maintenance of Group property; The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance; The insurance of persons, property and equipment; Group public occasions; Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support; Appointing any sub committees that may be required; Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group 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:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as local community groups and other Scout Groups. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, rental income for use of the Scout Centre, and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee 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. 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 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.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss. These include two authorisations for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	**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** 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The Group provides a wide range of indoor and outdoor training and activities appropriate to the age range of the youth members many of which are directly linked to the programme of badges and awards as directed by The Scout Association. Key to the programme of activiries is providing skills for life (#SkillsForLife).
Contribution made by volunteers	The Scout Group is indebted to a significant number of adult volunteers who give their time freely and at no cost to the Group. These include Leaders in the Sections, members of the Group Executive and a number of Supporters who assist the Group on an as required basis.
Public benefit statement	The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Another successful year for the Group with the number of youth memebers now reaching 130. The Squirrel Drey is now firmly established and very active as are the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. As well as the weekly meetings, all Sections have offered lots of camps and other activities away from the Scout Centre. However, cost of living pressures appear to be having some influence on the numbers of young people able to participate in some of these activities. Group finances are very healthy but it is anticipated that a substantial chunk of these monies will be required for refurbishment of the Scout Centre during 2026-27.Iit had been hoped that much of the works would have been completed in 2025-26 but for various reasons this did not happen.

Section E — Financial Review

Reserves Policy

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. The Group Trustee Board considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 3 months running costs, circa £8,000.

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is required for day to day operations and as a consequence the Group does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.

The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	Almost 25 years after the last major refurbishment and redevelopment of the Scout Centre, quite a lot of work is now required on the building and external areas. This will include internal decoration, refurb work on the foyer and the resurfacing of the car park. £60,000 has so far been 'ring-fenced' for these projects although it is likely that further money will be required to complete all the works.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ian Mark Timmins	Sarah Lindsey Reynolds
Position	Chair	Group Lead Volunteer
Date	2 1 0 5 2 6	

1st Halesowen Scout Group (Charity no. 524625)
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Receipts and payments

	2025/26				2024/25
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Receipts					
General Income					
Membership subscriptions	25517.00	-	-	25517.00	23125.52
Grants	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00
Donations	3621.11	-	-	3621.11	1390.72
Gift Aid	13905.10	-	-	13905.10	0.00
Bank interest	838.68	-	-	838.68	649.60
Sub total	43881.89	-	-	43881.89	25165.84
Other income					
Rental income	9319.00	-	-	9319.00	9885.00
Fundraising events (gross)	9825.65	-	-	9825.65	13511.33
Sub total	19144.65	-	-	19144.65	23396.33
Sections operating income					
	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00
Weekly programmes & activities	6289.03	0.00	-	6289.03	3980.31
Camps	14921.93	0.00	-	14921.93	14908.91
Duke of Edinburgh Award	0.00	1312.00	-	1312.00	1017.00
Sub total	21210.96	1312.00	-	22522.96	19906.22
Other income					
Uniforms	3286.10	-	-	3286.10	2977.76
Minibuses & trailers	1485.00	-	-	1485.00	1040.00
Misc	0.00	-	-	0.00	1240.46
Sub total	4771.10	-	-	4771.10	5258.22
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Gross Income	89008.60	1312.00	-	90320.60	73726.61
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	89008.60	1312.00	-	90320.60	73726.61

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Payments					
Charitable Payments					
Membership subscriptions	6668.00	-	-	6668.00	310.00
Donations	150.00	-	-	150.00	50.00
Fundraising expenses	4653.36	-	-	4653.36	4610.18
Insurances	3051.93	-	-	3051.93	2726.18
Water and Sewerage	510.19	-	-	510.19	423.81
Electricity and Gas	2610.76	-	-	2610.76	2667.73
Administration & finance	1076.30	-	-	1076.30	895.02
Internet	398.71	-	-	398.71	336.48
Fire & security	1875.08	-	-	1875.08	1859.02
Cleaning & sanitary	5893.41	-	-	5893.41	5532.59
Repairs & maintenance	6548.44	-	-	6548.44	14283.66
Uniforms	4023.92	-	-	4023.92	3387.45
Minibuses & trailers	4511.56	-	-	4511.56	2364.90
Equipment	1617.52	-	-	1617.52	1846.81
Training	480.00	-	-	480.00	1255.00
Misc	0.00		-	0.00	497.67
Sub total	44069.18	-	-	44069.18	43046.50
Section operating expenditure					
Weekly programmes	2841.41	-	-	2841.41	1863.83
Activities	6814.57	-	-	6814.57	3967.20
Camps	11118.44	-	-	11118.44	12968.28
Duke of Edinburgh Award	0.00	701.63	-	701.63	608.38
Sub total	20774.42	701.63	-	21476.05	19407.69
Total Gross Expenditure	64843.60	701.63	-	65545.23	62454.19
Asset and investment	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	64843.60	701.63	-	65545.23	62454.19
Net of receipts/(payments)	24165.00	610.37	-	24775.37	11272.42
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	24165.00	610.37	-	24775.37	11272.42

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	2025/26 Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	2024/25 Total funds £
Cash funds					
Bank current account	14640.51	2228.13	-	16868.64	14200.34
Bank deposit account	10486.24	60000.00	-	70486.24	48147.56
Cash / Floats	£780.79	-	-	780.79	£1,012.40
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	25907.54	62228.13	-	88135.67	63360.30
Other monetary assets					
Gift Aid Claim 2025-2026	6000.00	-	-	6000.00	18000.00
Debts due from the County/Area/District/Group	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6000.00	-	-	6000.00	18000.00
Investment assets					
Investment property - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Quoted investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Non monetary assets for					
Badge stock	1490.00	-	-	1490.00	1747.05
Uniform & neckers stock	2980.00	-	-	2980.00	2548.82
Other stock	-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings	600000.00	-	-	600000.00	362128.00
Motor vehicles	12307.00	-	-	12307.00	13305.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	36231.10	-	-	36231.10	38138.00
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	653008.10	-	-	653008.10	417866.87
Liabilities					
Accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses incurred but not invoiced	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	7524.00	-	-	7524.00	£6,545.00
Loan - detail	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7524.00	-	-	7524.00	£6,545.00
Total net assets	677391.64	62228.13	-	739619.77	492682.17

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 13th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature	Print Name	
	IAN MARK TIMMINS	Chair
	JOHN CARTER	Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Halesowen Scout Group

I report on the combined accounts of the 1st Halesowen Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

The District Trustee Board are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; and consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is the responsibility of the Scrutineer, without carrying out an audit, to scrutinise the accounts and to report to The Trustee Board.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

Signed..... Name.....R. E. MOSELEY.....

Address: 15 Leebank Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 1AF

Date: 20th May 2026