CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	1st Marske and New Marske (Barn Owls) Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	524688
Set out on pages	1 to 4		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 March 2026**.

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	Helen Wilson	**Date:**	29/04/26
Name:	Helen Wilson		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales		
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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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Receipts & Payments Accounts Summary for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026	*2025*
	Total	*Total*
Total Receipts for year	25,522	*32,398*
Total Payments for year	(23,281)	*(23,662)*
Net Receipts/(Payments)	2,242	*8,736*
Cash, Bank and similar funds b/f	48,864	*40,128*
Cash, Bank and similar funds c/f	**51,106**	***48,864***

Summary of funds		
Unrestricted free reserves	51,106	*46,444*
Unrestricted designated reserves	-	-
Restricted reserves	-	*2,420*
	51,106	48,864

Note:
The Group acts as an agent for The Scout Association, Cleveland Scout Council and East Cleveland District Scout Council for the National, County and District Levies that are collected from each Group and then forwarded to East Cleveland District Scout Council. These sums would, unless deducted from both Total Receipts and Total Payments, distort the value of both gross income and total expenditure of the Group as defined by the Charity Commission and by which The Scout Association determines the level of 'audit'.

The above Summary, the Receipts and Payments accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities that follow were approved by the Trustees on 14 MAY 2026. and signed on their behalf by:

Carole Sanders

Carole Sanders
Group Chairman

Christopher Robertson
Group Treasurer

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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 Restricted	2026 Unrestricted	**2026 Total**	*2025 Total*
DONATIONS/GRANTS				
Membership subscriptions	0	18,040	**18,040**	*17,540*
less: subscriptions paid on (National/County/District)	0	(8,131)	**(8,131)**	*(7,475)*
Net subscriptions retained	0	9,910	**9,910**	*10,066*
Grants received	0	0	**0**	*4,320*
Miscellaneous Donations / Gift aid	0	6,532	**6,532**	*4,603*
	0	16,442	**16,442**	*18,988*
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Bank interest	0	0	**0**	*0*
	0	0	**0**	*0*
YOUTH PROGRAMME/ACTIVITIES				
Squirrel Scouts	0	0	**0**	*0*
Beaver Scouts	0	740	**740**	*538*
Cub Scouts	0	1,025	**1,025**	*1,755*
Scouts	0	1,701	**1,701**	*1,875*
Explorer Scouts	0	420	**420**	*0*
Group Events	0	308	**308**	*479*
District Events	0	1,189	**1,189**	*155*
	0	5,383	**5,383**	*4,802*
FUNDRAISING				
Christmas Post	0	540	**540**	*550*
Other fundraising activities	0	960	**960**	*1,840*
Haarlem	0	551	**551**	*0*
Larkin	0	0	**0**	*4,500*
	0	2,051	**2,051**	*6,890*
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES				
Badge/Uniform Sales	0	1,647	**1,647**	*1,719*
Fees / refunds	0	0	**0**	*0*
	0	1,647	**1,647**	*1,719*
TOTAL RECEIPTS	0	25,522	**25,522**	**32,398**

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Payments for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 Restricted	2026 Unrestricted	**2026 Total**	*2025 Total*
SUPPORT & SERVICES				
Rates	0	329	**329**	*329*
Utilities	0	2,047	**2,047**	*2,157*
Repairs & maintenence	0	5,222	**5,222**	*1,135*
Equipment	2,420	975	**3,395**	*2,055*
Training	0	100	**100**	*1,100*
Insurance	0	1,320	**1,320**	*1,275*
Postage/stationery/admin	0	488	**488**	*511*
	2,420	10,482	**12,902**	*8,563*
YOUTH PROGRAMME/ACTIVITIES				
Squirrel Scouts	0	111	**111**	*169*
Beaver Scouts	0	480	**480**	*804*
Cub Scouts	0	962	**962**	*1,843*
Scouts	0	1,851	**1,851**	*1,557*
Explorer Scouts	0	592	**592**	*0*
District Events	0	779	**779**	*170*
Group Events	0	1,074	**1,074**	*2,285*
	0	**5,848**	**5,848**	*6,828*
OTHER EXPENDITURE				
Fundraising costs	0	20	**20**	*280*
Badge/Uniform Purchases	0	4,510	**4,510**	*3,867*
Sundry payments	0	0	**0**	*176*
Fees	0	0	**0**	*0*
	0	**4,530**	**4,530**	*4,323*
JAMBOREE EXPENDITURE				
Haarlem	0	0	**0**	*0*
Larkin	0	0	**0**	*3,948*
	0	**0**	**0**	*3,948*
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**2,420**	**20,861**	**23,281**	***23,662***

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 March 2026

MONETARY ASSETS		2026 Restricted	2026 Designated	2026 Unrestricted	2026 Total	2025 Total
Cash Funds						
Bank Current a/c's	Group		-	51,106	**51,106**	48,864
	Beaver Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
	Cub Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
	Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Savings a/c	Group	-	-	-	-	-
Cash/floats	Group	-	-	-	-	-
	Beaver Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
	Cub Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
	Scouts	-	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds		-	-	51,106	**51,106**	48,864
Other Monetary assets						
Gift Aid claim		-	-	-	-	-
Debts due		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
NON-MONETARY ASSETS - for Group's own use						
Badge stock		-	-	-	-	-
Other stock		-	-	-	-	-
Land and buildings		-	-	-	-	-
Scouting equipment, furniture etc		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
LIABILITIES						
Accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Scouts

1st Marske & New Marske (Barn Owls)



Scout Association Registration number 11654

Charity Registration number 524688

Annual Report

2025/2026

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Trustees Annual Report for Structure, Governance and Management.

The Scout Group's governing documents are those of 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. The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Group is managed by the Group 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 committee consists of two independent representatives, Chair & Treasurer, together with the Group Lead Volunteer, nominated / co-opted members & meets 4 to 6 times a year.

Group Trustees must act collectively, and in the best interests of its members to:

a) Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scouts.

b) ensure that the Group's finances are properly managed, including development and maintenance of appropriate budgets to support the work of the Group

c) maintain and manage:

- a reserves policy for the charity including a plan for use of reserves outside the 'minimum'
- an investment policy for the charity
- a public benefit statement for the charity

d) ensure that people, property and equipment are appropriately insured, and that any property and equipment owned or used by the Group is properly protected and maintained

e) ensure the appointment and management and operation of any subcommittees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-committee. This should normally be one of the Group's Trustees.

f) ensure that effective administration is in place to support the work of the Group Trustee Board

g) appoint any co-opted members of the Group Trustee Board

h) ensure transparency of operation, including:

- prepare and approve the Annual Accounts and arrange their examination by an auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer (as appropriate) and as appointed by the Group Scout Council at their AGM
- prepare and approve the Group Trustees' Annual Report (which must include the Annual Accounts and include the report from the auditor, independent examiner or scrutineer)
- present the approved Group Trustees' Annual Report and Annual Accounts to the Group Scout Council for their consideration at the Group's AGM
- following the Group AGM, ensure that a copy of the Group Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts is sent to the District Trustee Board administration and, if the Group is a registered charity, is filed with the appropriate charity regulator (if the regulator's rules require it).

i) take responsibility for the Group's adherence to Data Protection Legislation recognising that, dependent on circumstances, it will at different times act as a Data Controller and as a Data Processor

j) individually and collectively maintain confidentiality regarding appropriate Group Trustee Board business

k) put in place annually an open and transparent selection process to recommend to the Group Scout Council appropriate members to be appointed members of the Group Trustee Board, including Chair and Treasurer. Vacancies for appointed Trustees only occur at the end of their period of appointment (for example, a Trustee may have been appointed for three years and so does not need to be re-appointed or re-selected after years 1 and 2).

Objectives and Activities

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 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 cooperate with others and make friends. 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.

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. The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should take part in.

Financial Review

The Scout 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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 12 months running costs, circa £20,000

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence 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 Group Trustee Board monitors the levels of bank balances to ensure the Group receives maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

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Chair's Report Year Ending 31 March 2026

A year of numbers and celebrations! Squirrels are 5 years old. Beavers are 40 years! Cubs are 110 years!

I would like to continue in this vein… we have 7 in Squirrels, 10 in Beavers, 13 in Cubs, 10 in Scouts, 4 in Explorers, 12 on the Trustee Board, 1 as technical support and 2 as financial support. These are the volunteers who ensure our Scout Group runs smoothly every week!

On behalf of the Scouting Community, I would like to thank and CELEBRATE each and every one of you!

Carole Sanders. Chair Trustee Board

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Treasurer Report Year Ending 31 March 2026

Subscription receipts for 2025-2026 totalled £18,040, £500 up on 2025 with the explorers coming under the group this was expected. I therefore will be expecting gift aid in the region of around £4,000 again. Many thanks to Carole for her hard work in recovering this.

Donations are down to £6,532.38 of which £4,157.38 is gift aid as opposed to £8150.00 on last year which is due to current financial situation and no direct fundraising for special camps however, I believe that will change again in this year.

We have kept the budget the same for 2026 and I am pleased to say there will be no increase in subs this year. I would like to thank all group sections for sticking to the budgets laid out last year and advise we will maintain a budget of £3,500 for all sections programmes in the coming year.

The groups emergency fund has remained at £20,000 for the last few years. I will be looking to increase this to between £23,000 to £25,000 in line with year in line with our reserves policy should there be no income, which would cover annual costs of running the group. This considers increased running costs and to cover Squirrels and the Explorer Unit which is under our Group management now. This will continue to be discussed at our budget and Trustee Board management meetings and reviewed annually.

We have two international camps to look forward to next year Haarlem and Poland with representatives from 1st Marske and New Marske scouts involved in both, to this end lots of fundraising will be undertaken. We have 2 race nights booked 29th August 2026 and 10th April 2027, so please support these where you can. There has recently been a cream tea event, and I am sure more will follow so look out for other dates.

The balance sheet at the end of 2025-26 reads £51,106 an increase of £2,242 on 2024-25 so we are still on the right projective. Even with the £25,000 emergency fund taken out of the balance the Group finances remain healthy.

I would like to thank, Carole Barbara Sue and James for all the help they have given me this year.

Keep on scouting.

Christopher Robertson - Treasurer

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Squirrel Scouts report 2025-2026

1st Marske & New Marske Squirrel section is now into its third year, with 18 young people aged 4 to 6. We have great attendance each week and have created quite an eclectic section who embrace each other's individualities and are respectful of each other's differences.

Over the last year, we have handed out lots of badges from creating obstacle courses, completing scavenger hunts, enjoying campfire songs, building dens for ourselves and homes for other animals. We have baked, planted and met lots of people from our community such as police officers and the local Lifeboat crew. It truly is a wonder how we fit all this in at just an hour a week!

The Squirrels have behaved impeccably during the Remembrance Day service, the local Santa parade and the St George's day celebrations, they are a true credit to 1st Marske and all the leaders who support them.

The skills that they are learning along with the love and kindness we foster, will stay with these young people. We look forward to watching them flourish as they move through the sections building on their successes with the new friends they have met along the way.

Recently we hosted a birthday party to celebrate 5 years of Squirrel scouts where 2 local dreys brought along their squirrels to share an afternoon decorating, crafting, building, playing games and singing. It was a great success bringing both Squirrel Drey's and leaders together.

All this wholesome fun would not be possible without the leaders who give up their time each week and in-between to plan and prepare. A big thank you to our squirrel leaders Vicky, Laura, Scott, Ryan. Our young leaders Millie and Rowan and our occasional helpers Thomas & Alex.

Squirrel Team

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Beaver Scouts Headland and Valley Colonies report 2025-2026

The two Beaver sections Valley Colony (Tuesday) and Headland Colony (Friday) work from the same programme. Team members meet regularly to discuss ideas to make meetings fun, active and adventurous. Both colonies run with a maximum of 24 children which ensures that the majority have a full two years in the section before moving on to Cubs and have the opportunity to gain their Bronze Award – the highest award for the Beaver section. Congratulations to the 15 Beavers who have gained their award over the year. We have welcomed many new beavers over the year as well as saying goodbye to those moving up to cubs.

We have had a full and active programme over the last year. Completing several activity badges: Experiment, Builder, Cook, International, Emergency Aid, Gardeners badge: growing peas, crocus and making a mini terrarium using jam jars; an idea from one of our Young Leaders. We completed the creative activity badge by welcoming a visitor who taught us a dance, after a bit of hesitation most of the beavers joined in and showed what good moves they had. Recently we have completed the global issues activity badge learning about Fair Trade, saving energy and recycling, making a water filter to highlight how some young people in the world don't have access to clean water, and making masks of endangered animals.

As well as the activity badges we have been working on the 6 challenge awards. As part of the World Challenge Badge. We visited Redcar Fire Station and got to sit in a fire engine and use the fire hoses. In November we had our Remembrance Day Parade finishing at the Cenotaph at 11 o'clock, all the beavers were very well behaved. In December we had our annual visit to Marske Hall to sing carols, we are always made to feel very welcome. There was also the Christingle Services at St Mark's Church in Marske and St Thomas' Church, New Marske. In February as part of International Celebrations we celebrated the Lunar New Year with games, food tasting and different activities. Also, in February we had to have our usual pancake making evening and pancake tossing relay game. As part of the Adventure Challenge, we have had den building, archery sessions and grass sledging.

We have had several joint nights with other Beaver Colonies from our District; we visited Washington Wetlands Centre and had a very interesting day; including pond dipping, otter and flamingo feeding sessions and a guided walk around learning about the different birds that are there. We also have had a trail around Saltburn Valley Gardens which included counting butterflies, collecting items to spell 'beaver' (try looking for something beginning with 'e'!) and a challenge of how many beavers can fit into the treehouse! In April we renewed our Scouting Promise on St George's Day with a District event in Guisborough. Coming up in a few weeks we have a day of fun planned to celebrate 40 years of beavers.

In the coming weeks, until the summer holidays, we have planned lots of outdoor activities and not forgetting our annual sleepover at Kettleness at the end of June.

A big thank you to all our Young Leaders for their ideas and help in running our sessions this year.

Valley and Headland Beaver Team

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Cub Scouts Puma and Leopard Pack 2025–2026

The Cub section run a joint programme for both Leopard & Puma Packs which is shaped by suggestions from the Cubs, during termly Pack Forums. The programme offers progression for Cubs through the challenge badges needed to earn top awards and includes both activities & games, skills training and Nights Away experiences. Cub Team members share organisation of the activities for both Packs and work together to ensure continuity in programmes and badges for all 1st Marske & New Marske Cubs.

It is amazing what the Cubs get up to each year and the following are some month-by-month highlights. September: Cubs completed their Backwoods Cooking & Environmental Conservation Activity Badges and went on a twilight beach walk. October: Cubs were offered the first of regular termly archery sessions, completed a mini pioneering project and went to the Group Presentation evening. November: Cubs completed a reflection craft for Remembrance, completed the New Space activity badge and enjoyed a campfire. December: Cubs visited Holey Molies for mini golf. took part in the Santa parade, Christingles and Christmas crafts and baking. January: Cubs worked on Teamwork and problem solving and thought about their law and promise finding out about people who do their best. February: Cubs completed the International Activity Badge by celebrating the Winter Olympics and Chinese New Year. March: Cubs found out about what Cubs 110 years ago did as Wolf Cubs. We had a visit from Matthew Dark, to talk about Satellites and Space and completed the staged Air Activities Badge. April: Cubs completed an Easter challenge and started the DIY Activity Badge. May: Cubs completed the DIY badge and their bird feeder also covered the project part of the Naturalist Badge. We supported Marske Community Partnership Scarecrow trail making Sponge Bob and Patrick from children's TV shows. June & July**:** will focus on some more outdoor Scouting activities, planting in the Valley Gardens, tents and the Athlete Activity Badge.

Our annual joint Camp at Kettleness, was based on the theme of outdoor scouting and celebrating Cubs 110 years anniversary. Friday night saw lots of craft activities making flags and banners. On Saturday it was a full day of outdoor activities with archery, fire lighting and a walk following the County Code. Cubs cooked their own 2 course lunch for the Outdoor Challenge Badge. We finished Saturday with an enjoyable campfire with both leaders and Cubs in good voice. After checking the weather forecast we were prepared for Sunday. It was so foggy we could not see the boundary fence and rained all day! Shelter building moved indoors, Cubs decorated party hats learnt some first aid and did mini pioneering. Still a great camp with some excellent food thanks to our catering Team.

Leaders are very proud of all our Cubs who worked hard to earn 506 badges, including Challenge, Activity, Staged and Sixer & Seconder badges, over the past 12 months. We have awarded 10 Cubs, their Chief Scouts Silver Award, the highest Award for the Cub section, this year. Congratulations to you all.

Our Cubs have also joined other packs from across East Cleveland District at events during the year. In the autumn term, our cubs took part in the Cub district quiz. A mini golf competition in February was enjoyed by Cubs from around the district and we are sending some older Cubs on a sleepover to Beamish in July. Thanks to the District Programme Team for organizing these events.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our regular leadership team for their continued work volunteering with Cubs and sharing the organisation of a varied programme of activities. Thanks also to Andy & Di for offering termly Saturday archery sessions this year. We have welcomed Matt and Nic as their children moved up to the Cub section as team members and thank our parent helpers who have both covered leader absence and joined us when extra adults are needed for outdoor activities. Both Packs have had a new intake of Young Leaders this year, so we also thank them for taking the lead supporting games and activities. Thank you form the Cub Scout Team.

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Allerton and Zetland Scout Troop Report 2025 – 2026

Summer term last year saw us take full advantage of having several Target Sports Team members in the leadership group with our joint visit to Ravengill for an Air Rifle taster session. As always in the Summer term, we like to focus on having fun outside while working on team building. We spent time on the beach, practised our pioneering and hiked from Tocketts Mill back to the hut – in beautiful sunshine too!

Autumn term saw the troops doing lots of preparation for our Expedition Challenge badge, which involves route planning and navigation, dealing with emergencies and planning food suitable for cooking outdoors and providing energy. Unfortunately, the practical camp element of the badge was cancelled due to the very high winds and heavy rain forecast – we will be reorganising this for September/October this year to enable those Scouts that need this for their Gold Award to complete it before the October presentation evening.

Autumn term is also home to everyone's favourite camp – Christmas camp, which we continue to organise every year as it's so popular. This weekend is all about festive fun, spending time with friends, and of course eating lots of festive treats. This year's camp is already booked for the first weekend in December.

Spring term saw us return after the Christmas break with slightly lower numbers as a large group of older Scouts were ready to move up to Explorers. This is always a great term for the younger scouts to start to take on more responsibilities, leaving behind any residual Cub behaviours and developing more mature Scouting skills such as independence and resilience.

We took our smaller group of Scouts and some older cubs to Ravengill in April, for a Dragon Knight themed camp. Despite not having all the older experienced Scouts with us, the young people did really well, putting up their tents and helping with the cooking. When the cubs joined us on the Saturday, we had an activity filled day, working in teams to complete the dragon themed challenges. The weather was very mixed but all the young people were very well prepared (thanks grown-ups!) and had a fabulous time. We hope the Cubs enjoyed their taster of Scout camp life and are excited to move up to our section.

We also designed our own escape room challenge and successfully Escaped the Hut – huge thanks to Joe on the leader team for all the 3d printed accessories! No term would be complete without some fire lighting and tent practice. Our final night of term was spent at Hollywood Bowl, taking part in the international scout competition known as Jambowlree.

During the year applications were opened for two international opportunities, the WSJ in Poland and Haarlem Jamborette. We are thrilled that Marske have representatives attending both those events, in leadership roles and as participants. Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to assist the young people with their fundraising journey.

My final words as always are those of gratitude to the amazing team of scout leaders, none of the adventures of the last year would be possible without you all giving up your time, energy and enthusiasm, Ian, Dave, Matt, Joe, Joel and Cameron - Scouting takes planning and organising and wouldn't be possible without everyone's contribution.

Lastly, thanks as always to the parents and adults who support the young people with their scouting endeavours and to the trustees and management committee who provide such support in the background – we look forward to many exciting adventures in the coming year.

Rach – Scout Team Leader (on behalf of the Scout Team)

East Cleveland District Explorer Marske Unit

Annual Report 2025-2026

The Explorer programme has been organised on a half term basis this year, with all explorer leaders taking the led for one or more of the weekly meetings each half term. The team has experienced some problems with leaders availability this year but have worked together to organise cover and thank those group leaders who have come to run a night or activity. We also had a visit from the local Scuba Diving Club one night.

Members of our Unit have taken part in all of the activities organised by the District Explorer Leaders including: the trip to London, District camp at Kettleness, quiz, Christmas party, ice skating and BBQ hosted by the Marske unit. We were to join 6th Redcar Explorers to enter two joint teams into Operation Escape this year but unfortunately the event was cancelled due to the weather forecast for the weekend.

Our winter camp at Kettleness was a great success once again. This year, it was a Murder Mystery theme and was organised by Paul for his Nights Away Permit. We also invested our new Explorers who had moved on from Scouts.

We have had between 12 to 15 young people in regular attendance at our Sunday evening meetings but this is affected at some points in the year by the Explorers exams and their other commitments. They are a nice bunch of young people who support each other and have all contributed ideas for our programme.

When asked, the Explorers highlights for this year were wide games, fire lighting, axe throwing, fencing, cooking, winter camp and the district trip to London and the Houses of Parliament. They also said they enjoyed meeting up with friends as well as meeting new people and that Explorers gave them new skills as well as more independence.

Explorer Team

Young Leaders

Annual Report 2025-2026

We currently have young people volunteering with all younger sections of 1st Marske & New Marske Scout Group from Squirrels to Cubs. There is a mixture of those just volunteering as a Young Leader, those who do both Explorers and Young Leaders and others are volunteering as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering section.

Many of our established young leaders are well on the way to completing their Young Leader Belt. With the support of section Leadership teams, they are leading games, activities and joining leaders at planning meetings as well as attending camps and sleepovers. We have also welcomed some new Young Leaders moving on from the Scout section this year all of whom have settled well into their role as a Young Leader.

The District has established a Young Leader unit this year and has been meetings on a regular monthly basis providing activities and opportunities for Young Leaders across all of East Cleveland to meet together. We thank the members of the District Team who have given their time to support our Young Leaders as a District Unit. There have also been Young Leader Training opportunities, with a weekend course run in March. This was well attended by 1st Marske & New Marske Young Leaders, especially those who have just started the Young Leader training scheme.

All our Young Leaders are a credit to our Group and their families giving up their time to help others and give back to Scouting. They are gaining experience which will help their life chances improving skills of communication, leadership and working as part of a team. I am pleased to advise our Young Leader Millie, who was supporting the Squirrel Section has now taken out a Squirrel Team member role, as she turned 18 in recent months.

Sue Pinder Group Lead Volunteer

1st Marske & New Marske (Barn Owls) Scout Group

Group Lead Volunteer Report 2025 - 2026

It has been a busy year at the Barn Owls with lots to celebrate this year. Numbers have remained constant, although we have had a drop in membership of the Cub and Scout sections. Both scout troops have mainly young members so hopefully the troops will fill up again in the next few years and the Scout leadership teams can work their magic turning out some more exceptional Scouts. As our older Scouts have moved on some have moved on to Explorers and others have taken on Young Leader roles and some have decided to leave scouting to concentrate their time on other interests and their final year at secondary school. It is sad to lose such supportive families, with many of these scouts being with us since Beavers. The parents' comments however show that the Scout Group and leadership teams have had a positive impact on their young person 'giving them confidence and invaluable life lessons'

This year has been a year of triple celebrations. The Squirrels nationally are celebrating a 5th birthday and our Squirrel Drey, the first in East Cleveland, have been part of scouting's early years provision for 3 amazing years. The Drey have increased numbers to 18 this year to reach more young people and have welcomed many new volunteers during this time. They took part in the first Cleveland County Squirrel event last October and the success of the Drey has encouraged the opening of 2 more Drey's at Redcar & Loftus in 2026. We hosted the Squirrels celebration party event in early June which was a great success with both Squirrels and leaders doing activities jointly and having FUN. The Beavers are celebrating 40 years and will be holding a party with other Colonies across the District next week. Both colonies leadership teams have provided a programme of activities to make the year extra special for Beavers. The Cubs are celebrating their 110 years anniversary and have looked back at the changes from Wolf Cubs to Cub Scouts and taken part in traditional outdoor Scouting activities at their celebration camp.

We are also celebrating having 10 Scouts: Freya, Issy, Noah, Freddie, Lucas, Millie, Isla, Rowan, William & Mikey selected to attend Haarlem international Jamboree in the Netherlands in 2027. The Barn Owls will once again be represented at the World Scout Jamboree in 2027 in Poland by Stanley Nicholson. They have already started fundraising and we our members for supporting these scouts. In addition to this we also have Paul and Joe attending as leaders and others as part of the International Service Teams.

We have joined in the usual events in the local community, Marske Hall, Remembrance Parades, Santa Parades, Christingles and Scout Post. More recently you may have noticed the Cubs Scarecrows Sponge Bob and Patrick if you did the trail at the end of May and we will be at Errington soon with Marske Community Partnership. Fundraising events at the Scout Hut have been amazing this year, both well supported by families and have raised valuable funds for the Scout Group and international trips. Thanks to all who contributed either with prizes or by attending.

As well as our own Group and Community events, we have also supported East Cleveland District and Cleveland County events for Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer sections. This has been in a variety of ways: helping to organise, leading activities and participation as members. We certainly offer the wider Scouting experience to all our members and thank those involved in putting on these extra events and experiences.

Last September, we heard the sad news that Jamie Henderson, Scout Leader at Allerton Troop had died. Jamie gave 15 years' service to the Barn Owls and had a unique skill set for outdoor scouting skills, which he shared with both youth member and adults. We thank this family for sharing Jamie, who loved working with the Scouts, with the Barn Owls. Nationally, the average time an adult volunteers' with Scouts is 3 to 5 years. I am pleased to say that this is not the case at 1st Marske & New Marske Scout Group which reflects the successful section teams and Trustee Board we have. Both leaders and Trustees work together within the Barn Owls to maintain our HQ and offer experiences which benefit young people & adults from 4 to 80 years. We currently have 5 volunteers who have over 30 years' service, 11 with other 20 years, 10 with over 10 years and 13 with over 5 years. We also have new volunteers who are starting their scouting journey. I would like to finish this report by thanking our volunteers and their families for supporting Scouting and giving their time generously this year.

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