35th Sheffield (St Oswald's) Scout Group
Trustees Annual Report
April 2025 to March 2026

1 Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name:	**35th Sheffield (St Oswald's) Scout Group**
Charity Number:	**X59158**
Scout registration	**10010090**
Principal Address:	**Scout Hut, Edgefield Road, Sheffield S7 2AH**

1.1 Trustees

Chair & GLV	Dean Maragh
Treasurer	Roger Anthony Brown
	Robert Dillon

2 Structure, Governance and Management

2.1 Governing Document

The 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 (POR) of the Scout Association.

2.2 Group Scout Council

The Group Scout Council is the electoral body to which the Group Executive Committee is accountable. Membership of the Group Scout Council is open to:

- Section Team Leaders and Members
- Group Supporters
- Patrol Leaders
- Explorer Scouts
- Network Scouts
- All Parents and Carers of Youth Members
- Any other supporters, including former Youth Members and their parents, admitted by the Group Lead Volunteer or the Group Scout Council
- The District Lead Volunteer and District Chair are ex-officio members of the Group Scout Council

2.3 Constitution

The Group is a trust established under the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

2.4 Trustees

The trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. Trustees receive no remuneration nor reimbursement of expenses. Given the nature of the activities there is deemed to be no risk arising from trustee conflicts of interest.

2.5 Group Board of Trustees

The Group is led by a Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) and managed by a Group Board of Trustees. They are accountable to the Group Scout Council for the satisfactory running of the Group.

The Executive Committee exists to support the GLV in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment.

Members of the Executive Committee must act collectively as charity Trustees of the Scout Group, and in the best interests of its members to:

- Comply with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association
- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group
- Manage the Group finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fund-raising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the Safety Policy locally
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.
- Appoint and manage the operation of any sub-Committees, including appointing a Chair to lead the sub-Committees
- Ensure that Young People are meaningfully involved in decision making at all levels within the Group
- The opening, closure and amalgamation of sections as necessary.
- And all other duties as set out in Policy, Organisation and Rules.

2.6 Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed which are:

2.6.1 Injury to Leaders, Helpers, Supporters or Members

The Group supports compliance with the Safety Policy and ensures appropriate risk assessment; elimination, reduction and control measures are taken to reduce the likelihood of any injuries.

In addition, through membership fees, the Group contributes to the Scout Association's national accident insurance policy.

2.6.2 Damage to Buildings, Property or Equipment

The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations. The Group has demonstrated, through the period of COVID restrictions, that it is capable of operating without the use of a physical meeting place for a protracted period of time.

2.6.3 Reduced Income from Subscriptions and Fund Raising

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fund-raising. The Group holds adequate reserves to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The committee could also raise the value of subscriptions to increase the Group income either temporarily or permanently.

2.6.4 Reduction or Loss of Leaders

The Group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the Group. If there were a reduction in the number of volunteers to an unacceptable level, then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of activities or sections.

2.6.5 Reduction or Loss of Members

If there were a reduction in membership of a particular section or the Group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section.

3 Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the Group is that of the Scout Association generally, namely:

'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 cooperate 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.

The activity of the Group is the provision of the Scouting programme for members.

4 Policies and Procedures

The Group adheres to the policies of the Scout Association in matters relating to:

- Safeguarding
- Bullying and harassment
- Serious incident reporting
- Complaints
- Use of Social Media.

5 Achievements and Performance

The major achievement of 2025-26 was the securing of a substantial grant, which was then used to fund a range of important repairs and improvements to the property from which the Group operates. The Group now can now provide its programmes in a safer and more effective environment.

Both the securing of the grant and the management of the associated works required a substantial amount of work, over and above that normally associated with the running of the Group, and the other Trustees wish to place on record their appreciation of the efforts of the GLV in this regard.

5.1 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.

6 Financial Review

6.1 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 Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to 6 months running costs.

The Group held reserves of approximately £11,700 at year end, which is in excess of the requirement stated above. This excess was due, in large part, to a grant that was received during 2025 for the provision of storage containers for the Group's kayak fleet. These funds were expended after the end of the financial year and thus the reserves are expected to return to a more normal level by the end of the 2026-27 financial year.

6.2 Investment Policy

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 or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

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7 Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: Dean Maragh **Date: 23 July 2026**

Full Name: **Dean Maragh**

Position: Group Lead Volunteer

Signature: Roger Brown **Date: 23 July 2026**

Full Name: **Roger Brown**

Position: Treasurer

	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24
Capital balances (Starting yr balances)			
Unity (current account)	4,885	7,622	3,362
Scout Association account (savings)	1,641	1,605	1,570
Total	**6,527**	**9,227**	**4,931**
Annual income			
Subs	12,624	11,984	10,910
Camps & Events	2,101	1,821	770
Hut hire	85	85	-
Gift Aid	2,655	2,649	1,909
Misc income	261	505	-
Grant	52,009	-	4,000
Interest (from Scout Assoc. savings)	37	36	35
Total	**69,771**	**17,080**	**17,624**
Expenditure			
Maintenance	-	-	668
Rates	126	54	39
Utilities	1,484	1,989	1,480
Insurance	2,914	3,197	3,089
Group running costs	11,824	9,725	3,858
Misc expenditure	73	-	72
Grant Expenditure	42,882	-	-
Membership of Scout Assoc	5,328	4,815	4,123
Total	**64,631**	**19,780**	**13,329**
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Net surplus (should be £0)	**0**	**0**	**0**
Active members as per SA membership levy	96	90	85
Levy per head	£55.50	£53.50	£48.50

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Oswald's Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Oswald's Group for the year ended 5 April 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the St Oswald's 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 St Oswald'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the [Insert Scout Group/District name] 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:

Name: David Michael Cassels