Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) | | | | | | | to end date | | | | | | |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	8TH WAKEFIELD SCOUT GROUP	
Other names the charity is known by	N/A	
Registered charity number (if any)	524821	
HQ registration number	S	100100800
Charity's principal address	The Wharfe Rear of 214 Bridge Road Horbury Bridge Postcode WF4 5PP	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity and the Charity Register if reporting for a Registered Charity with a charity regulator)

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Marcus Phillips	Chair	
2	Carloine Rushworth	Treasurer	
3	Darren Byford		
4	Deborah Hemingway		
5	Philip Hobday		
6	Elizabeth Hardy		In office until 2025 AGM (start of period - 03/Jul/2025)
7	Stephanie Morley		
8	Ross Finegan		
9	Carol Hargill		
10	Karen Cooper		
11	James Tattersall		In office from 2025 AGM (03/Jul/2025 - end of period)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

(These will be published in the annual report of the charity)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	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 (e.g. trust, association, company)	The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	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.
Policies and procedures adopted for: a) the induction and training of trustees; b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them	The Trustee Board consisted of 11 Trustees, including the Chair, Treasurer and 2 Ex Officio Trustees. It meets approximately every 2 months. Members of the Trustee Board complete Being a Scouts Trustee learning within the first 6 months of joining the Board. This Group Trustee Board exists to make sure the charity is well-managed, risks are assessed and mitigated, buildings and equipment are in good working order, and everyone follows legal requirements and the organisation's policies and rules. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Section B	Structure, governance and management (continued)
	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 identified have been categorised as: governance, operational, legal and regulatory, data protection, financial & external. A risk register is maintained by the Group Trustees Board and reviewed periodically. Internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for payments and comprehensive insurance policies 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 as we co-

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

In order to allow the objectives above to run smoothly, the Group Trustee Board routinely reviews: health and safety, finance, use of facilities, membership, training & building and grounds maintenance.

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

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

The Group has continued to live up to its purpose: to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. This is reflected by the numbers of young people engaged in the group and the wealth of activities undertaken.

Section E	Financial Review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**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 aim to hold a sum equivalent to 3-6 months running costs, circa £3,750 - £7,500. The Group held funds of approximately £40,000 at year end. This is above the level required simply for reserves and includes funds for other purposes, some of which is earmarked for the significant upcoming Kandersteg camp.
Quantify and explain any designations	
Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)	N/A

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);	**Investment Policy** The Group does not invest in longer term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has adopted a risk averse strategy to the investment of its funds. Monetary funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.
• how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;	
• investment policy and objectives;	

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)	

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Marwi Phillips	K Cooper
Full name(s)	MARWI PHILLIPS	KAREN COOPER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	CHAIR	GROUP LEAD
Date	24/06/26	

8th Wakefield Scouts	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income		
Bank Interest	5.06	0.00
Donation	4,999.38	420.00
Events - Beavers	1,659.66	766.40
Events - Cubs	2,615.00	3,560.00
Events - Explorers	261.01	1,892.99
Events - Scouts	4,629.50	630.00
Events - Squirrels	220.00	0.00
Fundraising	2,487.25	0.00
Gift Aid	2,989.48	3,092.66
Insurance payment	1,400.00	0.00
Kandersteg	29,956.84	6,400.00
Membership fee - explorers	696.50	1,414.00
Membership Fees	14,189.15	11,185.00
Rent	5,872.30	4,860.00
Summer Camp	0.00	2,425.00
Uniform	56.60	79.90
Utilities	0.00	-52.95
Expense		
Activity Equipment	501.11	390.59
Admin	1,690.28	94.59
Badges	1,039.84	710.74
Badges - scouts	148.05	0.00
Badges Beavers	102.27	0.00
Badges Cubs	282.72	0.00
Bank Fees	383.35	459.45
Events - Beavers	1,654.37	1,296.50
Events - Cubs	3,207.80	3,801.43
Events - Explorers	576.03	1,545.25
Events - Scouts	4,894.34	1,111.36
Events - Squirrels	134.50	0.00
Fundraising	848.47	0.00
Insurance	2,357.09	1,392.78
Kandersteg	14,280.56	683.13
Meetings - Beavers	139.17	170.88
Meetings - Explorers	6.05	31.07
Meetings - Scouts	0.00	17.85
Meetings - Squirrels	10.00	0.00
Membership Costs	7,068.13	6,484.77
Membership fee - explorers	798.22	0.00
OSM	211.00	278.02
Remembrance Wreath	28.50	55.00
Summer Camp	42.00	2,584.82
Training	240.00	0.00
Uniform	47.49	28.99
Utilities	2,857.34	4,279.88

Venue Maintenance	5,212.05	2,053.23
Website	216.00	195.00
Account balances		
Expense Account	788.25	144.79
NatWest	37,416.34	18,003.86
NatWest Reserve Account	3,005.06	0.00
Summary		
Account balance brought forward	18,148.65	9,140.98
Total income	72,037.73	36,673.00
Total expenditure	48,976.73	27,665.33
Net income	23,061.00	9,007.67
Account balance carried forward	41,209.65	18,148.65

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 8th Wakefield (Horbury Bridge) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 8th Wakefield (Horbury Bridge) Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 8th Wakefield (Horbury Bridge) 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 8th Wakefield (Horbury Bridge) 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.

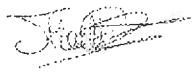
Independent examiner's statement

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 8th Wakefield (Horbury Bridge) 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: 

Name: James Humbles

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

ISACA – CRISC, CISA

CMI - CMgr

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Date: 23-06-2026

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24/6/26.

24/Jun/2026
Marni Phillips, Chair.