Trustees' Annual Report

1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Scouts
2nd Acomb - York
(St Stephen's)

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Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity name:	2nd Acomb (St. Stephen's) Scout Group
Registered charity number:	524830
HQ registration number:	14342
Charity's principal address:	Behind Acomb Church Hall Front Street Acomb, York YO24 3BX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for full year
Rebecca Lincoln	Group Scout Lead Volunteer	
Robert Dickenson	Chairman	
Charlotte Walker	Treasurer	
Janet McPherson	General	
Russell Odom	Deputy Chair	
Lisa West	Administrative Lead	
Rachael Paxton	Health & Safety Lead	
Marsha Roworth	Fundraising Lead	
Sarah Brogan	General	
Jason Rose	General	
Shannyn Brogan	Youth Ambassador	
Alex Bradford	Youth Ambassador	

Names and addresses of advisers.

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bank	Barclays Bank PLC	1-3 Parliament Street, York. YO1 8SE
Bank	Lloyds Bank PLC	2 Pavement, York. YO1 9UP
Insurance broker	Unity Insurance	Suite 8, The Quadrant, Business Park, 60 Marlborough Road, Lancing. BN15 8UW

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Type of 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 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.

Additional governance issues

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 Trustee Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Group Scout Lead Volunteer (Ex Officio), Administrative Lead, two Youth Ambassadors, and six other Trustees and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Trustee Board complete "Being a Trustee in Scouts" 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. They work within the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association. Their support helps other volunteers run high-quality and safe programmes that gives young people skills for life.

Since 1988 the Group have owned Redmire Station House in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire, under a Declaration of Trust with 4 Trustees. A team of volunteers are responsible for the day to day running, maintenance, financing and hiring of the property. This team reports to the Group Trustee Board.

The Group continues investigating options for a major refurbishment or relocation of our HQ building, and a team has been formed to research, plan, fundraise and manage the project. This team also reports to the Group Trustee Board.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Trustee Board maintains a robust and detailed Risk Management process, policy, and Risk Register. Risks are managed under a continual cycle of identification, review, and remediation. The notable risks to which they believe the Group is exposed are:

- Lease for HQ with church has expired. There are no concerns over renewal on either side of the relationship; with agreement of the church, we have engaged a solicitor who has drafted a new lease but there are contrary views between the relevant parties as to a period length.
- Shortage of leaders. All existing sections are currently reasonably well covered, and we have a strong pipeline of Young Leaders. However, there's certainly space for more, with young people currently on the waiting list. Recruitment activities are always ongoing.

- **Bookings for Redmire may not cover costs.** The Trustee board are reviewing options for maximising the contribution of Redmire towards our charitable objects.
- **HQ age and state of repair.** The building dates from the 1960s and is showing its age. It is too small in its current configuration to accommodate all the activities we would like for the number of young people we have. It could eventually become unusable without major work. We have formed a team to investigate options for refurbishment, rebuild or relocation, and then manage the resulting project.
- **Cyber-attack.** The Group uses reputable suppliers for our IT systems, and the IT team who manage them are experienced professionals. We now have a policy which standardises good practice for our configuration and usage of these systems.

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.

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 continues to run eight sections, with sixty-two wonderful, dedicated adult volunteers enabling 138 young people to gain “Skills for Life” through Scouting in Acomb and surrounding areas.

Both of our Group minibuses were replaced in 2025 following a major fundraising drive and continue to be roadworthy along with a baggage van.

After a generous donation and considerable time and effort from our dedicated volunteers, we have a new kitchen in HQ ready for use. Many thanks are due to all concerned.

We have taken new opportunities for our young people to get involved with a broader range of activities than ever before. Amongst other activities sections had sleepovers in HQ, learned about the Chinese New Year and went to the National Jamboree in Kent and more locally Cubjam. Squirrels took part in the World book Day and learned about food at a local supermarket. More senior sections learned about Map Reading and went on Night Hikes.

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 has continued with its unchanged reserves and considers that the group should hold free reserves equivalent to 3-4 months group running costs, circa £4,000 and approximately 12 months’ running costs of Redmire, amounting to £11,000. Free reserves are defined as the total group reserves, less any restricted or designated funds and after adding or deducting the amount due to or from future trips and the amount expected to be due in capitation fees relating to past months.

The Group held free reserves of £35,289 against a target of £31,000 at year end.

Investment Policy

The Group will therefore hold funds in deposit accounts with immediate access, trying to maximise any interest.

Banking Facilities

The Group Trustee Board have amalgamated several of its Bank Accounts and now only has two current accounts and one deposit account. This took place as our primary banker took time to update their records about signatories and Trustees.

How income has supported the key objectives of the Charity.

Income in the main comes from Membership subscriptions collected during term months along side Hire of Redmire and members paying for specific Scouting Activities held during the year and for future events. Gift Aid collection has increased as we are now submitting quarterly Returns.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the Charity.

Expenditure has focussed on operational expenditure of running and maintaining the Scout hut, maintaining the two minibuses and the van, running scouting activities, including scout camps, and operating Redmire.

Over many years, Redmire has been a key venue for our Scout Group and other youth Groups' camps, and the expenditure here has focussed on keeping it operational both for the continued benefit of the Group and to maximise rental income to offset the costs.

Section F: Other Information

Plans for future periods

Over the next few years, the Group plans to undertake a major capital project to improve the situation of its HQ building and make it fully fit for purpose once again and for the next few decades.

We investigated having a a second Squirrel Drey, as we have a large waiting list for this age group.

Section G: Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature		
Full name	Robert Dickenson	Russell Odom
Position	Chairman	Deputy Chair
Date	7th July 2026	

2nd Acomb (St Stephen's) Scout Group (Charity no. 524830)
Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from	1st April 2025	To	31st March 2026

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds - Redmire	Restricted Funds - Minibus	2025/26 Restricted Funds - HQ	Restricted Funds - Explorers	Restricted Funds - Kitchen	Total funds	2024/25 Total funds
	£	£	£		£		£	£
Receipts								
Donations, legacies and similar income								
Membership subscriptions	18,872	-	-	-	-	-	18,872	19,788
Donations	3,438	218	-	928	29	439	5,053	4,175
Gift-in-kind	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Raffle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100 Club	-	-	-	703	-	-	703	562
Gift Aid	3,935	-	-	-	-	-	3,935	2,956
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
Sub total	27,245	218	-	1,631	29	439	29,562	28,561
Grants								
Ward Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other grants	6,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	7,000	8,000
Sub total	6,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	7,000	8,000
Trading Income								
Stalls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	570
Uniform sales - investiture	152	-	-	-	-	-	152	235
Hire of Redmire	18,456	-	-	-	-	-	18,456	13,605
	18,608	-	-	-	-	-	18,608	14,410
Income from Charitable Activities								
Scouting Activities - in Year	12,747	-	-	-	-	-	12,747	6,730
Scouting Activities - Future	5,313	-	-	-	-	-	5,313	4,353
Sub total	18,059	-	-	-	-	-	18,059	11,082
Investment income								
Bank interest	244	-	-	-	-	-	244	547
Sub total	244	-	-	-	-	-	244	547
Total Gross Income	70,155	218	1,000	1,631	29	439	73,473	62,599
Asset and investment sales, etc.	590	-	-	-	-	-	590	1,500
Total receipts	70,745	218	1,000	1,631	29	439	74,063	64,099

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		2025/26						2024/25
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds - Redmire	Restricted funds - Minibus	Restricted funds - HQ	Restricted funds - Explorers	Restricted Funds - Kitchen	Total funds	Total funds
	£		£	£	£		£	£
Payments								
Charitable Activities								
Membership subscriptions paid on (National/County/Area/District)	8,974	-	-	-	-	-	8,974	8,514
Camp costs - in year	12,508	-	-	-	-	-	12,508	6,247
Camp costs - future	6,754	-	-	-	-	-	6,754	5,975
Group Socials	128	-	-	-	-	-	128	186
Section Running costs	1,355	-	-	-	29	-	1,384	2,807
Adult support and training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	750	-	-	-	-	-	750	250
Asbestos survey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384
Electricity, Gas and Water	3,020	-	-	-	-	-	3,020	3,135
Insurance	3,933	-	-	-	-	-	3,933	993
Fire Prevention Costs	228	-	-	-	-	-	228	88
Repairs and Renewals	1,537	-	-	-	-	-	1,537	789
Legal costs - Gift in Kind	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Transport - Insurance & Licence	1,107	-	365	-	-	-	1,472	4,563
Transport - Fuel	176	-	-	-	-	-	176	476
Transport - Repairs	4,037	-	-	-	-	-	4,037	481
Administration	148	-	-	-	-	-	148	73
Web Site	276	-	-	-	-	-	276	258
Badges	877	-	-	-	-	-	877	1,128
Uniforms	117	-	-	-	-	-	117	-
AGM and trustee expenses	98	-	-	-	-	-	98	123
Go Card, OSM & other costs	1,664	-	-	-	-	-	1,664	1,476
Bank charges	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
Sub total	48,705	-	365	-	29	-	49,099	38,946
Fundraising expenses								
Fundraising costs	392	-	-	-	-	-	392	30
100 Club Prizes	337	-	-	-	-	-	337	280
Sub total	729	-	-	-	-	-	729	310
Trading expenses								
Redmire running costs	15,638	-	-	-	-	-	15,638	13,458
Redmire administration costs	441	-	-	-	-	-	441	918
Redmire building works	3,546	218	-	-	-	-	3,764	8,107
Sub total	19,625	218	-	-	-	-	19,843	22,484
Total Gross Expenditure	69,058	218	365	-	29	-	69,671	61,739
Asset and investment purchases, etc.	806	-	-	-	-	2,261	3,066	14,900
Total payments	69,864	218	365	-	29	2,261	72,737	76,639
Net of receipts/(payments)	882	-	635	1,631	-	(1,822)	1,326	(12,540)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	34,407	-	47	-	-	2,381	36,835	49,376
Cash funds this year end	35,289	-	682	1,631	-	559	38,161	36,836

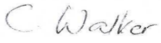
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	31st March 2026							31st March 2025
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds - Redmire	Restricted funds - Minibus	Restricted funds - HQ	Restricted funds - Explorers	Restricted funds - Kitchen	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds								
Bank current accounts	3,934	-	682	1,631	-	559	6,806	6,607
Bank deposit accounts	31,356	-	-	-	-	-	31,356	30,229
Total cash funds	35,289	-	682	1,631	-	559	38,162	36,836
Non monetary assets for charity's own use								
Badge stock	1,972	-	-	-	-	-	1,972	2,487
Land and Buildings								
At Cost	-	80,380	-	-	-	-	80,380	80,380
Other Assets at Valuation								
Motor vehicles & Trailers	14,900	-	-	-	-	-	14,900	14,900
Scouting equipment, furniture etc	10,392	-	-	-	-	-	10,392	10,592
Trophies	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
Sub total	25,392	80,380	-	-	-	-	105,772	108,459
Total net assets	60,681	80,380	682	1,631	-	559	143,934	145,295

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 10th July 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Signature	Name	
	Robert Dickenson	Chairman
	Charlotte Walker	Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEE BOARD OF

2ND ACOMB (ST. STEPHEN'S) SCOUT GROUP

I report on the Accounts of the Group for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Group's Trustee Board is responsible for the preparation of the Accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

1) Examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2) To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act;
3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the Group and a comparison of the Accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the Accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.
1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.

a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
b) to prepare Financial Statements which accord with the accounting records; and
c) to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Financial Statements to be reached.

Signed 

Name: John Armstrong

Qualification: 30 years Treasurer for UK Registered Charity; 35 years Treasurer of St Steph's Church, Moortown, Leeds

Address: 8 Hudson View, Tadcaster, LS24 8JE

Date: 22nd September 2026