



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2025

MEMBER OF THE UK SCOUT ASSOCIATION



TRUSTEES REPORT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity No.	1033767
Group Registration No.	
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Charity website:	www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk

Trustees who manage the Charity

		Date appointed	Date resigned
THE TRUSTEE BOARD			
Group Chair	Mrs Alison Banham	14/01/2021	
Group Lead Volunteer	Mr Stuart Ross	04/06/2008	
Group Treasurer	Mrs Rebecca Hewitt	08/10/2023	
Board Member/Minutes Secretary	Mrs Christina Poguntke	18/09/2021	
Board Member	Mrs Caroline Warren	18/09/2021	
Board Member	Mrs Patricia Ross	01/06/1993	
Board Member	Mr David Dring	17/09/2022	
Board Member	Mrs Carly Richmond	08/10/2023	
Board Member	Mr Adrian Adams	07/12/2017	

Supporting the Charity and Trustees are the following

GROUP PRESIDENT Mr Philip Stebbings

SECTION TEAM LEADERS

Beaver Section Leader	Ms Zarah Decker
Cub Section Leader	Mr Daniel Turner
Scout Section Leader	Mr Stephen Swain

DISTRICT SECTION TEAM MEMBERS

Explorer Section Leader	Mr David Brown
Explorer Section Member	Mr Joshua Beavis
Explorer Section Member	Mr Andrew Vobe

SECTION TEAM MEMBERS

Beaver Section Member	Ms Geraldine Millar
Cub Section Member	Mr Kenneth Walls
Scout Section Member	Mr Toby Murrill
Scout Section Member	Mr Daniel Catchpole

CO-OPTED

Advisor for the New HQ	Mr Paul Boswell
Advisor for the New HQ	Mr Jason Banham
Advisor for the New HQ	Mr Alan Comber
Guide Unit Representative	Mrs Jo Saagi

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STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group is part of the Scout Association and belongs to the Deben Scout District. 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.

Constitution

The Group is a Trust established under its rules, which are common to all Scouts.

Trustee selection

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

Governance

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.

Members of the Trustee Board complete training within the first few months of joining the Board.

The Board consists of the Chair, Treasurer Group Lead Volunteer and selected Parents or individuals and meets at least three times a year. This Trustee Board exists to support the Group Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments 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 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 the primary school, village hall, sports pavilion, parish rooms 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 Associations national accident insurance policy.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve, which should ensure the continuity of activities, should there be a major reduction in income. The Trustee Board 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 were 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 6 to 14. If there were a reduction in membership in a particular Section or the whole Group, 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 signatories for all payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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 in.

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.

Volunteers

All the Section Leaders and helpers are volunteers and volunteers carry out all the fundraising.

Public Benefit

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Scout Group comprises of a Beaver Colony, a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop with a Trustee Board. A District managed Explorer Scouts Unit called 'Fynn Valley' work closely with the Scout Group and participate in many activities and camps.



Group Chairperson's Remarks

I would like to say thanks once again to all on the Trustee Board and supporting Committee Members for giving up their time in supporting and working together for the benefit of 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group. Thanks to all the Leaders and Stuart giving up their time to run a varied programme of activities for the young children.

The Trustee Board have successfully run the Annual Duck Race and Fireworks evening raising monies towards the new HQ building. All I can say on this subject is that we have answered many questions, completed many surveys with regards to ecology, highways and planners. My sincere thanks go to Paul Boswell for his dedication, knowledge, guidance and perseverance as our architect in dealing with all these hurdles on behalf of the Scout Group. Let's hope in the not too distant future we get the planning permission we so desperately need, and can provide a suitable, purpose built building for the Scout Group to enjoy all the activities that we offer them.

Alison Banham, Group Chairperson

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

Another great year of activities, increased membership, and 14 acres of new play space!

The Sections remained full and thriving, providing continued exciting activities to the young people. Every Section camped during the year, which is always our key goal to offer nights away to everyone. Having the new site at Stoney Road has enabled us to create new activities or try out old favourite ones in the new location. Every member is looking forward to creating a brilliant building for years of Scouting to come.

Cubs had a great time at the County Cub Camp at Hallowtree with hundreds of activities and other Cubs from across Suffolk. Scouts and Explorers returned once again to the National Scout Archery Competition and came home with even more medals and awards. The Scouts and Explorers went on Summer Camp with 1st Kesgrave Scout Group to Thriftwood Campsite in Brentwood, Essex. They visited a secret Nuclear Bunker, White Water rafting in Lee Valley, Visited Gilwell Park – home of UK Scouting, cycled in Epping Forest and completed the Monopoly Challenge in London by visiting all the streets and stations from the Game.

Beavers had a Christmas sleepover at the Scout Hut where they decorated stockings and waited for Father Christmas to visit. Cubs were back at Hallowtree for their Adventure Challenge Camp and Scouts visited Thorington Campsite in Essex for theirs. Another Night Hike sleepover was held for the Cubs and the Scouts took on another Expedition Challenge – however much drier this year!

Top Chief Scouts Awards have been gained which is great to see a continued effort by Members to achieve these badges.

Whilst we try to continue excellent Scouting for our Members and manage to cover the necessary ratios for adults required, the Sections do all really need additional support and we therefore are seeking additional help at the weekly meetings for Beavers and Cubs. These additional adults may not necessarily be uniformed leaders but having more people involved with the children's structured programmes will be a much needed benefit.

As always, I owe a big thank you to all our volunteer Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and Trustee Board members who continue to support me, and I look forward to another exciting year of Scouting at 1st Grundisburgh.

Stuart Ross, Group Lead Volunteer

Significant achievements during the year - Criteria and measures used to assess success**Badges**

3 Chief Scouts Gold Awards – Congratulations to Nefeli Poguntke, Drew Walls, Petra Jenkins

5 Chief Scouts Silver Awards – Congratulations to Megan Claydon, Owen Flintham, Chester Pynn, William Martin, William Warren-Smith

1 Chief Scouts Bronze Award – Congratulations to Kaitlyn Decker

Various Challenge badges have been completed in each Section. Other badges gained across the Sections were Builder, Space, Safety, First Aid Stage 1 & 2, Pioneer, Road Safety, Nautical Skills, Time on the Water, Hikes and Nights Away.

Camps – All Sections were given an opportunity to a night away during the 2024-2025 year. A total of 26 nights away experiences had been arranged during the reporting year.

UK Scout Association National Archery Competition

Returning once again to the UK Scout Archery Competition held at Phasels Wood in Hertfordshire, a team of Scouts and Explorers from both Kesgrave and Grundisburgh Groups participated and took home 19 medals with our two Teams coming 1st and 3rd overall.

Grundisburgh Cub Owen Flintham won 4 Medals:

1st in Target, 1st in Clout, 1st in the Team, 2nd in Field Archery.

Leader Toby won 2 Medals: 1st in Target (own equipment) and 1st with the Team.

Leader Steve & parent Kathryn won 3rd place with the Team.

Group Scout Leader Stuart won 4 Medals – all Golds – 1st in Target Supplied, 1st in Clout, 1st in Field Archery and 1st with the Team.



New HQ Update

Just over a year on from acquiring the site at Stoney Road, our full planning application was submitted to East Suffolk District Council in July 2024. Within this Application was Topographical Surveys, Stoney Road Speed surveys, Highways Engineer designs for the external footpath, Ecology, Arboricultural and Biodiversity reports.



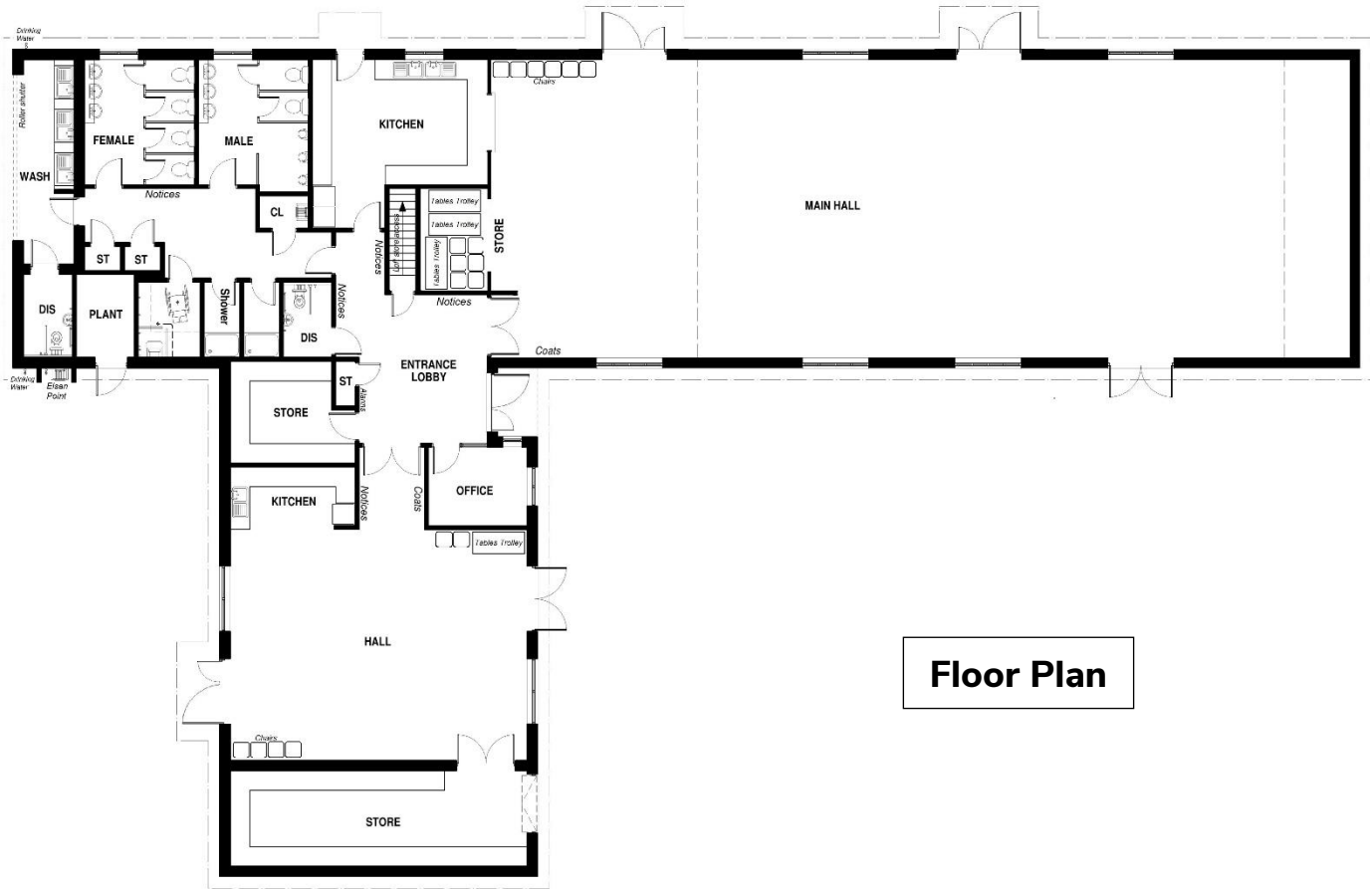
The application has great support by the Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council who volunteered to submit the plans via themselves which saves 50% of the planning fee. Paul Boswell one of our Committee Members and Director at Patrick Allen & Associates Architects drew up the plans and has guided the Scout Group through the planning process.

To give the project focus the Group has given it the name 'Project Platinum' as the Group will be celebrating 70 years of Scouting in the Village in 2026, and therefore a new building will mark this occasion.

The designs submitted are shown below. Some design points are as follows:

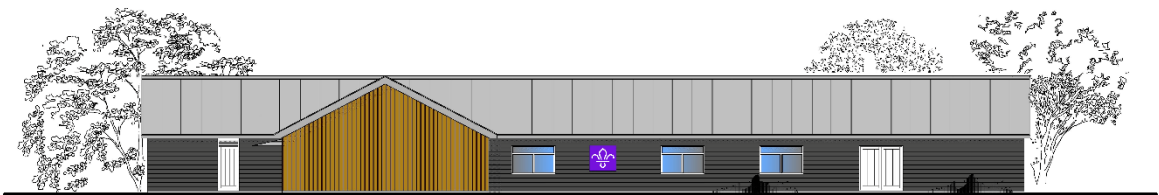
- ❖ Placing the building in the middle of the site for best all-round use of the whole 14 acres
- ❖ Having the building central for best access and control in Emergencies and Safeguarding situations
- ❖ Using the natural internal tree line of the site to hide and blend the building in the rural landscape
- ❖ Road access on the safest stretch of Stoney Road – away from the tight bend and any poor visibility
- ❖ A building with two halls to suit multiple sections at one time during the day
- ❖ Toilets with access to suit the internal building users and any outdoor activities/camping users
- ❖ A larger Hall to suit a full-length indoor Archery range, plus other functions
- ❖ Kitchens off both halls and an office near the front door
- ❖ Internal storage to suit camping equipment, games equipment, plus hall and toilet cleaning materials
- ❖ Parking at the hall for disabled users and loading/unloading
- ❖ Pedestrian access up to the HQ from a gate on the eastern point of the site
- ❖ New external footpath by Ablitts Meadow to connect to the Village





Floor Plan

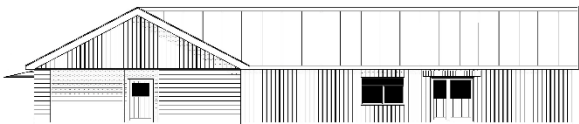
Elevations



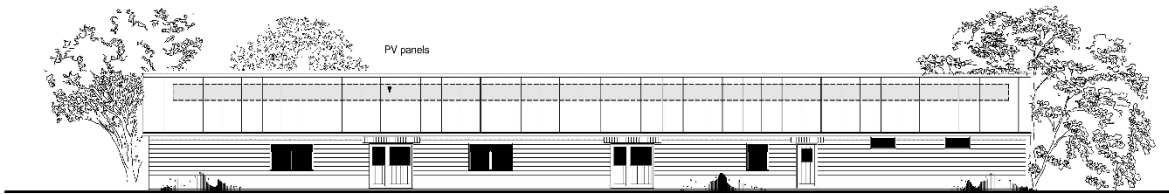
NORTH EAST ELEVATION (Front)



NORTH WEST ELEVATION (Side)



SOUTH EAST ELEVATION (Side)



SOUTH WEST ELEVATION (Rear)

After a few months of East Suffolk validating the paperwork, in October 2024 the application went live on the Planning Website and the public were able to make comments. Before it went live the Group wrote letters to the near by residents to inform them of the impending application, to be open and honest about we are doing because construction works will happen near their homes.

The application listed as DC/24/2708 had 29 comments from residents and Scouting families who were all in favour of support. There were no objections from the public. Suffolk County Highways put a 'Holding Objection' on the application as they wanted more information about the visibility splays of the pedestrian crossing and footpath details around Ablitts Meadow. Unfortunately, Suffolk County Highways have not been very efficient in responding to explain exactly what details they need and at the end of the reporting year we are still waiting for them to accept new plans and details submitted.

East Suffolk Planning Department have also not responded to the application and yet no advice or discussion from the Planning Case Officer has been received by the end of this reporting year.

New HQ - Diocese Covenant

The site at Stoney Road was once a former piece of land owned by the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese, used many years ago as farming land they rented out. Attached to the land is a Covenant set up by the Diocese which restricted the site to be only farming land and have no buildings. This Covenant was known to the Group when purchasing the land. Discussion with the Diocese as to whether a Scout Group can build on it were taken before purchased. The Diocese said they can release the Covenant and change its use for Community benefits, such as a new Scout HQ. However, the Group would still require paying them some funds to release the Covenant and pay the legal fees. The chosen amount was £10,000 to be paid after planning permission was granted. The Group have employed Jasmine Fairweather an Advanced Paralegal at Fairweather Law in Framlingham to help with the legal matters with this change of Covenant.

New HQ - Grass Cutting, Tree and Hedges Planting

While we waited for Planning Permission to come through the Group has been busy at the site to assist with the Ecology and Biodiversity net gain i.e. introducing more trees and hedges than what we take away with construction. Over 250 metres of mixed species hedgerow and 150 mixed native trees have been planted on the site since its purchase. This is far more than what we will take away in the build process. We would like to thank the group of parents and young members who came along and planted these trees and hedgerow.

The site continues to grow grass and with the help of Group President Phil Stebbings he has managed to maintain it so that Sections can still enjoy playing and having activities there.



Planting Hedgerow

Grass Cutting



New HQ - Expenses

A breakdown of all expenses so far regarding the New Headquarters can be found in the Notes to the Accounts, Section 12, page 19.

Changes to Scouting, Committee & Trustees

During the past year the Scout Association had made some changes to roles within the Group. Leadership Sections are now into 'Teams' which allows better movement of individuals to other Sections i.e. A Cub Leader becoming a Scout Leader. The structure of Executive Committee's has also changed where now there is only up to 12 Trustees who manage the Groups finances and facilities.

This new structure has been incorporated at 1st Grundisburgh as stated on Page 2, but due to the unique and excellent efforts of all our Executive Committee Members we will continue to hold meetings with everyone as before – all Leaders, Trustees and Co-opted people. Our unifying goal is to create this New HQ for our Scouting, and we think it is best to do this altogether.

We would like new parents or people to join as Trustee's or attached Committee members, so we will continue to look for individuals.

Our Events for the Village and Community

The Duck Race returned once again on a mild cool Sunday afternoon. After the sell out of Ducks in 2023 we increased the amount to 3000. This would be the absolute limit for any future years. The event again was extremely popular, thus proving a Sunday afternoon is the ideal way to go because it suits families.

All Ducks were sold with 25 prizes available. The Trustee board set a target of 25 prizes as this felt like the correct amount for 3000 ducks. The whole event took £5,199 profit which was the most ever the Duck Race has taken in its 15 years.

The 2024 Fireworks Display was held once again on the Playing Field. This year the date clashed with School half term and some members of the Trustee Board and the Committee were unavailable, so new members were used in the Launch team. The pre-set list from the Fireworks Shop worked well again and we saw increased sales online and at the gates on the night. The turnout was around 1300 people. With the closure of William Stores there were far fewer paper tickets, something to consider removing completely in future years. Over 1100 items of food were cooked and we were praised for the quickness of food delivery, however this is almost at our maximum that we can achieve in the time and area constraints of the hard standing basketball court. The event raised £7,124 profit for the Group which was another huge amount for the new HQ funds and proves that the Firework Display is now our most popular and lucrative event.

New Group Trailer

Towards the end of 2024, our Scout Leader Steve changed his job and no longer had a white van which the Group regularly used for camps and events. It was therefore time the Scout Group purchased a new Group Trailer. A 10ft by 5ft Blue Line Trailer was put on order costing almost £6000. The Scout Group has been very fortunate, as the Burgh Wood Trust kindly offered to pay for it, plus a bit towards our recent hedge planting. We are entirely grateful to the Wood Trust as this piece of equipment will be essential for all our future events and camps. Picture of the Trailer with its first Scouting use at the Scouts Expedition Challenge in March 2025.

***Health and Safety Review***

Every step to reduce risk within activities and events is taken and our complete set of Risk Assessments are available in the Scout Hut office. These are modified when needed to reflect any changes. This document works alongside common practices and assessing ongoing risks when completing the activity. New unforeseen dangers and changes to practices may develop during the activity or event and the Leadership team will adapt as per the circumstances at the time. All Leaders and Trustee Board training is reviewed and updated when required.

Our Aims

The purpose of Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group continues to strive to achieve this by a balanced programme across all Sections working alongside all volunteer Leaders, Assistants, and parents, with support from District, County, and other Scout Groups. We intend to offer all members a night away experience per year, where possible, and give members the opportunity to achieve the top-level awards in their Section. Our future aims are to keep the Scouting adventures available to new members within the local Community, and to seek better facilities, in the form of a new headquarters for our current members, thus enhancing their Scouting life experiences.

Strategies for achieving stated aims and objectives

At 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group we have strived and will continue to:

- ❖ Achieve top awards by blending Section activities and individual efforts undertaken within home lives.
- ❖ Utilise the open space of the playing field as well as the indoor space when creating a programme.
- ❖ Bring aspects of teamwork and leadership into the meetings, activities and games we organise in creative and challenging ways.
- ❖ Implement new activities in the programme which members are unable to experience at school or within the home environment. This is then reviewed and improved for next time.
- ❖ Continue being visible within Grundisburgh village community and the wider area at the parades and the family friendly events such as our Duck Race and Fireworks Display which are open to the public.
- ❖ Work alongside other Scout Groups in the area to expand Scouting experiences and interactions.
- ❖ Maintain a continuous steady number of young members participating whilst seeking to increase our team of volunteer adults to support the Sections.
- ❖ Offer members at least one night away camping and outdoor experience during the year, if practical.
- ❖ Make it enjoyable for children and adults alike.
- ❖ Continue our quest for a new Headquarters with improved facilities for our members and their families

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Group Treasurer Remarks

The Scout Group continues to show a healthy income, with operational costs being covered by the General Funds. Income from the textile bin reduced by £474 due to reduction in the price received per kilo. However, funds raised from the duck race increased by £421 and £206 was raised through Easy Fundraising.

Technical issues with accessing gift aid claims on the HMRC website meant that a claim due to be made in 2024/25 relating to 2023/24 membership fees was not completed before the end of the financial year. This claim for £1,133.69 was made in 2025/26 and will be accounted for within the 2025/26 accounts, as well as the claim relating to 2024/25 membership fees.

The New HQ fund has continued to benefit from higher interest rates and increased balances from fundraising. Interest on investments for the HQ Fund increased by £6,646 to £26,378. The General Fund also benefited with an increase in interest from £435 in 2023/24 to £633 in 2024/25.

Expenditure on the new HQ was limited in 2024/25 as the Group submitted the planning application for the site and awaits the outcome of the application. Total expenditure on the new HQ as of 31st March 2025 including purchase of the site, fees, surveys and fencing was £175,903 (£173,567 as at 31st March 2024). This was paid for from the New HQ Fund which is held as a separate reserve, with independent bank accounts to the income and expenditure of running Section meetings and activities. As of 31st March 2025, the New HQ fund held £653,543 of cash and investments to continue with the work to build the new HQ (£614,929 at 31st March 2024). Fundraising will continue and additional grants will be sought to add to the funds available to build the new HQ building.

Rebecca Hewitt, Group Treasurer

Performance of material fundraising

Duck Race – Sticking to a Sunday afternoon we raised the total to 3000 racing ducks in 2024. These were all sold and the biggest ever profit of £5,199 was made. This surpassed our expectations and proved moving to a Sunday afternoon fills a slot in Families weekend plans.

Fireworks Display – Another big year for the Display as its popularity increases and a profit of £7,124 was made. This too is the most profit ever produced from any Display as the event grows.

Textile Bin – Although the Textile bin continues to be well used, the value of Textiles has dramatically gone down to 8p per kilo. In the reporting year we collected in £791, which is still a good amount that helps support the general funds which pay for insurance, electric and new equipment.

Easy Fundraising – After the loss of Amazon Smile the Group created an account with Easy Fundraiser. This scheme allows online shopping companies to donate a percentage of your shopping total cost to the Scout Group at no charge to the customer. 44 people have signed up to Easy Fundraiser and within half a year £206 has already been received.

New HQ Savings Accounts

The funds are still spread across different savings accounts with different banking institutions to reduce the risk. Consideration is also made to maximise our investments. Minor and low amount funds required for surveys and fencing equipment were readily available from within the Co-op accounts.

During the year the Bank of England interest rates have started to drop, however they remain higher than normal which still proves lucrative for the Group in terms of interest gained. A United Trust 1 Year Bond was renewed for 1 more year at 4.75% and a Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Bond was renewed for 6 Months at 4.35%. Depending on the process and timescale of the New HQ these funds from the two bonds will be available and ready to use at 6 month intervals.

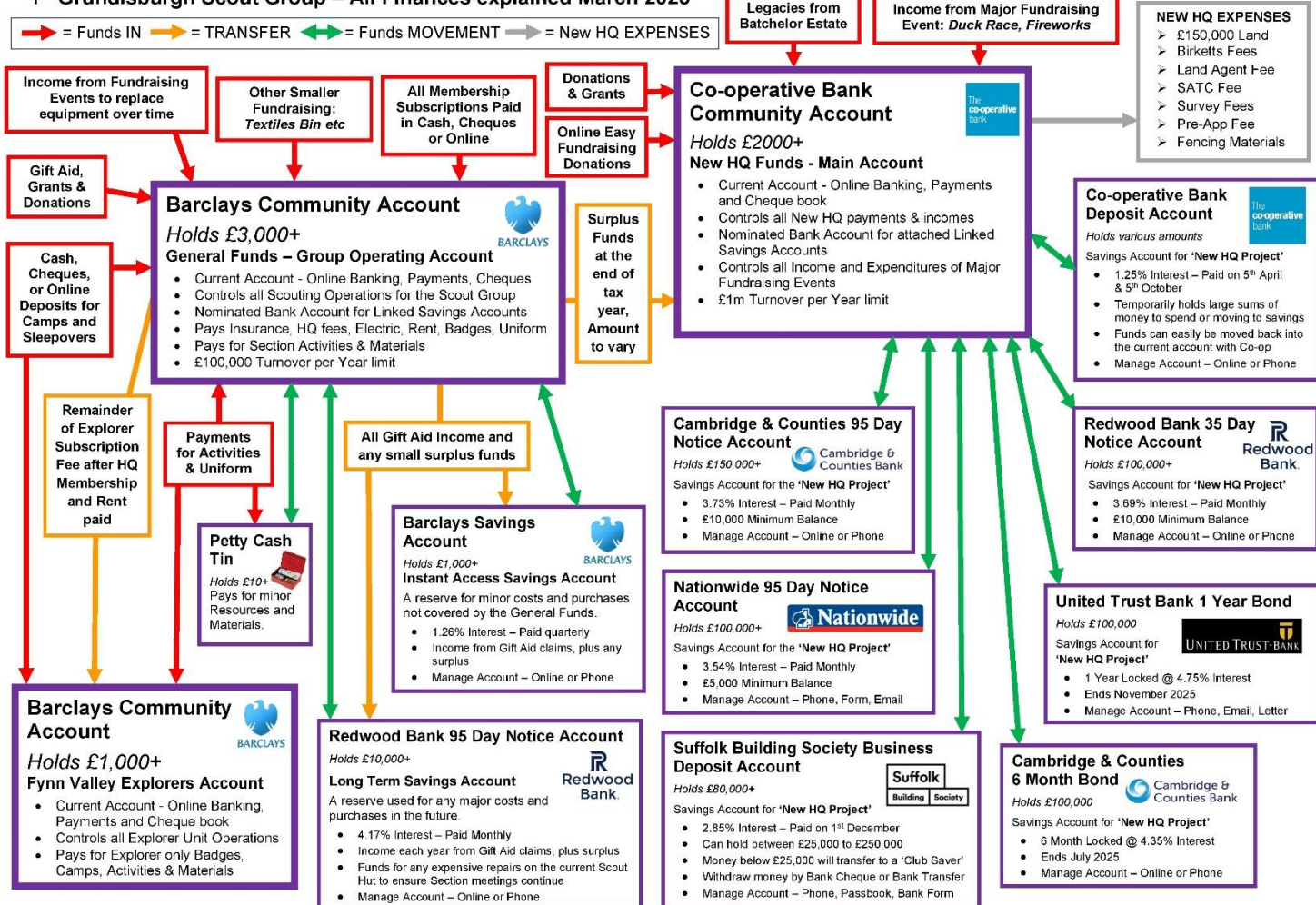
Reserves Policy

As described above, it is the intention of the Trustee Board to keep a general fund and its reserve for the upkeep and repair of the current Scout Hut, and at least one year's expenses for the running of the Group. The Trustee Board has designated reserves for the new HQ fund, thus providing a building which will secure the future of Scouting in Grundisburgh and the surrounding area. These designated reserves will be held in several accounts to gain interest and spread the risk of loss.

Finances Flow Chart

The chart below shows the breakdown of accounts, the transfer of money and how each account is funded.

1st Grundisburgh Scout Group – All Finances explained March 2025



Summary

Once again, the Scout Group is in a good financial position. It is expected there will be no major costs to the current Scout Hut, apart from future electricity and insurance expenses. As the Scout Group continues to grow with the events then it is likely new Gazebos, BBQ and other equipment and materials are needed for future years usage, this will reduce the amount of kit borrowed from 1st Kesgrave Scout Group.

We hope the Planning Application will eventually come through and be in our favour. The 14-acre site gives us a glimmer of hope of an ideal venue for Scouts and Guides across the District, County and UK to use for activities, sending the Group onto a new exciting pathway in the future.

With membership numbers on the rise, we need to concentrate on recruiting more Adults to join the Leadership team. This would not necessary be as Uniformed Leaders, but as regular Section Assistants, who can provide support, and be part of the team to run the weekly meetings for our young members to interact, achieve and experience the Scouting way that we all enjoy.

Approved by

Mrs Alison Banham
Group Chairperson

Mrs Rebecca Hewitt
Group Treasurer

Date:

2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	<i>Note</i>	<i>General Fund £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund £</i>	<i>Total 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Income from:</i>					
Donations and legacies		9,516	1,615	11,131	3,561
Charitable activities		4,972	-	4,972	2,411
Other trading activities		791	16,349	17,140	17,068
Investment income		633	26,378	27,011	19,732
Other		565	-	565	477
Total	3	<u>16,477</u>	<u>44,342</u>	<u>60,819</u>	<u>43,249</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Expenditure on:</i>					
Raising funds		20	3,664	3,684	5,627
Charitable activities		7,811	-	7,811	5,945
Other		1,624	-	1,624	441
Total	4	<u>9,455</u>	<u>3,664</u>	<u>13,119</u>	<u>12,013</u>
Net movement in funds		7,022	40,678	47,700	31,236
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balance brought forward		17,456	788,767	806,223	774,987
Fund balance carried forward		<u>24,478</u>	<u>829,445</u>	<u>853,923</u>	<u>806,223</u>

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<i>Note</i>	<i>General Fund £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund £</i>	<i>Total 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	4,729	175,903	180,632	174,009
		4,729	175,903	180,632	174,009
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		-	-	-	1,001
Cash at bank and in hand	7	19,749	653,542	673,291	632,186
Total current assets		19,749	653,542	673,291	633,187
Less: Creditors					
Amount falling due within one year		-	-	-	973
Net current assets		19,749	653,542	673,291	632,214
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		24,478	829,445	853,923	806,223
FUNDS					
General Fund		24,478	-	24,478	17,456
New HQ Fund		-	829,445	829,445	788,767
TOTAL FUNDS		24,478	829,445	853,923	806,223

Approved by

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Basis of preparation**Basis of accounting**

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair view' and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 Only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. The departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their annual accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard and applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

Change in Basis

There has been no change to the accounting policies or estimates (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

2. Accounting policies**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Membership subscriptions

Memberships subscription collected on behalf of other parts of the Scout Movement are reported in the SoFA net of any amount paid out. This is because these subscriptions are in effect held as agents before being paid out.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and donations

Legacies, grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources, and these have been received.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA when they are received

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are not valued or included in the accounts

Donated services and Facilities

The value placed on these resources is not included in the accounts

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when received.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance and Support costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs have been included in the charitable activity costs.

Current asset investments

The charity has investments of cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

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3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	<i>General Fund</i> £	<i>New HQ Fund</i> £	<i>Total 2025</i> £	<i>Total 2024</i> £
Voluntary Income				
Membership Subscriptions	6,120	-	6,120	4,505
Less: Membership Fess Paid	(2,771)	-	(2,771)	(2,928)
	<u>3,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>1,578</u>
Gift Aid	-	-	-	1,622
Donations and Gifts	6,167	1,615	7,782	361
	<u>9,516</u>	<u>1,615</u>	<u>11,131</u>	<u>3,561</u>
Charitable Activities				
Beaver Sleepover	96		96	104
Cub Camp - Hallowtree	585	-	585	610
Cub Hike / Sleepover	310	-	310	150
Cub County Camp	936	-	936	-
Scout - Expedition Camp	401	-	401	528
Scout Camp - Hallowtree	900	-	900	630
District Camp	1,575	-	1,575	91
Meeting Activities	35	-	35	148
Uniform and badges	134	-	134	150
	<u>4,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,972</u>	<u>2,411</u>
Other Trading Activities				
Textile Clothing Bank	791	-	791	1,265
Amazon Smile	-	-	-	40
Easy Fundraising	-	206	206	-
New HQ	-	157	157	-
Duck Race	-	5,971	5,971	5,550
Firework Night	-	10,016	10,016	10,214
	<u>791</u>	<u>16,349</u>	<u>17,140</u>	<u>17,068</u>
Investment Income				
Interest (gross) on Bank Accounts	633	26,378	27,011	19,732
	<u>633</u>	<u>26,378</u>	<u>27,011</u>	<u>19,732</u>
Other Income				
Hall Rent	565	-	565	460
Explorers	-	-	-	17
	<u>565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>477</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>16,477</u>	<u>44,342</u>	<u>60,819</u>	<u>43,249</u>

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4. Analysis of Resources Expended

	<i>General Fund £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund £</i>	<i>Total 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Fundraising costs				
Fireworks Night	-	2,892	2,892	3,688
Duck Race	-	771	771	1,659
Fundraising equipment costs	-	-	-	260
Lottery Licence	20	-	20	20
	<u>20</u>	<u>3,664</u>	<u>3,684</u>	<u>5,627</u>
Charitable Activities				
<u>Youth Programme</u>				
Beaver Sleepover	123	-	123	25
Cub Camp - Hallowtree	566	-	566	551
Cub Hike / Sleepover	224	-	224	97
Cub County Camp	902	-	902	-
Scout - Expedition Camp	422	-	422	449
Scout Camp - Hallowtree	572	-	572	429
District Camp	1,695	-	1,695	125
Meeting Activities - Beavers	84	-	84	146
Meeting Activities - Cubs	26	-	26	306
Meeting Activities - Scouts	52	-	52	122
Materials and Equipment	240	-	240	1,086
Gas Refill	142	-	142	-
Uniform	551	-	551	464
Badges	444	-	444	255
	<u>6,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,041</u>	<u>4,055</u>
<u>Scout Hut Costs</u>				
Insurance	1,065	-	1,065	1,012
Electricity	264	-	264	178
Repairs and Renewals	42	-	42	225
Rent	180	-	180	180
Survey of Old Site	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,551</u>	<u>1,595</u>
<u>Governance Costs</u>				
Admin Materials and Equipment	10	-	10	15
AGM	69	-	69	117
OSM Fees	20	-	20	-
Go Cardless Fees	-	-	-	84
Website	68	-	68	65
Gifts	33	-	33	15
Training	19	-	19	-
	<u>218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>296</u>
	<u>7,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,811</u>	<u>5,945</u>
Other				
Depreciation	1,624	-	1,624	441
	<u>1,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,624</u>	<u>441</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>9,455</u>	<u>3,664</u>	<u>13,119</u>	<u>12,013</u>

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5. Trustees and other related parties

	<i>Total 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
<u>Trustee expenses re-imbursed</u>		
Group Scout Leader	1,686	2,473
Other Trustees	404	2,314
	<u>2,090</u>	<u>4,787</u>

All amounts paid were to reimburse expenditure on behalf of the Group.

Trustee remuneration in the year ended 31 March 2025 was nil (2024 nil)

6. Fixed Assets

	<i>New HQ £</i>	<i>Trailer £</i>	<i>Container £</i>	<i>Furniture & Equipment £</i>	<i>Total £</i>
<u>Cost</u>					
At 1 April 2024	173,567	-	1,555	6,752	181,874
Additions	2,336	5,912	-	-	8,248
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>175,903</u>	<u>5,912</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>6,752</u>	<u>190,121</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>					
At 1 April 2024	-	-	1,468	6,397	7,865
Depreciation for the year	-	1,182	87	355	1,624
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>6,752</u>	<u>9,489</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>					
At 1 April 2024	<u>173,567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>174,009</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>175,903</u>	<u>4,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,632</u>

Depreciation is calculated to write down the value of fixed assets over their expected useful lives.

The rates used are:

Furniture and equipment	50% 1st Year, 25% 2nd Year, 25% 3rd Year
Container	50% 1st Year, then balance over 9 years
Trailer	20% 1st Year, then balance over 9 years
New HQ	0% (not yet built)

7. Cash at Bank and in hand

	<i>General Fund £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund £</i>	<i>Total 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Cambridge & Counties (1-year bond 5.0%)	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Cambridge & Counties (2-year bond 1.5%)	-	-	-	-
Cambridge & Counties (95-day notice)	-	150,000	150,000	150,000
United Trust Bank (1-year bond 5.06%)	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
United Trust Bank (1-year bond 3.80%)	-	-	-	-
Nationwide Building Society (95-day notice)	-	100,000	100,000	70,000
Redwood Bank (35-day notice)	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Suffolk Building Society	-	80,000	80,000	80,000
Co-op Savings	-	20,000	20,000	12,000
Co-op Current Account	-	3,542	3,542	2,929
Redwood Bank (95 Day notice)	13,118	-	13,118	12,548
Barclays Savings	3,824	-	3,824	2,062
Barclays Current Account	2,774	-	2,774	2,604
Petty Cash Tin	33	-	33	44
	<u>19,749</u>	<u>653,542</u>	<u>673,291</u>	<u>632,186</u>

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8. Debtors & Creditors

	<i>General Fund 2025 £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Debtors / prepayments	-	-	-	1,001
Creditors / receipts in advance	-	-	-	973

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	<i>General Fund 2025 £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund 2025 £</i>	<i>Total 2025 £</i>
Fixed Assets	4,729	175,903	180,632
Cash at bank and in hand	19,749	653,542	673,291
Other current assets/liabilities	-	-	-
	<u>24,478</u>	<u>829,445</u>	<u>853,923</u>

	<i>General Fund 2024 £</i>	<i>New HQ Fund 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Fixed Assets	442	173,567	174,009
Cash at bank and in hand	17,258	614,929	632,186
Other current assets/liabilities	(243)	272	29
	<u>17,456</u>	<u>788,767</u>	<u>806,223</u>

10. Fund reconciliation

	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2025 £</i>
General Fund	17,456	16,477	(9,455)	-	24,478
New HQ Fund	788,767	44,342	(3,664)	-	829,445
	<u>806,223</u>	<u>60,819</u>	<u>(13,119)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>853,923</u>
	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
General Fund	15,838	8,028	(6,406)	(3)	17,456
New HQ Fund	759,149	35,222	(5,607)	3	788,767
	<u>774,987</u>	<u>43,250</u>	<u>(12,013)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>806,223</u>

Fund descriptions**Unrestricted funds**

General fund for the day to day running expenses of the Scout Group

Designated funds

The New HQ Fund represents money from legacies and fundraising surpluses which has been set aside to fund a new building.

14. Capital Commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Group was awaiting the outcome of a planning application for the new HQ. Construction is expected to commence during 2025/26, subject to planning permission being granted.

At 31 March 2024 the Group had purchased a site for the new HQ.

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12. New Headquarters Expenses Breakdown

	<i>Total 2025 £</i>	<i>Total Previous Years £</i>	<i>Total Expenditure £</i>
<u>The Site</u>			
Site Purchase		150,000	
Bank CHAPS Fee		25	
			150,025
<u>Legal Fees</u>			
Birketts Solicitor		12,552	
Fenn Wright - Land Agent		3,900	
Scout Association Trust		540	
Land Registry Fee		230	
Diocese Legal Fees		2,400	
			19,622
<u>Surveys</u>			
Land Registry Searches		44	
Contamination Survey		567	
Drainage and Water Enquiry		250	
Topographical Survey		600	
Road & Access Engineer Plans		1,284	
County Highways Map		66	
Ecology Report	860		
Biodiversity Report	462		
			4,133
<u>Landscaping</u>			
Fencing		595	
Stock Fencing		291	
Hedging and Trees	610		
Fence Concete	20		
Type 1 Crush	315		
			1,831
<u>Other</u>			
Pre-App Fee		222	
Water Investigations	70		
			292
GRAND TOTAL			<u>175,903</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
1ST GRUNDISBURGH SCOUT GROUP**

I report on the Accounts of the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust, 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by Section 130 of the Act: or
2. The Accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. The Accounts do 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.



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Date: 2 September 2025