1st Grundisburgh Scout Group

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2026

MEMBER OF THE UK SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Scouts

TRUSTEES REPORT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity No.	1033767
Group Registration No.	
Charity contact name:	Mr Stuart Ross
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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	07/09/2025
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
GROUP VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs Patricia Ross as of 07/09/2025

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

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

DISTRICT SECTION TEAM MEMBERS	
Explorer Section Leader	Mr David Brown
Explorer Section Member	Mr Joshua Beavis
Explorer Section Member	Mr Andrew Vobe

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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Bankers

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Independent Examiner

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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

Once again, I would like to say a huge thanks to the Committee, Trustees, Section Leaders and Stuart for all their hard work on various levels. Without every one of them giving up their time voluntarily, the youngsters would not have the opportunities and experiences and fun in Scouting with 1st Grundisburgh Scouts.

With Planning Permission now granted, and our Architect Paul Boswell working tirelessly behind the scenes ticking all the necessary boxes,let us hope we see some physical happenings in this next financial year.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Annual Firework Display and Annual Duck Race, these events get better and better each year.

Thanks to all those in the village and beyond who support 1st Grundisburgh Scouts.

Alison Banham, Group Chairperson

Group Lead Volunteer's Report

The Sections remain thriving, providing continued exciting activities to the young people. The Cub Pack and Scout Troop remain at a very full capacity, however there is a dip in Beaver numbers, likely due to population demographics, but we know this will soon pick up because of the numbers on the waiting list. Top Chief Scouts Awards have been gained which is great to see a continued effort by members to achieve these along with various activity badges.
We continue to use the new site on Stoney Road for some activities while we wait for building progress.

Every Section camped during the year, which is our key goal to offer nights away to everyone. Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders attended the big District Camp at Skreens Park in Essex. About 600 Campers were there from across the District. It was nice to meet up with fellow District Leaders, and the central catering was great. Grundisburgh provided the Archery activity which was a simulation of Field Archery. In the holidays the Scouts and Explorers went on Summer Camp with 1st Kesgrave Scout Group to 'The Oaks Campsite' near Loughborough. They visited Nottingham City, Rutland Water for Sailing, Windsurfing, Aqua Park, plus other activities like Ice Skating and Skiing, visit to the Space Centre in Leicester, and a last day visit to Alton Towers.

Beavers had their Christmas sleepover, but this time it was moved to Hasketon Village Hall. It gave us more room and was much warmer, they decorated stockings again and waited for Father Christmas to visit. Cubs and Scouts both visited Boxford Spinney at separate weekends to complete the Outdoor Challenge. 27 out of 30 Scouts attended this weekend where the older Scouts completed the survival badge and had to cook all food on an open fire. Their evening meal was an eye opener as they all had to prep, skin and cut up the fresh rabbits Leader Dan had caught the day previously. In December some Scouts joined the Explorers for their Christmas Party and full Christmas dinner. The Cubs Hiked to Bredfield for another Night Hike sleepover, we were joined by 1st Otley as well, and the Scouts stayed at Dallinghoo for another Expedition Challenge starting at Framlingham Castle.

We try to continue excellent Scouting for our Members, and we are pleased that when asked we do get support on some nights from Parents, however the Sections all really need additional support, and we are still seeking additional help. 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 what might be our first year of building works starting at the new site.

Stuart Ross, Group Lead Volunteer

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

Badges

4 Chief Scouts Gold Awards – Congratulations to Ellsa Fisk, Thomas Richmond, Indigo Murrill, Poppy Catchpole
3 Chief Scouts Silver Awards – Congratulations to Jonah Banthorpe, Alice Richmond, Albie Turner
1 Chief Scouts Bronze Award – Congratulations to Arlo Turner
Various Challenge badges have been completed in each Section. Other badges gained across the Sections were Backwoods Cooking, Communicator, Fire Safety, Survival Skills, Navigator Stage 2 and 3, Emergency Aid Stage 3 and 4, Nautical Skills, Time on the Water, Hikes and Nights Away.

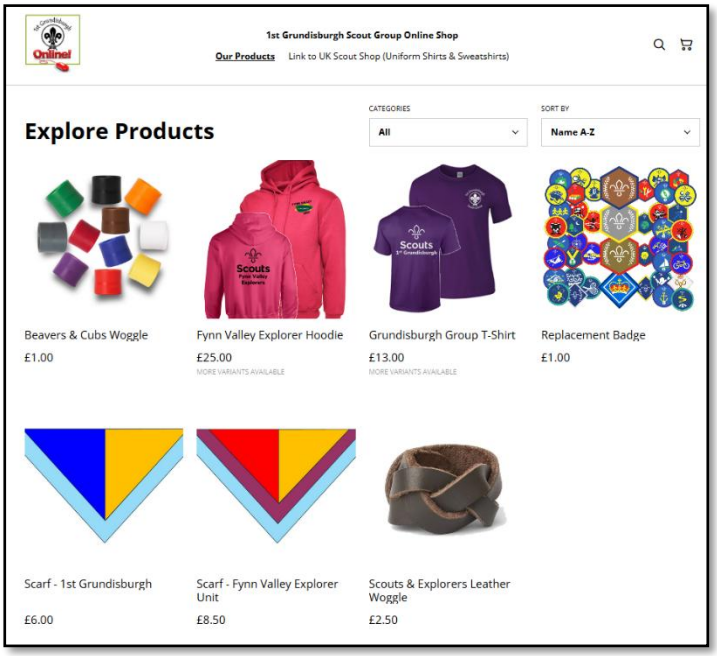
Camps

All Sections were given an opportunity to a night away during the 2025-2026 year. A total of 19 nights away experiences had been arranged during the reporting year.

Online Shop for Uniform and Event Tickets

To make uniform purchases more accessible to Parents we created a new online shop via SumUp. This was a new account with SumUp which left the Fireworks Tickets as a separate online shop and website. Parents can select uniform items, state sizes and pay for goods in their basket. Once completed the Group would be notified of clothing to order via our manufacturers or to have Scarves, Woggles or badges ready for pick up at the next Section meeting.
The shop will also serve as a platform to sell tickets to other events for future fundraising. A screenshot of the shop is shown here. Shop website link below.

https://1st-grundisburgh-scout-group.sumupstore.com



26th World Scout Jamboree – Poland 2027

The next World Scout Jamboree will take place in Gdańsk, Poland from 30th July to 8th August 2027 and Suffolk Scouts has committed to sending a team of 36 children with 4 Leaders to represent Suffolk County, UK contingent.

In October 2025 applications were open to Scouts and Explorers who will be 14-18 years old at the time of the Jamboree. 3 Scouts and our Scout Troop Young Leader all applied. We were incredibly successful by achieving 3 places and we are delighted to announce that Sophie Stuart, Rebecca Wilkinson and Neve Jerrold will be going to the 26th World Scout Jamboree.

It has been 16 years (2011 held in Sweden) since a 1st Grundisburgh Scouting Member last got selected to go to a World Jamboree, so we are over the moon with 3 members going to represent us, Deben District and Suffolk Scouts.



They have a lot of fundraising to do as the cost is £3,400 each to attend. However as soon as they heard they were selected the members and parents started working on ideas and events. So far as a team or individually they sold sweets at Fireworks night, stalls at the School Christmas Fayre, selling drinks and bacon rolls at the girl football match days and everyone helped at the Spring Dance, a new event. Since starting in November 2025 up until the end of this accounting period, they have secured over £2,000 in fundraising, which is brilliant.

We look forward to seeing them go on the Jamboree and hearing all about it when they return.

Our Events for the Village and Community

The Duck Race returned once again on a Sunday afternoon, and this year the weather was much warmer. The same 3000 ducks were kept and all sold out once again. The main race did well again with another collection of 25 fantastic prizes on offer from local businesses. This year saw the introduction of a new idea, the Golden Ducks, which had 1 top prize of £100 cash. These Ducks cost £5 each to race and got released before the main ducks went down the stream. These sold out very quickly and added £400 more profit to the event. The whole event took £5,314 profit, which is another increase from previous years.

The 2025 Fireworks Display was held once again on the Playing Field. We saw increased sales online and at the gates on the night. The turnout was more at around 1500 people. 1000 items of food were cooked again praise goes to the team that deliver the food. The event raised £10,241 profit for the Group which was another huge amount for the new HQ funds. Now our most popular and lucrative event it was never imagined that a Scout event could take over £10,000+ profit.

A New Event – Spring Dance

It was decided within the Committee that another event is needed in the Spring Term, January to April, that will support all the Group and New HQ fundraising. Due to the time of year any event would have to be indoors, and an ideal space would be the new Village Hall. Dave Brown, Explorer Leader of Fynn Valley, volunteered his band 'Ed Gasket and the Rockers' to return and provide an evening of Rock n Roll and Rockabilly Music, like they did for the Group at a New Years Eve event at the end of 2018.

The band and village hall was booked for 28th February and tickets were made available on the new Online Shop website. The Group limited the event to 120 tickets with BBQ food included in the ticket price of £15 each. The Group also applied for a Temporary Licence and sold wine, bottled beer, cider and some non-alcoholic drinks. The bar was very successful, although a late-night trip back to Tesco for more alcoholic drinks was needed, however this being our first event where we sold alcohol it was difficult to judge.

During the event a small band of Fynn Valley Explorers came on and completed a small set of a few songs. They were good for such a young age and the crowd gave them a warm reception. During the event we had all 3 Jamboree girls and their parents helping on the BBQ or Bar as the Group decided to boost their fundraising efforts with some of the profits of this event going to them. Another side line activity we had going on was a new Piglet Racing Game built by Mike our Cub Section Assistant. This activity was made to be used at future fundraising events.

The whole event raised a profit of £2,141. For the first time something like this event which included a bar has been run the Group was very happy with the outcome.

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 spaces of the playing field and our new site, 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

NEW HQ UPDATE & PROGRESS

Well, what a turbulent year it has been for the New HQ Project.
We finished last year's annual report with an application in with East Suffolk Planning Authority but Highways had put a holding objection until more information was known.

At the beginning of this reporting year, we supplied the application with further drawings of the highway road connection and details of the external footpath. Months then past with no further advice but we learnt there was a new Planning Officer brought in who was based in Coventry to take the workload.
During the Summer months we waited for news and some communication was had from this external Planning Officer.

However, on 11th September we received some shocking news from East Suffolk Planners that the application DC/24/2708 was refused. It was refused on only 2 counts – the siting of the building and failure to provide suitable access. When reading the report it was also understood that the Parish Council did not submit a letter of support which was another black mark against the application.

The Trustee Board, Group Leaders, Members, Parents and the general public were very angry with this decision as it was due to the multiple failings of Suffolk Highways, who still did not respond to the new highways drawings, The Planners who never come to the site for an inspection and check the siting, and the Parish Council for not doing their administration correctly.

Almost immediately our Architects were talking to the Head of Planning, Ben Woolnough, to find out why they were not warned before a refusal notice was given so they can help the application more effectively. A plan of action was then to send in a formal complaint due to the unfair dismissal this Community project has received.

Head of East Suffolk Planning, Ben Woolnough, then looked at the whole application and on 8th October concluded that the application was poorly handled by East Suffolk Planning Department. He agreed that some communication from them was awful, and the review and sign off of such an important Community facility was done at a lower officer level, aka this contracted person from Coventry. This resulted in reduced scrutiny and a higher case officer would have allowed more time for answers from Highways, visited the site to check the building positioning and would have seen the Parish Council were in support as they made and paid for the application on behalf of the Scout Group.

Ben Woolnough then explained we should resubmit all documents for another application, which East Suffolk will pay for fees. We were told by the Architects this is very rare and shows how the Planners have admitted that a project of this significance should have been dealt better.

Once the documents were all prepared, this time it was listed under 1st Grundisburgh, so the Parish Council would have to respond to a letter of support. Application DC/25/4242 was created and the whole process started again.

To drum up more support the Scout Group wrote to all parents and the Community explaining of a new application and it would help our case even further if more people wrote in to support it. 42 people wrote to the District Council with their support, more than the original application. There was no one against it.

On 15th December 2025 Architect Paul Boswell along with Stuart Ross, Alison Banham and New HQ advisor Alan Comber met the Planning Officer assigned to the new application at the Stoney Road site and showed them around, paying attention to why the building will be hidden from view behind the internal tree line. More months passed as we tried to get more answers from Highways.

Eventually Highways accepted the latest information provided and on 20th March 2026 our application called DC/25/4242 '*Change of use of the land for the proposed erection of a scout hall & use of the land for scouting activities'* was finally **GRANTED!**

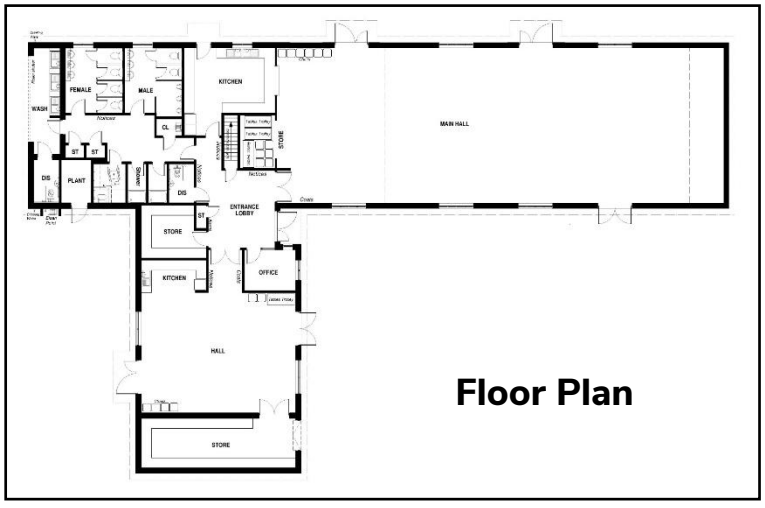
The full reports can be found at the following link:
DC/25/4242/FUL | Change of use of the land for the proposed erection of a scout hall & use of the land for scouting activities. (re-submission of DC/24/2708/FUL | Land Off Stoney Road Grundisburgh Woodbridge Suffolk

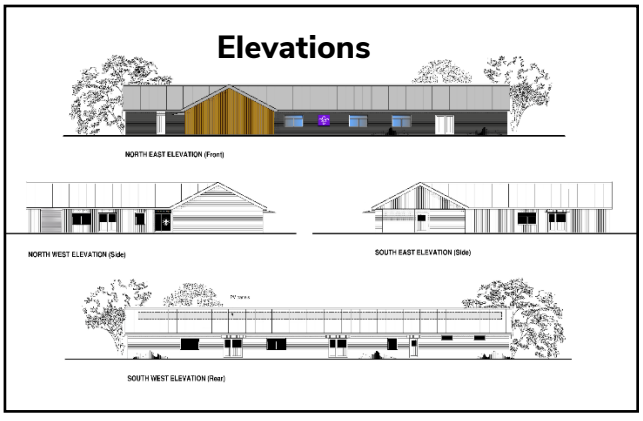
Whilst this is great news for the Scout Group and Community there was 26 Conditions to the planning which we would need to get further documents, reports and drawings submitted before physical work can begin. These will be dealt with in the next reporting year.

The Scout Group would very much like to say a huge thanks to Paul Boswell and his staff at Patrick Allen Architects to get us to this point which is a massive milestone, and we appreciate their hard work. 2026 is our 70th year of continued Scouting within the Village and it looks like the Platinum Project will finally start.

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 18.







FINANCIAL REVIEW

Group Treasurer Remarks
The Scout Group continues to show a healthy income, with operational costs being covered by the General Funds. An increase in the number of children in the group has increased subscription income (net of fees to the district) by 14% to £3,807 (£3,349 in 2024/25).

The accounts for 2025/26 include Gift Aid relating to 2023/24 subscription fees (£1,133.69) and relating to 2024/25 subscription fees (£1,636.03) due to technical issues with the claim for 2023/24 in 2024/25.

Changes in interest rates and taking shorter-term investments in anticipation of starting the HQ build means that interest on investments for the HQ Fund has decreased by £3,268 from £26,378 in 2024/25 to £23,110 in 2025/26. However, fundraising for the HQ fund from the group's main annual events – fireworks and duck race - increased by £3,918 from £15,987 in 2024/25 to £19,905 in 2025/26.

Expenditure on the new HQ was limited in 2025/26 as the Group continued to await the outcome of the planning application. Total expenditure on the new HQ as of 31st March 2026 including purchase of the site, fees, surveys and fencing was £176,437 (£175,903 as at 31st March 2025). 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 2026, the New HQ fund held £692,446 of cash and investments to continue with the work to build the new HQ (£653,543 at 31st March 2025). 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 – Continuing with Sunday afternoons we kept the same 3000 racing ducks but introduced a new idea of Golden Ducks which cost £5 each to buy and a Cash prize of £100 could be won. 100 Golden Ducks were made as a trial. All sold out very quickly so that was an additional £400 to the pot after the prize was won. In 2026 it was decided to increase this to 150 Ducks. The whole event saw another leap in profit and pass expectations with £5314 raised.

Fireworks Display – Another popular year for the Display, with good weather saw a massive increase in profit to £10,241. This is the Groups first ever £10,000+ profit event, something that we would have never dreamed of years ago.

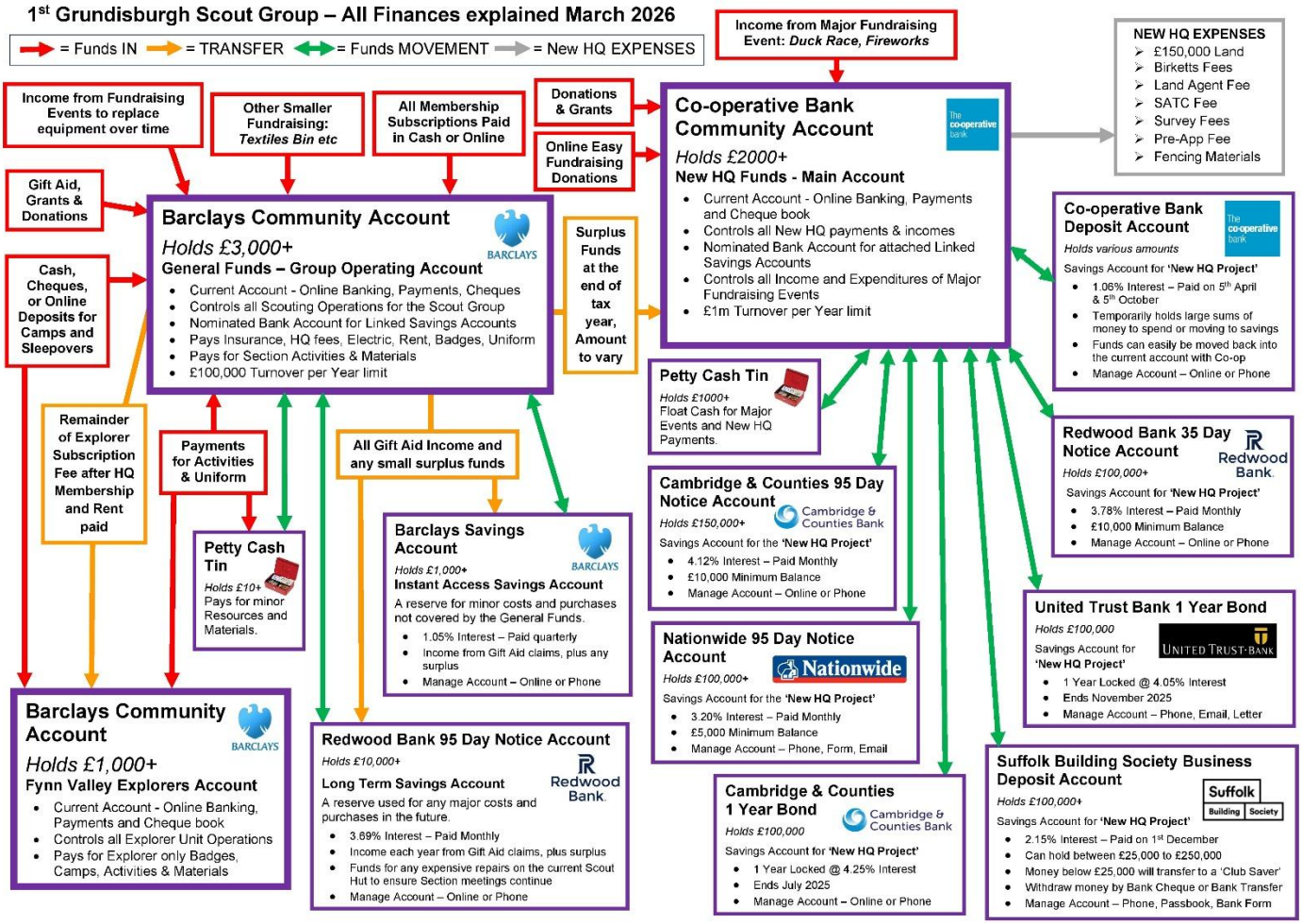
Textile Bin – Sadly the Textile Industry has seen a lot of changes and the value of textile rag continues to be at 8p per kilo. Although the Textile bin continues to be well used, the value in the reporting year is only £432, however this supports the general funds paying for insurance and electric.

Easy Fundraising – This scheme has seen a big increase in funds to the Scout Group. £627 was collected in during the reporting year and now this outshines the Textile Bin. New people joining the Group are made aware of the scheme and we will continue to find more shoppers to contribute.

Reserves Policy
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 are 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.
The Group runs two different current accounts to control the two sides of the Group – General & Operating Accounts and New HQ, however the new HQ funds are expected to start depleting over the next few years as the project moves forward with costs. The New HQ will eventually keep a couple of savings accounts to hold reserve funds in case of an unexpected financial cost to the new build.



SUMMARY

We are thrilled that the planning application for a new Headquarters has finally been approved after what has been a rollercoaster of disappointment over the years going back to our original plans of developing on the playing field. Again, the Scout Group is in a good financial position. There have been no major costs to the current Scout Hut with only the ground rent going up, but the insurance came down. New equipment has been purchased to suit the growing needs of the Groups camps and events, and we will continue to seek to improve or add to our collection of equipment.

With membership rising, we do need to concentrate on recruiting more Adults to join the Leadership team. This would not necessarily be as Uniformed Leaders, but as regular Section Assistants, who can provide support, and be part of a team to run the weekly meetings for our young members.

We look forward to what is going to be an exciting few years ahead as we build this new venue for Scouting. There will be a lot of hard work ahead with grant applications and physical work onsite, but hopefully it will be a rewarding one.

Approved by

Mrs Alison Banham
Group Chairperson

Mrs Rebecca Hewitt
Group Treasurer

Date: 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

	Note	*General Fund* £	*New HQ Fund* £	*Total 2026* £	*Total 2025* £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		7,588	227	7,815	11,131
Charitable activities		4,697	-	4,697	4,972
Other trading activities		3,695	20,532	24,227	17,140
Investment income		625	23,110	23,735	27,011
Other		570	-	570	565
Total	**3**	17,175	43,869	61,044	60,819
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		1,203	4,431	5,634	3,684
Charitable activities		9,489	-	9,489	7,811
Other		1,442	-	1,442	1,624
Total	**4**	12,134	4,431	16,565	13,119
Net movement in funds		5,041	39,438	44,479	47,700
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balance brought forward		24,478	829,445	853,923	806,223
Transfer between funds					
Fund balance carried forward		**29,519**	**868,883**	**898,402**	**853,923**

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	*General Fund* £	*New HQ Fund* £	*Total 2026* £	*Total 2025* £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	5,157	176,437	181,593	180,632
		5,157	176,437	181,593	180,632
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7	26,241	692,446	718,687	673,291
Total current assets		**26,241**	**692,446**	**718,687**	**673,291**
Less: Creditors					
Amount falling due within one year		1,878	-	1,878	-
Net current assets		**24,363**	**692,446**	**716,808**	**673,291**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		29,519	868,883	898,402	853,923
FUNDS					
General Fund		29,519	-	29,519	24,478
New HQ Fund		-	868,883	868,883	829,445
TOTAL FUNDS		29,519	868,883	898,402	853,923

Approved by Chairperson A L Barham

Treasurer R Hewitt

Date

The annexed notes form an integral part of these accounts

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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 0nly 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

	General Fund £	*New HQ Fund* £	*Total 2026* £	*Total 2025* £
Voluntary Income				
Membership Subscriptions	7,146	-	7,146	6,120
Less: Membership Fees Paid	(3,339)	-	(3,339)	(2,771)
	3,807	-	3,807	3,349
Gift Aid	2,769	-	2,769	-
Donations and Gifts	1,012	227	1,239	7,782
	7,588	227	7,815	11,131
Charitable Activities				
Beaver Sleepover	325		325	96
Cub Camp - Hallowtree	495	-	495	585
Cub Hike / Sleepover	255	-	255	310
Cub County Camp	-	-	-	936
Scout - Expedition Camp	643	-	643	401
Scout Camp - Hallowtree	1,215	-	1,215	900
Suffolk Punch Camp	665		665	-
District Camp	-	-	-	1,575
Meeting Activities	595	-	595	35
Uniform and badges	504	-	504	134
	4,697	-	4,697	4,972
Other Trading Activities				
Textile Clothing Bank	432	-	432	791
Easy Fundraising	-	627	627	206
New HQ	-	-	-	157
Duck Race	-	6,591	6,591	5,971
Firework Night	-	13,314	13,314	10,016
Spring Dance	3,230		3,230	-
Other Fundraising	33	-	33	-
	3,695	20,532	24,227	17,141
Investment Income				
Interest (gross) on Bank Accounts	625	23,110	23,735	27,011
	625	23,110	23,735	27,011
Other Income				
Hall Rent	570	-	570	565
Explorers	-	-	-	-
	570	-	570	565
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**17,175**	**43,869**	**61,044**	**60,819**

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4. Analysis of Resources Expended

	General Fund £	*New HQ Fund* £	*Total 2026* £	*Total 2025* £
Fundraising costs				
Fireworks Night	-	3,072	3,072	2,892
Duck Race	-	1,277	1,277	771
Spring Dance	1,089	-	1,089	-
Fundraising Equipment & Expenses	94	82	176	-
Lottery Licence	20	-	20	20
	1,203	4,431	5,634	3,684
Charitable Activities				
Youth Programme				
Beaver Sleepover	245	-	245	123
Cub Camp - Hallowtree	380	-	380	566
Cub Hike / Sleepover	103	-	103	224
Cub County Camp		-	-	902
Scout - Expedition Camp	440	-	440	422
Scout Camp - Hallowtree	743	-	743	572
Suffolk Punch Camp	50	-	50	-
District Camp	-	-	-	1,695
Meeting Activities - Beavers	201	-	201	84
Meeting Activities - Cubs	566	-	566	26
Meeting Activities - Scouts	534	-	534	52
Materials and Equipment	2,779	-	2,779	240
World Jamboree Donation	750	-	750	-
Gas Refill	-	-	-	142
Uniform	677	-	677	551
Badges	554	-	554	444
	8,021	-	8,021	6,041
Scout Hut Costs				
Insurance	712	-	712	1,065
Electricity	264	-	264	264
Repairs and Renewals	69	-	69	42
Rent	341	-	341	180
Survey of Old Site	-	-	-	-
	1,386	-	1,386	1,551
Governance Costs				
Admin Materials and Equipment	14	-	14	10
AGM	-	-	-	69
OSM Fees	22	-	22	20
Website	47	-	47	68
Gifts	-	-	-	33
Training	-	-	-	19
	83	-	83	218
	9,489	-	9,489	7,811
Other				
Depreciation	1,442	-	1,442	1,624
	1,442	-	1,442	1,624
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**12,134**	**4,431**	**16,565**	**13,119**

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5. Trustees and other related parties

	Total 2026 £	*Total 2025* £
Trustee expenses re-imbursed		
Group Scout Leader	5,579	1,686
Other Trustees	796	404
	6,375	2,090

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

	New HQ £	*Trailer* £	*Container* £	*Furniture & Equipment* £	*Total* £
Cost					
At 1 April 2025	175,903	5,911	1,555	6,752	190,121
Additions	534	48	-	1,821	2,403
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	176,437	5,959	1,555	8,573	192,524
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2025	-	1,182	1,555	6,752	9,489
Depreciation for the year	-	531	-	911	1,442
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2026	-	1,713	1,555	7,663	10,931
Net Book Value					
At 1 April 2025	175,903	4,729	-	-	180,632
At 31 March 2026	176,437	4,246	-	910	181,593

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

	General Fund £	*New HQ Fund* £	*Total 2026* £	*Total 2025* £
Cambridge & Counties (1-year bond)□	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Cambridge & Counties (95-day notice)	-	152,505	152,505	150,000
United Trust Bank (1-year bond 5.06%)	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Nationwide Building Society (95-day notice)	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Redwood Bank (35-day notice)	-	100,000	100,000	100,000
Suffolk Building Society	-	100,000	100,000	80,000
Co-op Savings	-	35,000	35,000	20,000
Co-op Current Account	-	3,941	3,941	3,543
Redwood Bank (95 Day notice)	18,664	-	18,664	13,118
Barclays Savings - general	5,017	-	5,017	3,824
Barclays Current Account	2,541	-	2,541	2,774
Petty Cash Tin	19	1,000	1,019	33
	26,241	692,446	718,687	673,291

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8. Debtors & Creditors

	General Fund 2026 £	*New HQ Fund 2026* £	*Total 2026* £	*Total 2025* £
Debtors / prepayments	-	-	-	-
Jamboree Funds	1,878	-	1,878	-
Creditors / receipts in advance	1,878	-	1,878	-

9. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund 2026 £	*New HQ Fund 2026* £	*Total 2026* £
Fixed Assets	5,157	176,437	181,593
Cash at bank and in hand	26,241	692,446	718,687
Other current assets/liabilities	(1,878)	-	(1,878)
	29,519	868,883	898,402

	General Fund 2025 £	*New HQ Fund 2025* £	*Total 2025* £
Fixed Assets	4,729	175,903	180,632
Cash at bank and in hand	19,749	653,542	673,291
	24,478	829,445	853,923

10. Fund reconciliation

	Balance at 31 March 2025 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers* £	*Balance at 31 March 2026* £
General Fund	24,478	17,175	(12,134)	-	29,519
New HQ Fund	829,445	43,869	(4,431)	-	868,883
	853,923	61,044	(16,565)	-	898,402

	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers* £	*Balance at 31 March 2025* £
General Fund	17,456	16,477	(9,455)	-	24,478
New HQ Fund	788,767	44,342	(3,664)	-	829,445
	806,223	60,819	(13,119)	-	853,923

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.

11. Capital Commitments

On 20 March 2026 the Group was granted permission for the new HQ by the planning authority. Construction is expected to commence during 2026/27, subject to meeting conditions required by the planning permission.

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12. New Headquarters Expenses Breakdown

	Total 2025 £	Total Previous Years £	Total Expenditure £
The Site			
Site Purchase		150,000	
Bank CHAPS Fee		25	
			150,025
Legal Fees			
Birketts Solictor		12,552	
Fenn Wright - Land Agent		3,900	
Scout Association Trust	360	540	
Land Registry Fee		230	
Diocese Legal Fees		2,400	
			19,982
Surveys			
Land Registry Searches		44	
Contaimination Survey		567	
Drainage and Water Enquiry		250	
Topographical Survey		600	
Road & Access Engineer Plans		1,284	
County Highways Map		66	
Ecology Report	174	860	
Biodiversity Report		462	
			4,307
Landscaping			
Fencing		595	
Stock Fencing		291	
Hedging and Trees		610	
Fence Concete		20	
Type 1 Crush		315	
			1,831
Other			
Pre-App Fee		222	
Water Investigations		70	
			292
GRAND TOTAL			**176,437**

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 2026, which are set out on pages 2 to 18.

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: 1 September 2026