



# Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25

## 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

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# Trustees' report

## Reference and administration information

We present below the reference and administration details of the charity as required by law.

### Administration

<b>Name (as per Charity Commission register)</b>	23rd Bromley Scout Group
<b>Scout Association/working name</b>	23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group
<b>Sponsoring body</b>	St Augustine's Parish Church, Bromley, Diocese of Rochester
<b>Scout Association registration number</b>	10011744
<b>Scout District and County</b>	Bromley District, Greater London South County
<b>Registered charity number</b>	267692 (registered 28 June 1974)
<b>Registered charity address</b>	3 Pondfield Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8HJ
<b>Operating premises</b>	Scout Headquarters, Homemead Road, Bromley, BR2 8BB

### Trustees

The charity trustees who managed the charity from 1st April 2024 to the date of signing this report were the members of the Group Trustee Board as follows:

<b>Group Chair</b>	Colin Goodwin
<b>Group Treasurer</b>	Jonathan Pownall
<b>Group Lead Volunteer</b>	Jenny Owens
<b>Other Members</b>	Sandra Goodwin, Paul Gubby, Henry Hudson (to 28 September 2024), Matthew Pownall (from 15 May 2025), Hazel Smith, Robert Townsend, David Wilcox

<b>Sponsoring Body Nominated Representative</b>	Rev. Steve Spencer
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### Advisers

<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Raymond Kirk
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank, Bath Building Society
<b>Insurance broker</b>	Unity Insurance Services

# Structure, governance and management

The 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group was formed just before the outbreak of World War Two. The earliest record we have is a note in a log book saying the first Scout meeting was held on 7th November 1939. Once Scout Groups reach a certain size or own property they are no longer covered by the Scout Association umbrella charity registration and are required to register individually with the Charity Commission. The Group was formally entered onto the Charity Commission register on 28th June 1974.



The Group is sponsored by the Church of England, St Augustine's Bromley Parish in the Diocese of Rochester. We are registered with the Scout Association under registration number 10011744. We are part of Bromley District which in turn forms part of the enlarged Greater London South County incorporating the former Greater London South East County.

This Annual Report is issued by the Group Trustee Board of the 23rd Bromley (St Augustine's) Scout Group in conformity with the requirements of relevant Charities Acts and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. It covers the financial year ended 31st March 2025 and the census year ending 31st January 2025.

Leaders and members at HQ

## Governing document

The Group is established as a trust under rules which are common to all Scout Groups. The governing documents are those of the Scout Association, consisting of a Royal Charter of 4th January 1912 which incorporated the Scout Association and in turn gives authority to the byelaws of the Association and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of the Scout Association under which the hierarchy of Counties, Districts and Groups is created.

The Group constitution follows the model constitution set out in POR.

## Management

The Group is led by a Trustee Board whose members are the charity trustees of the Scout Group. The charity trustees 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.

As unincorporated associations, Scout Groups are not permitted in law to hold property title in their own name and must appoint a custodian trustee for the purpose. Custodian trustees are distinct from charity trustees and do not have any management or oversight role. Our Homemead Road premises are held on our behalf by the Scout Association Trust Corporation (SATC) as custodian trustee. SATC is a special purpose company limited by guarantee created by the Scout Association in 1935 and specifically authorised to hold title to land on behalf of Scout Groups, Districts and Counties.

The Trustee Board consists of a Chair and Treasurer together with the Group Lead Volunteer and other members as appropriate. It meets four times per year. We have adopted the new Scout Association governance structures under which elected officials may not serve on the same Trustee Board for more than 9 consecutive years. These changes took effect from the September 2024 Annual General Meeting.

The Trustee Board exists to support the Lead Volunteer in meeting the responsibilities of appointments and is responsible for:

- the maintenance and upkeep of group property and equipment;
- 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; and
- appointing group administrators and advisers other than those who are elected.

## Risk and internal control

The Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which it believes the Group is exposed. The risk register has been refreshed and updated during the year using the Scout Association model risk register as modified to reflect local circumstances.

Risks are now tracked and managed under the following categories:

**External risks.** These are associated with factors from outside Scouts, for example extreme weather events or a turbulent political or economic environment.

**Operational risks.** These are associated with running the Sections and delivering the programme.

**Financial risks.** These are associated with managing money, reserves, funding and investments.

**External risks.** These are associated with factors from outside Scouts, for example extreme weather events or a turbulent political or economic environment.

**Legal and regulatory risks.** These are associated with associated with change to or non-compliance with laws, regulations, and the Scouts policies, rules, and processes. These include safeguarding and health and safety.

**Governance risks.** These are associated with managing the charity.

**Data protection risks.** These are associated with personal or organisational data that could result in loss, damage, misuse, or destruction.

# Objectives and activities

## Objectives

The objectives of a charity are set out in its governing document and the objectives of the Group are as a unit of the Scout Association.

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The method of achieving the aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by adult leadership.

## 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. We help children and young adults reach their full potential and gain skills for life. We actively engage and support our members in their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development and to achieve their full potential as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

# Achievements and performance

## Group membership

The annual census taken at 31 January 2025 showed 97 young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with a further 38 in the Explorer Unit. In addition, we have 24 adult volunteers at Group level (2024 – 22).

Section	Youth Members			Adult Leaders			Young Leaders		
	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023
Monday Beavers (Spitfires)	17	17	21	2	2	3	6	2	3
Tuesday Beavers (Hurricanes)	11	12	4	4	3	1	2	3	2
Monday Cubs (Baloo)	22	17	18	4	4	3	2	4	1
Tuesday Cubs (Kim)	12	16	23	3	4	4	4	4	3
Wednesday Scout Troop	35	40	47	7	5	4	6	5	2
Thursday Phoenix Explorers	38	30	28	4	4	3	-	4	0
Total	135	132	141	24	22	18	20	22	11

The total Group membership as at the January 2025 census was 179 (2024 – 168). The latest position is set out in the reports below.

## Group Lead Volunteer report

We’ve had another active year with some amazing Scouting happening in every Section. I will leave them to tell you what they have been doing but the Group as a whole is in a very good shape.

We have:

- 33 Beavers
- 33 Cubs
- 36 Scouts
- 31 Explorers
- 20 Young leaders working in all Sections
- 18 leaders across all the Sections



We also have 42 Network members attached to the Group. 8 of them are leaders at 23rd Bromley and 11 are leaders in other Groups in Bromley. One of our members, Henry Pownall, was presented with the King's Scout Award in April 2025 which is the highest award in the Scouting programme.

On the 1st February we held our biennial Gang Show. Young people and leaders from all our Sections and Ruth's Brownies took part and it was a very entertaining event.

We have had representatives from most Sections at the regular Church Parades held in St Augustine's Church and most Sections attended the Bromley District St George's Day event at Frylands Wood.

We have said goodbye to Tejo Pendyal and would like to thank him for all his hard work and support during the time he was with us which included the difficult Covid years. I probably don't say this enough, thank you to all the leaders and young leaders for all their hard work and dedication to their Sections and the Group, it has been another very successful year.

We still have leaders coming and going to University and other training placements and we really do appreciate your support and dedication. We would also like to thank:

- The team who are working on the extension plans, we appreciate all your hard work fundraising, applying for grants and all the planning that's needed to move this huge project forward.
- The Trustee Board and Fund Raising Committee for all their support.
- Sandra, we share the Group Leadership role, thank you we make a good team.
- To all of you it's your hard work and dedication that makes the 23rd Bromley the amazing Group that it is.

The way Scouting is run has changed - we now have teams in each Section where people can do as much or as little as they like. If you would like to know more about how you can support the Group from helping at fund raising events, running a particular session or event, helping a Section in the background or at camp or attending regularly weekly meetings please come and talk to either myself and Sandra or have a chat with the leaders.

**Jenny Owens, Group Lead Volunteer**

## Section reports

### Beavers – Hurricanes Colony

Hurricanes have been very busy Beavers. Our numbers have fluctuated between 14 and 6 as we sent many up to Cubs this year. We've awarded 298 badges over the last year. 7 earned their Chief Scout Bronze award and 2 also achieved the 'I've earned all the possible Beaver badges' award, meaning that not only have they earned all their challenge badges, their Chief Scout Bronze but also all 23 possible activity badges and many of the staged badges too.

Our group has a big shift in leadership with one leaving for work commitments, one off to university and one into a healthcare training programme. This means we have been heavily reliant on parent helpers this year to which they've been amazing and not once had to cancel a meet due to lack of adults. So a huge thank you there. We have 3 brilliant young leaders of which our two longest standing each received a Jack Petchey award this year. So proud of them and they've been a key part of our successful year.

In the past year we looked at many of the activity badges. Pets at home welcomed us into their store for a talk on animal care and allowed them to handle some of their animals for the Animal friend badge. In doing the cook badge the parents discovered their beavers not only loved pizza and chocolate cake but also salads! The cyclist badge saw us take a nice ride through Jubilee Park. The Explore badge took us around the local shops and up into Petts Wood where we also gave it a go at the Chip shop challenge. Money skills badge had them looking at various existing currencies before making their own. They then used their currency to purchase some very real treats, with some of our savvier beavers realising that putting their money in our Beaver bank would make them more money.

We also worked on areas of the Beavers challenge badges. For their creative activity from the skills badge, they successfully completed the egg drop challenge. They learned to tie their shoe laces, light a candle, put up a tent and tie knots amongst many other popular scouting activities.

Not only did we do our own meets but we came along to some District events too. They enjoyed St George's Day and all the activities it provided. At the Beaver Space sleepover, they slept in hammocks in a big space station with many others from across the District and took part in many spaced themed activities. Some also earned their level 1 or 2 swim badges at the District swim event last winter.

This year started with us joining in with the Gang show. Bravely or stupidly the leaders opened the number along with one of our Beavers dressed in Ballet attire dancing to Swan Lakes Dance of the cygnets before cracking in to Cha Cha Slide along with the rest of the Group that rushed on stage to join us. We went on 2 Hurricane group camps. The first was back in February for 2 nights at Wilberforce camp site, where they took part in archery, pioneering activities, firelighting, mini golf and many games.

The second was in July for 1 night. We went down to Bewl Water for the day where the intention was to stand up paddleboard but given the wind the instructors took us out on canoes instead. This was still a new and challenging experience for all the beavers but by the end of it they were all paddling with their paired adult across Bewl Water in a race back to the boat hut. Lots of splashing but no one fell in! This resulted in many water based level 1 staged badges being awarded. Afterwards we headed over to Adamswell campsite in Tunbridge Wells, where once the tents were all put up they were treated to time on the campsite's bouncy castle. The Beavers also made paracord key chains and toasted marshmallows on a camp fire before bed. Unfortunately we picked the only weekend to go camping where it rained for the first time in weeks! We have however demonstrated that Beavers can go camping and love it!

### **Laura Evans, Hurricanes Beavers**

#### **Beavers – Spitfires Colony**

The Beavers have had a super busy year; collectively they achieved 276 badges, five Chief Scout Bronze awards and did five nights away over three camps.

The September term was kicked off with a trip to the shops to fill our harvest festival basket donation. In November we slept in the church halls in tents and worked on our teamwork and construction skills. We headed off to our annual trip to a bowling alley for a Christmas treat.

In the new year we rehearsed our act ready for the gang show and then headed off to camp in February which was all about animals and included a visit from a reptile guy. We finished the term off with litter picking in the local area and learning to cross the road safely.

The summer term saw us learning different forms of communication and making our camp t-shirts. In June we headed off to summer camp where the beavers did archery, climbing, tunnelling, pond dipping and made their own individual fires. While at camp the beavers also successfully used a drill to make a bug house each. We finished the year off with a sports day.

### **Laura L. Evans, Spitfires Beavers**

#### **Cubs – Baloo Pack**

We started with a camp at Wilberforce in October which was followed by a very spooky Halloween Party.

Then, after the loss of our son Dan we did not meet again until 9<sup>th</sup> December. At this point a "thank you" goes out to everyone who supported us at this time, our Cub parents current and past for their words and flowers, our leaders especially Heather Swinnerton and Linda Smyth, the members of the Fellowship who worked so hard to make it a little bit easier for us. We won't forget what you did for us.

Going back in December meant rehearsals for the Gang Show, 5,6,7,8 by Steps was the choice and even our young leaders joined in and it went down very well.

We had another Camp in March which was fun.

As usual we attended St. Georges Day celebrations with the District - a hot day this year!!



We took part in the District DIY Badge - cubs came away with bird boxes and pencil boxes.

We visited Christmas Tree Farm (thanks, Paul)

It has been a hard year but we have been blessed with our leaders and young Leaders and now look forward to a Camp in October and a new Term.

We have been able to award 5 Chief Scouts Silver Awards so congratulations to those who achieved them.

### **Tim and Marina Snook, Baloo Cub Pack**

#### **Cubs – Kim Pack**

The number of Cubs has stayed the same throughout the year with a few leavers and new joiners. We won't be moving any Cubs up to Scouts until the middle of next year.

This year we have done a lot of activities and badges to do with team work. Any games we have ran throughout the year we have tried to include team work in some way for the game. We have also got a lot of their challenge badges ticked off this year and plan to do what hasn't been completed in the early meetings next year in order for some of the cubs to get their Silver Chief Scout Award.

The following meeting up to the end of the year we will be doing some more DIY involved activities including rocket building and launching as well as the Pinewood Derby crafting and race night.

The year so far, we have only managed to do 2 camps and we are planning a sleep in night in the Scout hut during November time.

Our young leaders have also all been with us for at least 6 months and have shown how much their leadership skills have developed as they will now run a lot of the content of each evening with the leaders stepping in if needed or when doing larger more involved projects.

Our plans for next year are to have each Cub come up with at least 1 idea for the program that they can help plan; we are also going to be doing more adventurous activities in and away from the Scout hut.

### **Aston Bush, Kim Cub Pack**

#### **Scout Troop**

The troop has 36 members aged between 10 and 14 years of age, supported by a team of 6 adult and 4 young leaders. We are a diverse but inclusive group and support Scouts and leaders of all genders, from many varied ethnic backgrounds as well as those who have a range of physical impairments, are neurodiverse and those who identify as gender fluid or gender neutral.

Throughout the last year the Scouts have all had the opportunity to sleep out in shelters, when we raised over £2,000 for our local homeless charity; as well as supporting the Group in various fundraising and community activities. Several of the Scouts took part in the Group pantomime in leading and supporting roles and the Scouts attended the Essex International Jamboree where they enjoyed a fun filled week with Scouts and Guides from as far afield as India and Australia as well as those closer to home in the UK.

We have also taken part in many local camps and activity evenings including hiking & expeditions; water sports; plus finding out about our local history and community. We have awarded an amazing 7 Chief Scout Gold awards (the highest award a Scout of this age can achieve) and this is testament to the enthusiasm and dedication of those young people; as well as the support of their families; their fellow Scouts and of course the leadership team.

We have just wished 7 of our older Scouts "good luck" as they embark on their next adventures within the Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit and have welcomed 7 new Scouts from our 2 Cub packs. We are looking forward to the next

year of adventure and fun together.

### **Alex Pownall, Scout Troop**

#### **Phoenix Explorer Unit**

The Explorer Unit has had well over 30 Explorers all year; we have seen some of our Explorers move up to Network but they have been replaced with people from our waiting list and/or moving up from Scouts. We've run a varied programme on a Thursday night, teaching our young people soft skills and practical skills.

We have held a number of camps this year, including a hiking camp in November and an activity camp in February. Next year we might try to camp in some of the warmer months of the year! The Explorers have also taken part in a number of District Events, such as the overnight incident hike called Moonwalk, and the new Bromley Explorer Challenge.

Giving back to the community is a big focus for the Explorer Unit, and this year we have helped at the St Christopher's Fun Walk, marshalled at the Southborough Fireworks Display and once again supported the Bromley Rotary Christmas Collection.

It is great to see so many of our Explorers volunteering as Young Leaders in other Sections in the Group – not only does it help the wider Group, but the Explorers get a lot of enjoyment and personal development opportunities. We have also had a number of Explorers achieve their Chief Scout Diamond and Platinum Awards over the last year, and some have also received Jack Petchey achievement awards which is really pleasing to see.

### **David Goodwin, Phoenix Explorers**

#### **Network**

Over the past year, our Network unit (aka The Geckos!) has seen substantial growth, welcoming new members not only from the 23rd Bromley but also from other Explorer Units across Bromley District. Around 14 young adults have joined us, bringing our total close to 40 members on our books! Of course, with study, work, and travel commitments, our regular attendance is naturally much smaller!

This growth has allowed us to encourage young adults who have grown up in Scouting to stay involved. For some, this means staying engaged until they are ready to step into adult volunteer roles. For others already volunteering, Network provides the chance to still enjoy the fun side of Scouting themselves!

Our programme mixes Scouting activities with relaxed socials. Highlights this year include pub quizzes, Wii nights, Christmas dinner, gingerbread competitions, air rifle shooting, a "Would I Lie to You?" night, pirate assault course, Ready Steady Cook, mini golf and school sports day challenges! We have also enjoyed camps at Avery Hill, Downe Activity Centre, and most recently Gilwell Reunion. Several members have also achieved or are working toward top awards, including the Scouts of the World Award and the King's Scout Award!

### **Matthew Higginbottom, Geckos Network**

### Faiths and beliefs programme

The Group is sponsored by St Augustine's Parish Church. Membership of the Group is open to all faiths and beliefs. The Group actively promotes the Scout Association Faiths and Belief Programme, developing Scouting values, personal attitudes and a range of beliefs, Scouts' Own and St Augustine's youth structured services, and attendance at the Remembrance Day Service.



Church parade and visit to El-Amaan Mosque

### Community activities

We have supported our local community through the year in a number of ways. Our Headquarters building is used by two Brownie Packs for their regular weekly meetings and also by local families for children's birthday parties. It has also been used by the local authority to use as a Polling Station for both local and national elections. Our popular Pantomime and Gang Show are open to all members of the community. In January 2025 we once again held a free performance of our pantomime for local residents and this was very well received by those who attended.



Our pantomimes and gang shows are very popular!

# Financial review

## Financial review

The Group made a surplus of £34,636 (2023-24: deficit of £6,323) which increases our total funds to £93,579 (2023-24: £58,943). The most significant element of this is donations and grants received as contributions towards our HQ refurbishment project.

This places us in a very strong position to progress our HQ refurbishment project while maintaining our day-to-day Scouting activities. Expenditure of £805 (2023-24: £3,478) from restricted funds represents payment for planning consents and more detailed architectural plans.

The full accounts are presented on pages 15 to 17 below.

## Financial highlights 2024-25

- Receipts: £63,979
- Payments: £29,343
- Total funds: £93,579
  - Group Unrestricted: £53,345
  - Group Restricted: £25,983
  - Sections £14,251

## Subscriptions, fundraising, grants and donations

The Group is dependent upon membership subscriptions to fund its core activities, and additional sources of income to support the membership and for the maintenance, renovation, refurbishment and replacement of buildings and equipment. Net membership subscriptions retained after capitation totalled £7,407 (2023-24: £8,232).

All parents and supporters are encouraged to subscribe to Gift Aid to maximise the tax relief on subscriptions and donations we can obtain through HM Revenue & Customs. Claims may be backdated and the Group submitted the claim for 2021-22 in March 2025. Owing to a technicality this has not yet been paid and the situation is under query with HMRC. Claims for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 will be submitted in the 2025-26 financial year.

Restricted donations of £14,125 (2023-24: £2,490) and grants of £12,100 (2023-24: £nil) were received towards our HQ refurbishment project.

## Assets and liabilities

In addition to the monetary assets shown in the balance sheet representing cash and bank balances, the Group has non-monetary assets representing land, buildings and equipment. These are not required to be included in the statement of assets and liabilities but their values are disclosed as a note. They are valued for insurance purposes at the amounts shown below and in between formal reassessments, the most recent of which took place in December 2022, values are uprated through indexation applied annually by the insurers.

Non-monetary assets – insurance values	2024-25	2023-24
Land and buildings	£742,918	£721,961
Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock	£10,681	£10,523
Scouting equipment	£29,856	£29,415

Land and buildings represent the HQ premises which are leased from St Augustine's Church in the Diocese of Rochester whereby the Group enjoys beneficial use of the asset and bears the cost of insurance, maintenance and enhancement expenditure. The lease was renewed in 2016 for a term of 30 years. The annual payment due under the lease is £10 until 2025, rising to £25 from 2025 and £50 from 2035.

Contents, fixtures, fittings and stock primarily comprise furniture and fittings in the HQ premises as well as props, staging, sound and lighting equipment for pantomimes and gang shows.

## Reserves policy

The Group's overall policy is to hold sufficient reserves to continue its charitable activities should there be a shortfall in income and fundraising activities. Our policy is to hold sufficient free reserves to meet expenditure as follows:

- HQ: 18 months of premises running costs, including maintenance, insurance and utilities, plus an allowance for the repair and renewal of our equipment and other assets;

- Sections: 110% of the previous years' capitation payment to the Scout Association, plus an amount equivalent to 110% of the most recent deposit for camp or other significant activity where deposits must be paid to secure the activity several months in advance of fees being collected.

The Group held unrestricted reserves of £67,297 at the year-end (2023-24: £46,281) together with restricted funds of £26,283 (2023-24: £12,662) towards HQ refurbishment. In total our monetary funds, comprising cash and bank balances, stood at £93,579 (2023-24: £58,943) at the financial year end.

### Investment policy

The Trustee Board has continued to maintain a low-risk strategy to the investment of its funds. At present funds are held in cash or instant access deposits using mainstream banks or building societies covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The Trustee Board regularly monitors the levels of balances and the interest rates received to ensure the Group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements.

### Headquarters refurbishment project

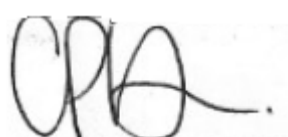
Work continues to progress on the HQ refurbishment project. Building costs have escalated since the previous proposals were put forward, therefore mindful of overall affordability considerations the Trustee Board has commissioned alternative proposals and agreed to a modification of the original plans. The revised plans have received the required planning consents.

We have been successful in receiving grants from The Truemark Trust, Arnold Clark and Virgin Giving totalling £12,100 as well as two very generous individual donations from supporters of £8,000 as well as funds of over £3,000 raised from our 24-hour hopscotch challenge.

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



**Colin Goodwin**  
Group Chair  
19 September 2025



**Jonathan Pownall** MA ACA CISA  
Group Treasurer  
19 September 2025

# Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2025

## Receipts and payments summary and statement of assets and liabilities

	2024-25 Unrestricted funds	2024-25 Restricted funds	2024-25 Total funds	2023-24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see page 16)	37,153.27	26,825.48	63,978.75	38,123.26
Total payments for the year (see page 17)	28,238.04	1,105.00	29,343.04	44,446.48
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	8,915.23	25,720.48	34,635.71	<b>(6,323.22)</b>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2024	46,281.33	12,662.02	58,943.35	65,266.57
<b>Balance carried forward at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>55,196.56</b>	<b>38,382.50</b>	<b>93,579.06</b>	<b>58,943.35</b>

### Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2025

#### Monetary assets

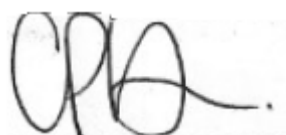
Section current accounts	13,950.82	300.00	14,250.82	10,008.30
Group current accounts	40,291.84		40,291.84	13,325.40
Investment accounts	6,123.04	25,982.50	32,105.54	31,331.21
Cash held	6,930.85		6,930.85	4,278.44
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>67,296.55</b>	<b>26,282.50</b>	<b>93,579.05</b>	<b>58,943.35</b>

#### Restricted funds

Group restricted funds comprise the Headquarters refurbishment and repairs fund. The property is owned by St. Augustine's Church and the Group is responsible for maintenance and enhancement expenditure under the terms of the lease. The valuation for insurance purposes is £742,918.

In addition the Group has two Designated funds held within Unrestricted funds. These are £1,386.46 in respect of the Jamboree fund and £123.09 in respect of the Kenya fund.

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 19 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Colin Goodwin  
Group Chair



Jonathan Pownall MA ACA CISA  
Group Treasurer



## Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024-25 Unrestricted funds £	2024-25 Restricted funds £	2024-25 Total funds £	2023-24 Total funds £
<b>Membership subscriptions</b>				
Membership subscriptions	14,818.90		14,818.90	14,255.00
Less: capitation paid to District	(7,411.50)		(7,411.50)	(5,847.60)
Net membership subscriptions retained	7,407.40		7,407.40	8,407.40
<b>Donations, legacies and gift aid</b>				
Collections	250.00		250.00	236.30
Donations received	1,967.80	14,125.48	16,093.28	3,387.10
<b>Grants received</b>	0.00	12,700.00	12,700.00	0.00
<b>Fundraising income</b>				
Christmas Fair	675.37		675.37	758.39
Pantomime	4,240.50		4,240.50	4,520.75
Gang Show	2,002.00		2,002.00	0.00
Other fundraising activities	462.19		462.19	1,051.47
<b>Activities and events</b>				
Camp receipts	13,017.38		13,017.38	15,235.00
Group events	3,781.29		3,781.29	1,968.00
<b>Investment and property income</b>				
Hall hire	2,575.00		2,575.00	1,935.00
Interest received	774.34		774.34	623.85
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37,153.27</b>	<b>26,825.48</b>	<b>63,978.75</b>	<b>38,123.26</b>

## Payments for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2024-25 Unrestricted funds	2024-25 Restricted funds	2024-25 Total funds	2023-24 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Youth programme and activities</b>				
Core meetings and activities expenses	5,392.92	300.00	5,692.92	5,528.12
Prizes	157.47		157.47	46.25
<b>Event costs</b>				
Retirement and commemoration events	0.00		0.00	41.52
<b>Badges, uniforms and training</b>				
Badges	882.18		882.18	1,105.90
Scarves and uniform	439.40		439.40	(372.20)
<b>Camp fees and costs</b>	12,396.97		12,396.97	23,486.28
<b>Purchases of equipment</b>				
Camping equipment and gaz	1,499.36		1,499.36	703.58
Pantomime and gang show equipment	545.93		545.93	3,613.65
Props and costumes	0.00		0.00	511.37
Other equipment	25.68		25.68	7.25
<b>Insurance</b>	1,390.40		1,390.40	1,357.62
<b>Headquarters running costs</b>				
Building maintenance	70.94		70.94	27.99
Cleaning	1,064.63		1,064.63	653.93
Waste collection	740.88		740.88	681.48
Ground lease	10.00		10.00	10.00
Heaters	0.00		0.00	204.00
Broadband	357.77		357.77	303.68
Electricity	931.29		931.29	485.84
Gas	390.89		390.89	415.12
Water	442.28		442.28	326.53
<b>Headquarters refurbishment</b>	0.00	805.00	805.00	3,478.00
<b>Donations made</b>	127.83	0.00	127.83	661.30
<b>Service charges and miscellaneous expenses</b>				
Online Scout Manager fees	370.55		370.55	883.00
PayPal fees	7.61		7.61	7.29
Printing, postage and stationery	92.24		92.24	108.59
Website hosting costs	87.48		87.48	75.47
<b>Fundraising expenses</b>				
Christmas Fair expenses	58.39		58.39	55.00
Pantomime licence	476.34		476.34	0.00
Other fundraising expenses	278.61		278.61	39.92
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>28,238.04</b>	<b>1,105.00</b>	<b>29,343.04</b>	<b>44,446.48</b>

# Independent examiner's report

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 23rd Bromley (St. Augustine's) Scout Group (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



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Date

19 September 2025