

1st COOKHAM SCOUT GROUP

Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2026

1st Cookham Scout Group

1st Cookham Scout Group is registered as a Scout group with the Scout Association - reference number 31163. It is constituted under the terms of the Scout Association's Royal Charter and is a Registered Charity - number 300491.

The Group adopted a new Constitution at the AGM on 24 September 2024. As a result, the number of ex-officio trustees was reduced. The Trustees are as follows:

TRUSTEES: Ex-Officio

David Baddeley	Chair (appointed 24 September 2024)
Andy Pearce	Group Volunteer Lead
Michael Day	Assistant Group Volunteer Lead
Timothy Sharples	Group Treasurer

TRUSTEES: Elected

Brenda Davison	Mike Cutting
Nick Powell	Rebecca Danks-Burrows
Charlotte Strudwicke	Emma Thornton
Kate Dilley	Maria Le Fleming (appointed September 2025)

CO-OPTED Board Member (non-voting)

Dave Hellmuth

SECRETARY to the Trustees

Joelle White

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

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Structure, governance and management

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.

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

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association and make up the Group Trustee Board.

The Group is managed by the Group Trustee Board, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is registered with the Charity Commission as an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes maintaining the registration, keeping proper accounts, and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader 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.

The Group Trustee Board has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern 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 church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. 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. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group does hold a reserve to 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 was 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, this could be the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst-case scenario, this could be the complete closure of the Group.

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.

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.

The main activities in the year, in relation to these objects, are set out in the reports of the Chairman and Group Volunteer Leaders. 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.

Trustees Annual Report for the Year ended 31 March 2026

Chairman's Report for the last year

The Trustee Board is continuing to work well, and I would like to say a big thank you to the trustees, our Group Secretary, Joelle White, for all her help with organising the meetings, and to our Group Treasurer, Tim Sharples, for doing such a great job managing our finances.

I'm pleased to report that the Group remains in a satisfactory position, both financially and in terms of participation, as evidenced in the attached accounts and the Lead Volunteers' reports.

A major milestone this year has been the completion of the purchase of the field at White Place Farm. We are immensely grateful to our fundraisers and the generous donations that have made this possible. The commissioning of the site has been the focus of a small team of leaders and volunteers. There has been some significant tidying up of the woodland including clearing of rubbish and management of the trees. We are also installing new fencing and improved access along with other requirements to make the site suitable for scouting activities by all our sections. This work has been undertaken in consultation with relevant authorities and organisations.

The Scout Hall has received some significant maintenance with the roof receiving new timbers and covering. We also have decorated the inside of the building and undertaken various maintenance tasks to maintain the fabric, furniture and fittings. Compliance with regulatory requirements has also required regular monitoring and conformity.

On the international front, the Group remains committed to expanding horizons and experiences for our members. We are proud to support attendees from the Cookham Group at both Wings 2026 and the 2027 International Jamboree in Poland, continuing our tradition of global engagement and opportunity.

Finally, I wish to express deep appreciation to all the fundraising volunteers and parents who tirelessly support our events – whether putting up tents, running stalls, selling tickets, or seeking donations. Your enthusiasm and effort year after year make our scouting programme possible. We are truly indebted to you all.

Yours in Scouting,

David Baddeley, Chairman of Cookham Trustee Board

Group Volunteer Leadership Team report

The purchase of our Group's campsite at White Place was finally completed in November 2025, this will be an outstanding asset to all our young section members, and future generations of Cookham Scouts. We will be calling on help from everyone as we make improvements to our campsite.

Our Scout Group continues to thrive, with no let up in the number of young people eager to join. Our membership amounts to 195 young people across Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. This success is entirely due to the outstanding work of our Section Teams, who consistently deliver programmes full of adventure, challenge and fun.

We are fortunate to have 50 adult volunteers supporting our Groups Sections and serving on our Trustee Board. Our sincere thanks go to every one of them for their dedication, time and commitment to providing exceptional Scouting in Cookham.

The Beavers and Cubs held their traditional May Bank Holiday camp at White Place, while the Scouts headed to Kent for their annual summer camp.

Our two main fundraising events, the Bonfire & Fireworks Display and the Summer Fair remain vital to the running of the Group, this goes towards subsidising activities and camps for all our young people and supports the running of White Place. Thank you to all parents and leaders who helped make last year's events such a success, and let's hope our next Summer Fair won't be so hot and we can run the Dog Show.

Sadly, Jeff Hurst, one of our much-loved Cub Scout Leaders sadly passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the end of March. Jeff was a key member of our Scout Group leadership team and he will be greatly missed. Our condolences go to his wife Gayna, and his son Nathan

Jeff would have been pleased that his old Cub Pack, Robert Scott Cub Pack, were the winners of the annual Maidenhead District Cub Flag competition held in early March.

We are grateful to our Trustee Board, whose work behind the scenes keeps the Group running smoothly. My thanks go to David, our Trustee Board Chair; Tim, our excellent Treasurer who steered us through the purchase of White Place, and Joelle our Group Secretary who also manages admissions from our extensive waiting list; and all other Board members for their vital contributions.

Looking forward, we are commencing the planned programme of work to properly fence our new site at White Place Farm, to make the woods safe for our members; to improve the health of the trees; and to encourage biodiversity on the site. In addition, we will be improving the access and the facilities on the site so that we can maximise its use as a scouting resource.

We are very grateful for the grants and donations we have received to enable us to finance this work.

Four members of our Group have been fortunate to be selected to attend the next World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027, they are Scouts Henry Boulding and Max Milner, together with

two of our Section Leaders, Adam Oliver and Andrew Sutherland. We look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return.

In addition our scouts have got the opportunity to attend the international event this summer in Windsor Great Park – WINGS 2026, which will give them the opportunity to meet scouts from around the world.

We continue to require more adult volunteers to maintain the quality of our programme and support our growing membership. If you can help, please speak to a Section Team Leader, or email join@scoutscookham.org.uk.

Andy Pearce & Mike Day

Group Leadership Team

May 2026

Financial Highlights

	This Year £	Previous Year £
Guy Fawkes Public Firework Display	21,245	8,770
Summer Fair	5,601	8,194
Marquee hire	-	650
Catering activities	135	2,168
Total net fund raising for the year	26,981	19,783
HQ Rental income	21,080	21,411
Donations towards purchase of White Place Farm	50,000	38,594
Amount spent on improvements to HQ outbuildings	33,844	3,740
New tents and other equipment purchased totalled	7,232	1,128
The Group subsidised activities including section activities, minibus hire & and supporting individuals who would not otherwise have been able to attend camps. Excluding waived subscriptions.	3,238	2,786
Leader training & insurance cost	742	570
At the end of the year Group reserves amounted to	249,138	217,296
These reserves are allocated as follows:		
Working capital requirements	4,000	4,000
Contingency fund in case of fund-raising failures or disaster costs	36,000	36,000
Reserve for future development	209,138	177,296

Approved by the trustees on 13 August 2026 and signed on their behalf by

David Baddeley
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Receipts & Payments Accounts

Summary for the year ended 31 March 2026

	This Year	Previous Year
	£	£
Total receipts for the year (see supporting analysis)	172,139	136,314
Total payments for the year (see supporting analysis)	<u>140,615</u>	<u>72,665</u>
Net receipts (payments) for the year	31,596	63,649
Surplus/(Loss) on revaluation of investments	-	-
Fixed assets brought forward (Book Value) (see note)	-	-
Fixed assets purchased during year	140,000	-
Fixed assets carried forward	<u>140,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	217,296	153,647
Purchase of Fixed Assets	<u>(140,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	<u>108,892</u>	<u>217,296</u>
Total Assets carried forward	<u>£248,892</u>	<u>£217,296</u>
Unrestricted Reserves of the Group	£248,892	£217,296

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Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2026

	This Year £	Previous Year £
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Subscriptions from members	20,201	19,504
Less Paid to Scout District	(11,220)	(11,528)
	<u>8,981</u>	<u>7,976</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVED		
Bank and building society interest	864	2,999
	<u>864</u>	<u>2,999</u>
DONATIONS, GRANTS and CLOTHING SALES	55,956	39,990
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR ACTIVITIES	19,163	10,411
FUND RAISING INCOME (before charging fund raising expenses)	49,185	41,846
INCOME FROM HIRE OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING	21,080	21,411
OTHER INCOME Income tax recovered on subscriptions and donations	16,910	11,681
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>172,139</u>	<u>136,314</u>

Payments for the year ended 31 March 2026

	This Year £	Previous Year £
PREMISES		
Running costs	13,756	9,953
Repairs and Renewals	33,844	3,740
Consultancy and legal fees re White Place Farm	22,052	8,856
DONATIONS/GRANTS:		
Cookham Explorers	149	2,174
Others	5,205	3,518
ACTIVITIES	27,269	16,568
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	22,204	22,115
ADMINISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
Leader training and insurance	198	570
Miscellaneous	2,410	1,562
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	7,232	1,128
INTEREST PAID	-	-
PURCHASE OF BADGES AND UNIFORM	6,296	2,481
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>140,615</u>	<u>72,665</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 March 2026

	This Year £	Previous Year £
FIXED ASSETS		
Land and Buildings (See note)	140,000	-
MONETARY ASSETS		
Interest bearing accounts at banks and building societies	106,932	122,041
Non-interest bearing accounts at banks	1,420	85,544
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>108,352</u>	<u>207,585</u>
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Tax refunds reclaimable from Inland Revenue	-	1,363
Sundry receivables	1,329	9,818
	<u>1,329</u>	<u>11,181</u>
LIABILITIES		
Expenses to be reimbursed	(589)	(1,762)
2025 camp and summer fair fees reimbursable	(200)	292
	<u>(789)</u>	<u>(1470)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>248,892</u>	<u>217,296</u>
Represented by		
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS OF THE GROUP	<u>248,892</u>	<u>217,296</u>

Notes

The Trustees are the beneficial owners of the land upon which the Scout Hut sits and since November 2025, land at White Place Farm used as an outdoor activity centre. The land is held in trust for the Group by the Scout Association Trust Corporation.

The Trustees have adopted the following accounting policy for valuing Land and Buildings.

The original land owned by the Scout Group was acquired by the Group in the 1950s and, at the time, was not valued in the Group's accounts. While the actual value paid is not known, it would likely have been less than £1,000 given land prices at that date. It was subsequently exchanged with Maidenhead Council for land of equivalent value in a cashless transaction. Therefore, this land has always been valued at nil in the accounts.

The scout hut building's value was initially built in the 1950s and extended in the 1980s. The building's value was written off over its expected useful life and has now been depreciated to zero value.

The land at White Place Farm has been included in the accounts at the value assessed by the Chartered Surveyor appointed to advise the Trustees on the purchase – namely £140,000.

Movement of Fixed Assets over year.

Fixed Assets	This Year £	Previous Year £
Book Value at beginning of Year	-	-
Acquisition of land at White Place Farm	140,000	-
Book Value at end of Year	<u>140,000</u>	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the 1st Cookham Scout Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 1st Cookham Scout Group for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the 1st Cookham Scout group you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the 1st Cookham Scout Group accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 1st Cookham Scout Group 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.

Martin Sheehy

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Final Audit Report

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